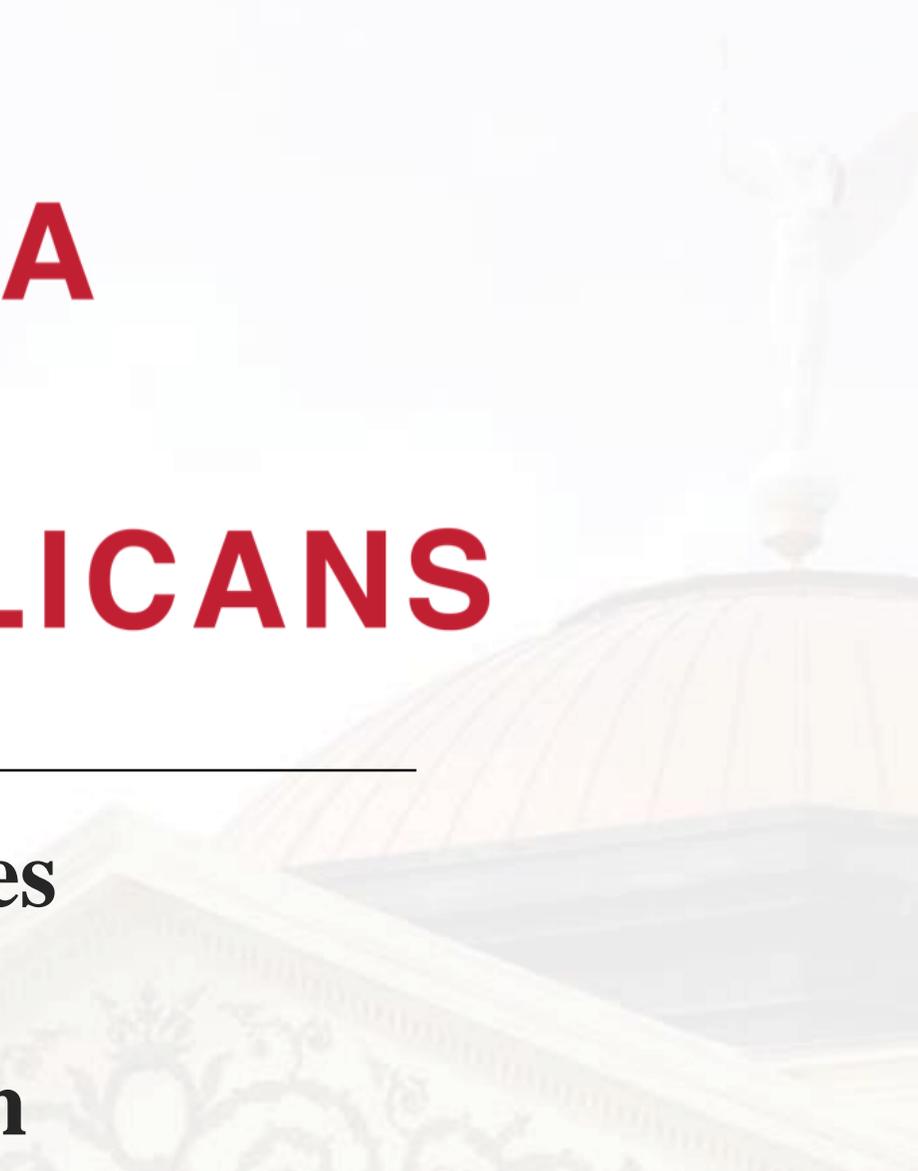




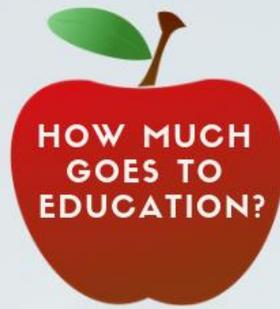
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**Legislative Victories**  
**54<sup>th</sup> Legislature**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Regular Session**



# FY 2020 BUDGET



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**THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET INVESTS OVER \$6 BILLION INTO EDUCATION. SEE WHERE THIS MONEY GOES...**

