



**GREATER PHOENIX
CHAMBER**

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Arizona's 55th Legislature 2nd Regular Session – 2022

Laws and regulations impact YOUR business every day. The Greater Phoenix Chamber works with elected officials at the local, state, 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.

166

Days of Session



1,851 Bills
introduced by legislators

388 bills signed into law

20.9%
of introduced bills became law

30

**Chamber-supported bills
signed into law**

38

**Chamber-opposed
bills defeated**

"The Greater Phoenix Chamber is leading the way for business advocacy at the local, state and national government. Member driven priorities guide the Chamber's advocacy efforts ensuring that the best interests of your company are always at the forefront. With extensive experience in public policy, our Public Affairs professionals serve the Chamber's members through advocacy of pro-business, pro-growth policies at every level of government."

Erin Mettille

Public & Social Impact Leader, Slalom | GPC Board Chair

Key Successes

- Defeated numerous mandate bills that would have impeded business' ability to set appropriate workforce policies for their business models and employees.
- 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.
- Promoted efforts to address the growing workforce shortage in Arizona, especially in health care.
- 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.
- Supported measures to keep Arizona competitive on business, personal, and property taxes.
- Advocated for the passage of necessary transportation and infrastructure funding.
- Continued to fight measures that unnecessarily shift health care costs to business.

★ Issue Spotlight ★

Pro-business Property Tax Measures

HB 2822: Personal Property; Additional Depreciation

SB 1093: Property Tax; Class One; Equalization Assistance

The Chamber was front and center to ensure the passage of two bills crucial to Arizona's competitiveness on taxes. HB 2822 prospectively sets the valuation factor for specific personal property at 2.5%. This uniform rate ensures certainty and simplicity for businesses moving forward. SB 1093 continues last year's momentum reducing the business property tax valuation assessment. After full implementation, the assessment for businesses will fall from last year's 18% rate down to 15% in 2027. This is a significant measure for businesses that will allow more investment into capital projects or other areas of their business operations.

Addressing the Workforce Shortage

HB 2691: Health Care Workforce; Grant Programs

The Chamber is a proud supporter of this measure which will provide a much-needed bolster to our health care workforce. Arizona is facing the daunting reality of a health care workforce shortage. This issue predates COVID-19 but was exacerbated by the pandemic with employees leaving the practice due to burnout, nurses retiring, and a lack of trained nurses to replace those leaving the workplace. HB 2691, along with the allocated funding provided in the budget, will tackle this issue by creating a statewide workforce program that addresses health care professional shortages to meet the state's healthcare needs and continues to provide high-wage and quality jobs for Arizonans.



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