



**GREATER PHOENIX
CHAMBER**

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Arizona's 55th Legislature 1st Regular Session – 2021

Laws and regulations impact YOUR business every day. The Greater Phoenix Chamber works with elected officials at the state, local, and federal levels to ensure the voice of business is heard on important policy decisions. Here's how your Chamber membership helped influence those decisions this year at the Arizona Legislature.

171

Days of Session



1,892 Bills
introduced by legislators

446 bills signed into law

23.5%
of introduced bills became law

54

**Chamber-supported bills
signed into law**

"The Greater Phoenix Chamber is the Arizona business community's leader in public policy. The Chamber's experienced team of public policy professionals advocate for impactful legislation that enables our state's economy to thrive. Our member-driven approach to defining key policy priorities ensures that the voice of the business community is represented in all advocacy efforts."

CHRISTINA NOBLE

Sonora Quest Laboratories/Laboratory Sciences of Arizona,
Greater Phoenix Chamber Board Chair

Key Successes

- Continued to support measures that provide meaningful tort reform for the business community.
- Championed efforts to expand economic development and investment through targeted tax policy.
- Continued to advocate for a structurally balanced budget while investing in critical areas of need.
- Defeated measures that would have shown Arizona in a negative light.
- Continued to fight measures that unnecessarily shift health care costs to business.

★ Issue Spotlight ★

Civil Liability Protections

Providing liability protections to businesses against frivolous lawsuits related to the pandemic was the key policy issue for the Chamber this session. Senate Bill 1377, which protects businesses and organizations from undue litigation as a result of the pandemic, passed with broad support from the business community and other interested parties. This bill will protect businesses who have taken appropriate action to protect their employees, customers, and tenants from frivolous civil lawsuits that could cost them their livelihoods. Many businesses underwent significant costs to implement enhanced safety measures during the pandemic to keep their employees and customers safe. These businesses who prioritized safety should not be subject to frivolous lawsuits after acting responsibly.

SB 1377 is good for business and it's good for Arizona. It will retroactively protect the thousands of businesses and other organizations here in Arizona who did the right thing and acted in good faith to remain operational while complying with health guidelines to keep customers and employees safe. This bill will cover a gamut of businesses and organizations, ranging from health care providers to business and entertainment providers, schools and districts, nonprofits, religious organizations, and more. However, this legislation rightfully allows for repercussions against bad actors, who are not taking the necessary precautions to keep people safe and healthy.