## ONGOING SPENDING

- \$175.1 M Inflation and Enrollment Growth
- \$164.7 M 5% for Teacher Raises (20x2020)
- \$135.6 M Additional Assistance (District/Charter)
- \$ 70 M Results Based Funding
- \$ 32 M School Resource Officers/Counselors
- \$ 15 M Teachers Academy
- \$ 3 M T-Gen
- \$ 1.5 M Foster Youth Education
- \$ 1 M Diné College (Remediation)
- \$ 1 M National Guard Tuition Reimbursement
- \$ .8 M Charter Board (10 Full-Time Employees)
- \$ .7 M Juvenile Detention Education
- \$ .5 M Freedom School (NAU)
- \$ .3 M Washington Center (Internships)
- \$ .2 M Comm College – Formula Change
- \$ .2 M University Adaptive Athletics

## OTHER FUNDING

- \$ 4.26 B K-12
- \$ 662.5 M Universities
- \$ 52.9 M Community Colleges

## ONE-TIME SPENDING

- \$114.4 M School Facilities Board
- \$ 35 M Universities
- \$ 15 M Pima Aviation
- \$ 14.2 M Rural Community Colleges
- \$ 5.8 M Maricopa Community College
- \$ 2 M STEM Comm College (MCCCD/Pima)
- \$ .8 M Yuma Elementary Construction
- \$ .8 M Fire Training Center
- \$ .4 M High Quality Teacher Scholarships
- \$ .1 M Mingus Consolidation



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# Making Continued Investments in Education

# Protecting Our Schools

## **HB 2119: Reporting Threats Against Schools**

Requires schools to implement policies for reporting suspected crimes and threatening conduct and notify the parents of students involved.

- Sharing more information about potential risks early could help prevent a more serious threat down the road.

## **SB 1468: Suicide Prevention**

Requires schools to provide suicide awareness and prevention training to personnel who work with children grades 6-12. Also requires teacher training programs to include suicide awareness and prevention training.

- Ensures appropriate personnel in schools are trained to identify suicide risks and how to refer students to resources.

## **Funding for School Resource Officers and Counselors in the Budget**

FY20 budget includes \$32 million for program allowing schools to hire school resource officers, school counselors, and social workers to help address safety needs.

- Modernizing this program to reflect the needs of our education community is an important step to ensuring schools are able to address safety needs.

# Fairly Compensating Our Teachers

Making Continued  
Investments in Education

## FY20 Budget Includes:

- Continued funding for the 20x2020 teacher pay increase plan with an additional \$165 million on top of what was appropriated last year – enough funding for school districts to raise teacher salaries by 15% since FY17 (the final 5% will come with next year's budget).
- \$15 million to the Arizona Teachers Academy with expanded eligibility to attract new teachers to the profession and encourage current teachers to enhance their expertise.
- \$400,000 for the Quality Teacher Pilot Program and extends it through FY22.

# Ensuring Students Succeed

## **SB 1014: English Language Learning**

- Provides more flexibility for local leaders to determine the best strategies for helping English language learners become proficient in English.
- Enables English language learning students to engage in core curriculum such as math and science so they don't get behind while still becoming proficient in English.

## **SB 1318: Dyslexia Training**

- Requires at least one kindergarten through third grade teacher in each school to receive qualified dyslexia training and directs the Arizona Department of Education to develop a dyslexia plan and list of training opportunities.
- Too often students who are struggling to read are not diagnosed early enough with dyslexia or other reading disorders.

## **HB 2061: Tuition Scholarships for Foster Kids**

- Lowers the age requirement of eligibility for foster care tuition waiver scholarships to 14.
- These students likely have not had the opportunity to save for college given the hand that life has dealt them, and these scholarships are an opportunity for them to be successful in school and in life.

# Ensuring Students Succeed

## **SB 1184: Financial Literacy**

Directs the State Board of Education to require at least a one-half course credit in economics - including financial literacy and personal financial management - for high school graduation.

- Personal financial management education provides students with the knowledge necessary for them to succeed and be better stewards of their finances throughout life.

