

# LD19 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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## WE HAVE A BUDGET

The House and Senate reached an agreement with the Governor. The budget includes full tax conformity, including:

- \$1.4 billion in tax relief
- No tax on tips
- No tax on overtime
- 25% increase child tax credits
- 2.5% cuts across all agencies
- 3-year pause on data center sales tax exemption.

## REVENUE IS UP

April 2026 General Fund revenue was 9.1% higher than the prior year and generated \$115M more than forecasted in January.

## BALLOT MEASURES

Arizona House and Senate Republicans are sending several conservative measures to the ballot this year. These include:

- **HCR 2001** – Voter IDs and same-day-results.
- **HCR 2003** – Protecting girls in girls' sports.
- **HCR 2044** – Government cannot give preferential treatment based on race or ethnicity.
- **SCR 1004** – Requiring voter approval for photo radar

## GOVERNOR HOBBS: SOLAR FIRST; HOUSING LAST

When Governor Hobbs says, "All of the above," she means "Solar first." In 2023, Governor Hobbs issued an illegal housing moratorium that made land across the Phoenix area unavailable for new housing development. The moratorium also eliminated competition for solar developers, who want cheap land near existing residential communities. Arizona is currently short 55,992 housing units, yet the Hobbs Administration has a "Solar Map" showing land closest to urban areas is "best" for solar. The Court recently ruled Hobbs' moratorium was illegal. According to some estimates, Arizona taxpayers could be on the hook for up to \$500 million to \$1 billion dollars in damages owed to affected homebuilders.

## BANNING GENDER TRANSITION MEDICINE FOR MINORS

SB 1095 draws a clear line: no doctor in Arizona may put a child through a gender transition procedure or even refer them out for one. Arizona's 2022 law already banned irreversible surgery on minors, but this bill goes further, reaching the puberty-blocking drugs and cross-sex hormones that set children on that path before they're old enough to consent. SB 1095 puts children's long-term wellbeing ahead of an ideology that treats irreversible decisions as routine.

## REGULATING VAPE PRODUCTS

HB4001 cracks down on the alternative nicotine products flooding the market and getting into kid's hands. With this law, no one can manufacture or distribute these products in Arizona without a license and anyone who does faces a class 5 felony, a \$10,000 fine, and a one-year ban from the business. HB4001 brings an unregulated market under control and puts protecting kids ahead of the profits of bad actors.

## PROTECTING GIRLS IN SPORTS

HCR 2003 requires every school sport to be designated by biological sex and bars male-sex athletes from competing on teams reserved for girls. It also protects girls in their private spaces: any school or athletic association that provides restrooms, locker rooms, or showers must keep those spaces reserved for the corresponding biological sex. HCR 2003 puts the decision where it belongs: with the voters, who deserve a say in who competes on their daughters' teams

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Arizona State Senator David Gowan has been a recognized leader on the issues that matter most to Legislative District 19. Here are some of the key awards and accomplishments he has earned for his public service:

- Top Law Enforcement Supporter, *AZ Fraternal Order of Police*
- Hero of the Taxpayer, *Americans for Prosperity*
- Distinguished Legislator Award, *American Legion*
- Legislative Champion, *Arizona Cattle Growers' Association*
- Legislator of the Year, *Arizona Hospital & Healthcare Assoc.*
- Champion of Arizona's Children, *Vail School District*