## **Results Based Funding:**

- The FY20 budget increased the total allocation of Results Based Funding by \$40 million for a total of \$60 million and revises the distribution formula to ensure successful low-income schools are rewarded and able to share and expand their efforts.

# Providing Resources to Our Schools

Making Continued  
Investments in Education

## **FY20 Budget Includes:**

\$135 million for additional assistance restoration.

- Additional assistance funds can be used for classroom resources, like textbooks and technology, and other uses such as capital projects and school buses.

\$30 million in FY22 to pay down the K-12 school rollover, which will eliminate the rollover for school districts and charters schools with 1,350 students or less.

- This will prevent schools from having to borrow to make cash flow through the year.

\$79.5 million for the Building Renewal Grant program through the School Facilities Board.

- This money is used to maintain existing schools throughout the state.

\$75.8 million in new school construction for FY20 to build new schools.

- Changes the state policy regarding new school construction, requiring the state to now fund eligible new schools two-years in advance based on demographic projections.

# Higher Education Funding

Making Continued Investments in Education



## Budget items for universities:

- \$35 million to the universities for general operation expenses.
- \$500,000 in ongoing funding for the NAU freedom school.
- \$3 million in funding for TGEN biomedical research at NAU.
- \$8 million to the UA Health Sciences Center.
- \$160,000 for adaptive athletics and \$300,000 for internships through the Washington Center.

## Budget items for community colleges:

- \$15 million to Pima Community College for its aviation center.
- \$5.8 million for Maricopa Community College to expand its healthcare specialty program.
- \$2 million STEM funding for Pima and Maricopa Community Colleges.
- \$14.2 million for rural community colleges to be dispersed based on student count.

# SECURING OUR FISCAL FUTURE PROTECTING AND STRENGTHENING SMALL BUSINESSES

- CONFORMITY & FAVORABLE TAX PACKAGE**
  - Reduces tax rates
  - Reduces the number of brackets
  - Dramatically increases the standard deduction
  - Simplifies the tax code and provides taxpayer certainty
- PAY DOWN DEBT**
  - Eliminates recession-era debts
- CHARITABLE TAX DEDUCTION**
  - Encourages charitable donations
- FERTILIZER SALES TAX EXEMPTION**
  - Prevents double taxation of farmers
- WAYFAIR**
  - Provides parity between online retailers and brick & mortar stores



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# Bolstering Arizona's Fiscal Future

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## HB 2757: Conformity and Wayfair

### Conformity

- Conforms Arizona's income tax code to the changes made to the federal code as a result of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017.
- The Legislature offset a \$215 million tax increase on Arizonans by eliminating one tax bracket, reducing tax rates, creating a \$100 child tax credit, and dramatically increasing the standard deduction.

### Wayfair

- Establishes a safe harbor for out of state sellers, simplifies the retail portion of the TPT code, and creates a statutory retail base.
- Levels the playing field for brick and mortar retailers.

# Bolstering Arizona's Fiscal Future

## **SB 1091: Raising the Cap on the Rainy-Day Fund**

Increases the cap on the budget stabilization fund from seven percent to 10 percent of general fund revenues.

- The FY20 budget includes a deposit of \$540 million in the state's rainy-day fund, which required the Legislature to raise the cap on the fund. In order to safeguard state finances in the event of an eventual recession, a \$1 billion rainy-day fund puts the state on sound financial ground.

## **SB 1215: Paying Off State Lease-Purchase Agreements**

Appropriates \$190 million to retire lease purchase agreements on state-owned buildings entered in June of 2010.

- This debt payoff eliminates an annual debt payment of \$24 million that wasn't set to expire until 2030, putting the state on more solid fiscal footing.



# Combating the Veterans Suicide Crisis

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## **HB 2488: Veterans Suicide Reporting**

Directs the Department of Health Services to submit an annual report on veteran suicides in Arizona, which includes multiple data on suicides of veterans, trends of suicide rates, and risk levels of the population.

- Having the appropriate data is imperative to identifying trends in veteran suicide so that the legislature, government agencies, and non-profits can effectively tackle this crisis and end suffering for veterans and their loved ones.

# INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE

THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET INVESTS OVER \$310 MILLION INTO INFRASTRUCTURE

ONE-TIME DOLLARS

\$130M	.....	I-17 widening
\$95M	.....	Local/additional road infrastructure
\$30M	.....	Colorado River system conservation
\$27M	.....	Pinal County ag infrastructure
\$16M	.....	Various water funds
\$3M	.....	Rural broadband
\$2.6M	.....	Nogales wastewater system
\$1.3M	.....	Water adjudication resources
\$1M	.....	Saltcedar eradication
\$1M	.....	Business one-stop web portal
\$0.8M	.....	Mount Lemmon waterline
\$0.7M	.....	Mariposa Port of Entry
\$0.7M	.....	Racing promotion
\$0.3M	.....	Arizona Trail

ONGOING

\$1M	.....	Saltcedar Eradication
\$1M	.....	Forest thinning
\$0.4M	.....	Ag lab
\$0.1M	.....	Dairy inspector



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# Investing in Arizona's Infrastructure

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## **Mariposa Port of Entry**

The budget appropriates \$700,000 to construct a cold inspection facility at the Mariposa Port of Entry in Nogales.

- This funding will make Arizona more competitive relative to other border states as carriers decide where to transport their temperature-sensitive cargo. The upgrades will generate \$27 to \$30 million in gross state product and \$3.7 to \$4.1 million in additional state and local tax revenues.

## **I-17 widening**

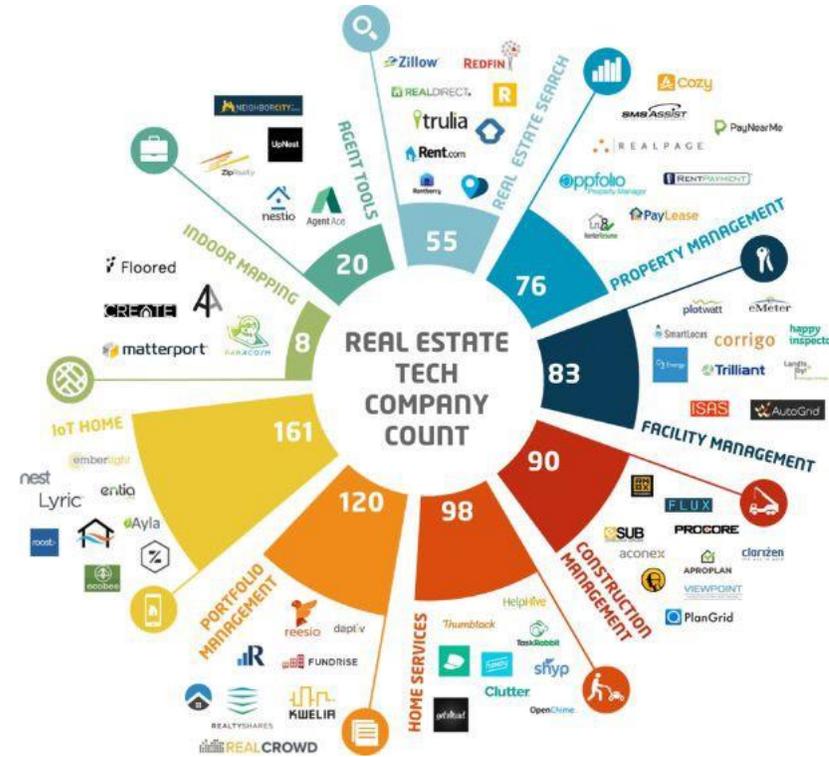
The budget appropriates \$130 million from the State Highway Fund to ADOT to expand I-17 between Anthem and Black Canyon City.

- Accelerating the widening of I-17 will ease congestion and enhance safety.

## **Rural broadband**

The budget appropriates \$3 million to the Arizona Commerce Authority to provide rural broadband grants.

- This funding will help to bridge the digital divide felt in our rural communities - broadband access is crucial for rural communities to gain access to health care, government services, and educational opportunities.



# Investing in the Economy of the Future

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## **HB 2423: Space Flight Activities**

Provides additional statutory guidance for the liability release required for space flight activity crew members and participants.

- The aerospace industry in Southern Arizona requested these added protections as more and more space flight activities occur in the state.

## **HB 2673: Property Technology Sandbox**

Establishes regulations which govern the Property Technology (PropTech) Sandbox Program.

- Similar to the Financial Technology Sandbox, this law will allow companies to apply for entry into the PropTech Sandbox to develop innovative products or services without overly onerous governmental regulations.

## **HB 2132: Mobile Cargo Carrying Devices**

Defines personal mobile cargo carrying device and permits use on sidewalks.

- This law paves the way for the advancement of intelligent mobility solutions with appropriate government regulations to ensure safety of the operator and pedestrians.

# Investing in the Economy of the Future

## **SB 1398: Electric Scooters**

Defers regulation of the e-bike and e-scooter sharing economy to local authorities.

- With a statewide definition, this law establishes a level playing field as these companies negotiate industry regulations within each jurisdiction.

## **Budget item: Blockchain or Wearable Technology**

Directs \$2.5 million from the state web portal fund for research centers and institutes in Arizona that specialize in blockchain or wearable technology and automated mobility as follows:

- These technologies will continue to prosper under a suitable regulatory environment. Through public-private partnerships, these high-tech industries will both attract companies and jobs, as well as stimulate economic growth.

## **Budget item: One-Stop Shop Business Portal**

Appropriates \$1 million to conduct a feasibility study of a “Business One-Stop Shop” web portal to streamline the requirements associated with starting a business.

- Instead of going to the Corporation Commission, the Department of Revenue, and the Secretary of State’s Office, the “One-Stop” web portal will guide prospective entrepreneurs through a seamless process to make starting a business in Arizona simple, fast, and efficient.



# Keeping Arizonans Safe and Healthy

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## **HB 2318: Texting While Driving Ban**

Prohibits use of a hand-held device while operating a moving vehicle.

- Preempts local governments from further regulations and provides a statewide standard, including penalties, beginning January 1, 2021.

## **SB 1089: Expanding Telemedicine**

Expands access to telemedicine services across Arizona by requiring that any health care service covered in-person by a commercial insurer must also be covered when provided through telemedicine.

- Rural patients will no longer have to travel long distances to get the specialty care they need.

## **SB 1109: Short-term Health Insurance**

Amends Arizona statutes to take advantage of the flexibility provided by rules issued by the Trump Administration expanding access to short-term health insurance. With short-term plans, individuals in between jobs or in any time of transition can purchase the health insurance they need at the price they can afford.

- Because short-term plans are not subject to all of the same federal regulations as plans in the individual market, premiums are far more affordable, and insurers can offer more customized choices.

# Keeping Arizonans Safe and Healthy

## **Budget item: Pay Raises for Corrections Officers**

Appropriates \$40.6 million in ongoing spending for pay raises for corrections officers.

- By offering a more competitive salary to corrections officers, who put their lives on the line to keep Arizonans safe, the state will avert a public safety crisis caused by officer vacancies.

# Protecting Consumers and Taxpayers

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# Protecting Consumers and Taxpayers

## **HB 2639: Timeshare Reform**

Establishes additional requirements regarding a purchase agreement for a timeshare, such as a 10-day rescission period and a declaration of understanding, and creates a separate disclosure that must be provided before entering into a contract for the sale of a timeshare.

- Timeshare sellers are notorious for preying on consumers, and this new law adds much-needed consumer protections.

## **HB 2166: Prescription Insurance Deductibles**

Guarantees that no matter who pays for a prescription for which there is no generic equivalent, it will count toward the insurance deductible.

- This prevents prescription insurance companies from denying deductible payments if consumers use coupons or vouchers for medication that has no generic.

## **SB 1085: Association Health Plans**

Removes rules that limit the creation of new association health plans and limit options for existing plans.

- Association health plans allow businesses of all size to band together to form an association for the purpose of purchasing health insurance, giving small business owners the ability to choose the most affordable insurance option for themselves and their employees.

# Protecting Consumers and Taxpayers

## **SB 1271: Homebuilder Defects**

For purchaser dwelling actions, provides equity for subcontractors by only making them pay for defects they were responsible for, bifurcates trials for construction defect cases, allows subcontractors to be involved in the right to repair process, and creates incentives for quick repairs for homeowners.

- This law improves the process for fixing building defects in homes.

## **SB 1482: Limiting Fee Increases at State Agencies**

Limits the amount an agency may increase a fee to not exceed the percentage of change in the average consumer price index.

- This law protects taxpayers by limiting how much a state agency may increase a fee.

## **HB 2752: Repealing the Public Safety Fee**

Repeals the public safety fee by June 30, 2021.

- The Arizona Department of Transportation raised the public safety fee to \$32, after leading the Legislature to believe that the fee would be approximately \$18.

# Protecting Consumers and Taxpayers

## **FY20 Budget: Minimum Wage Offset**

The Department of Economic Security provides services to care for members of the developmentally disabled population. Because the companies that contract with the state to provide those services rely on minimum wage workers, municipalities that have a minimum wage in excess of the state minimum wage force the state to incur additional costs. The budget requires these municipalities to provide the state with a detailed estimate of the cost to the state. Municipalities that choose not to reimburse the state for those costs will have their shared revenue withheld.

- Taxpayers around the state shouldn't be forced to bear additional state costs because a municipality chooses to raise their minimum wage.

# PROTECTING OUR CITIZENS AND THE MOST VULNERABLE

THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET INVESTS OVER \$188 MILLION INTO PROTECTING CITIZENS AND THE MOST VULNERABLE

## ONGOING SPENDING

\$ 57 M	Childcare Block Grant
\$44.5 M	Developmentally Disabled & Elderly Care
\$ 31.9 M	Corrections Healthcare
\$ 10.9 M	Dept. of Public Safety – additional employees
\$ 2.8 M	Juvenile Corrections Offset
\$ 2.7 M	Judicial Increase
\$ 2.4 M	Kinship Stipend
\$ 1.9 M	Dept. of Economic Security Increase
\$ 1.6 M	KidsCare
\$ 1.6 M	Veterans' Suicide Prevention
\$ 1M	Prescott Fire

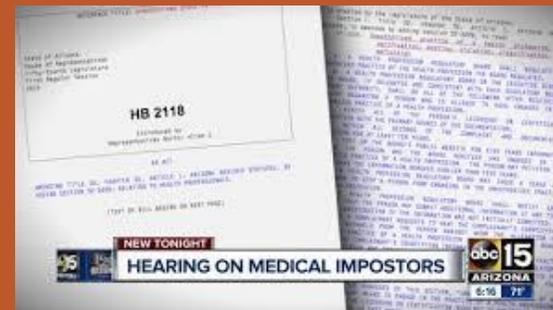
## ONE-TIME SPENDING

\$ 15 M	Housing Trust Fund
\$ 8.5 M	Juvenile Corrections Offset
\$ 5.1 M	DCS CHILDS Automation
\$ 5 M	DPS Vehicles/AZ POST
\$ 3.9 M	DEMA West Valley Readiness Center
\$ 2 M	Alzheimers Research
\$ 1.5 M	Critical Access Hospitals
\$ 1M	Rural Prenatal Equipment
\$ 1M	Food Banks
\$ .7M	Rural Primary Care Clinic
\$ .3M	Sierra Vista Emergency Response
\$ .1M	DHS Emergency Fund



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# Protecting the Innocent and Vulnerable



# Protecting the Innocent and Vulnerable

## **SB 1211: Enhancing Oversight of Intermediate Care Facilities**

Requires intermediate care facilities to be licensed by the Arizona Department of Health Services, which will ensure that these facilities will be inspected at least annually as well as each time a complaint is submitted. The law also requires facilities to conduct a central registry check for individuals seeking employment to provide direct care services to individuals in such facilities.

- In light of the horrific events at Hacienda Healthcare that led to a young incapacitated woman being sexually assaulted and impregnated, this law makes critical changes to enhance the oversight of intermediate care facilities.

## **HB 2466: Extending the Statute of Limitations for Victims of Child Sexual Abuse**

Extends Arizona's civil statute of limitations to allow victims until age 30 to file suit against their abusers; also provides a window until the end of 2020 for victims of any age to file suit against their abusers.

- While there is no statute of limitations on criminal action, this law gives victims of child sexual abuse a greater voice and brings Arizona's law more in line with other states.

## **HB 2118: Unauthorized Health Practices**

Directs health profession regulatory boards to regulate the unauthorized practice of a health profession and allows the boards to issue a cease and desist order. The law also makes it a class 5 felony to engage in the unauthorized practice of a health profession.

- This law cracks down on unauthorized health professionals who deceive patients and put them at risk.

# Protecting the Innocent and Vulnerable

## **SB 1027: Expanding Tax Credit Eligibility for Organizations Supporting Chronically Ill Adults**

Expands the tax credit for contributions to qualifying organizations providing service to children with a chronic illness or physical disability to include adults with the same disability.

- This change in law will expand support for the chronically ill and physically disabled Arizonans receiving services from charitable organizations.

## **HB 2122: Parental Consent on Do Not Resuscitate Orders**

Requires parental consent before a do-not-resuscitate order is placed on a minor's medical chart.

- Parents have a fundamental right to direct all healthcare decisions of their children.

## **Budget items:**

- Eliminates the KidsCare freeze
- \$15 million to the Housing Trust Fund
- \$56 million for childcare, to increase the number of families served and to increase reimbursement rates
- Over \$44 million for persons with a developmental disability and the elderly
- \$9 million for graduate medical education (phased in over 3 years)

# Reforming Arizona's Criminal Justice System

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## **SB 1310: Earning Early Release Credits Through Drug Treatment**

Allows inmates serving a prison sentence for certain drug related offenses to be eligible for earned release credits at a rate of three days for every seven days served if the prisoner has successfully completed a drug treatment program or other major self-improvement program.

## **HB 2602: Multiple Sentences for Imprisonment**

Restores judicial discretion by eliminating the presumption that multiple sentences imposed at the same time run consecutively and instead allows judges to determine whether sentences will run consecutively or concurrently and provide their reasoning.

## **HB 2660: Reducing Recidivism by Providing Opportunities**

Prohibits licensing agencies from denying licensure to people convicted for certain offenses more than seven years ago.

- Individuals that have served their sentence and reformed their lives should have an opportunity to obtain occupational licenses

# Reforming Arizona's Criminal Justice System

## **HB 2752: Restricting the Use of RICO Funds**

Disincentivizes government from seizing private property by restricting the use of RICO funds to fund full time employees at the Arizona Attorney General's Office.



# Removing Government Barriers to Job Creation and Economic Growth

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## **HB 2569: Universal Licensing Reform**

Permits licensure to individuals who establish residency in Arizona, hold a comparable license in another state, and meet certain criteria. Applicants must be in “good standing” in the state in which they are licensed, pay applicable fees in Arizona to obtain licensure, not have a criminal history, and satisfy other standards.

- By removing regulatory barriers and letting qualified professionals get right to work, this new law will increase economic opportunity, create jobs, and grow Arizona’s economy.

## **SB 1086: Temporary Health Licenses**

Establishes a process for obtaining a temporary license under a health profession regulatory board.

- This change in law will allow for individuals to get right to work as their applications make their way through the often long and arduous licensing process prescribed by health regulatory boards.

## **SB 1328: Cosmetology Licensing Reform**

Provides a separate path to licensure for barbers and cosmetologists, including hair stylists, nail technicians, and aestheticians through apprenticeships.

- Apprenticeships will both save the prospective licensee money while simultaneously providing them with hands-on experience.

# Removing Government Barriers to Job Creation and Economic Growth

## **SB 1401: Blow Dry Bill**

Allows individuals who “dry, style, arrange, dress, curl, hot iron or shampoo and condition hair” to provide types of cosmetology services in the state of Arizona without a cosmetology license.

- Individuals shouldn't have to receive between 1,000-1,600 hours of training that cost thousands of dollars to simply blow dry someone's hair.

## **HB 2178: Ice Cream Freedom Bill**

Allows a restaurant to make and serve pasteurized milk-based frozen desserts without a milk-manufacturing license if consumed on-site and the manufacturing process complies with food safety rules.

- This law removes needless regulations preventing restaurants from preparing their own milk-based frozen desserts.

## **HB 2275: Ending the Double Taxation of Farmers**

Prevents of the double taxation of farmers by exempting various propagative materials from transaction privilege tax (TPT) and use tax.

Arizona was one of only two states still taxing farmers both on the materials they use to cultivate their crops and the crops themselves, putting Arizona farmers at a competitive disadvantage.

# Removing Government Barriers to Job Creation and Economic Growth

## **HB 2360: Tax Reform for Businesses**

Increases the liability threshold relating to payment of transaction privilege tax, so businesses will no longer have to make a prepayment of their expected tax before the end of the fiscal year.

- This will reduce the number of businesses that must make a prepayment and provide them greater flexibility, while also correcting a revenue cash flow mechanism that was implemented years ago to increase revenues to the state before the end of the fiscal year.



# Restoring Trust in Our Electoral Process

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## **HB 2039: Reporting the Number of Voters Who Haven't Provided Proof of Citizenship**

Requires county recorders to report the number of people who are registered using the state or federal form and have not provided proof of citizenship.

- Under Arizona law, federal voters who have not shown proof of citizenship are ineligible to vote in Arizona elections.

## **SB 1072: Requiring ID at Early Voting Centers**

Requires each elector to present proper identification at any on-site early voting or other early voting location.

## **SB 1090: Emergency Voting Reform**

Requires a person who receives an emergency ballot to provide valid identification and sign a statement under the penalty of perjury that they are experiencing an emergency. The bill also allows county boards of supervisors to authorize county recorders to use emergency voting centers.

- After the misuse of emergency voting centers in 2018, this new law ensures that emergency voting is reserved for actual emergencies.

# Restoring Trust in Our Electoral Process

## **SB 1451: Preventing Fraud in Initiative Petitions**

Prohibits individuals who have been convicted of violating election law in the last 5 years, convicted felons who have not had their voting rights restored, and anyone who has been convicted of fraud, forgery, or theft from serving as paid petition circulators.

- This law won't affect volunteer initiative circulators, but it will prevent fraudsters from getting paid to collect signatures and other data from voters.



# Securing Arizona's Water Future

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## **SB 1227: Drought Contingency Plan**

Implements the Drought Contingency Plan, conserves water, and mitigates impact to agriculture.

- Appropriates \$41 million for Colorado River system conservation, groundwater and irrigation efficiency projects, and water supply augmentation projects.
- Working in collaboration with numerous stakeholders across Arizona, SB 1227 provides for innovative water management policies to prepare for potential Colorado River shortages in a way that honors the existing priority system and continues to support our state's agricultural industry.

## **Pinal County water projects**

The budget appropriates \$20 million for construction and rehabilitation of wells and infrastructure in Pinal County and requires full reimbursement by December 31, 2021.

- Keeps the promise made by the DCP Steering Committee to Pinal County agriculture and protects a \$2.3 billion industry that drives the economy of the entire county.
- With Pinal County agriculture losing the most water and feeling the most pain, it's appropriate to use state resources to keep them afloat until federal funding starts to flow in.



# **Strengthening Arizona's International Partnerships**

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## **SB 1167: Israel Boycott Divestments**

Clarifies the 2016 law that forbids companies that do business with the State of Arizona from engaging in boycotts of Israel. The new law ensures that sole proprietorships are not affected by the ban, which protects individual free speech while strengthening the Arizona-Israel relationship.

## **Budget Item: Arizona Trade Offices**

Allocates \$475,000 to open trade offices in Guanajuato, Chihuahua, and Israel.

- These offices will help promote Arizona's reputation abroad, enhancing Arizona's relationship with Mexico and building a new bridge between Arizona and Israel's technology sector.

# Additional Information

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