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Message from the Chairman: What Drives Us

Welcome to our 2014 Legislative Wrap-up. Throughout these pages, you'll discover the goals pursued through our lobbying, education and communication efforts, and the results we achieved. Our efforts during this legislative session have not only raised the profile and lobbying influence of the Secular Coalition for Arizona (SC Arizona), but have increased the visibility of Arizona's secular community as a viable legislative force. We look forward to continuing this trend.

Our organization has a clear objective – to actively oppose bills and legislative activities that privilege religion over no religion, or that use law to force the entire state to conform to one religion's concept of morality. We are dedicated to ending religious intrusion in civil government, particularly where this intrusion marginalizes religious minorities or nonbelievers, or results in discrimination against politically vulnerable groups of people.

Conversely, we support bills that safeguard, strengthen and rebuild the wall of protection between church and state.

Our Varied Supporters

We are happy to note that both theists and nontheists support SC Arizona. We are grateful to our long list of secular affiliate organizations and to the churches and faith-based individuals who have joined with us in opposing legislation that blurs the line between church and state. We work together in common cause.

Also, Secular AZ takes no political stand and supports no political party. Instead, we focus solely on legislation that either benefits or hinders church/state separation in Arizona.

Our issues include:

- Science-based medicine
- Secular public education
- Civil marriage contracts
- End-of-Life choices
- Religious privilege in tax law
- Women's healthcare
- Military policy
- Religious expression

For a detailed explanation of our position on these issues, and for more about our organization, affiliates and activities, please visit www.secularAZ.org, or contact me directly at zenaido@secularaz.org

Sincerely,

Zenaido Quintana
Chairman of the Board
Secular Coalition for Arizona



Section 1

Executive Summary 2014 Legislative Wrap-up

The 2014 Arizona Legislative Session opened on Monday, January 13 with Governor Brewer's 'State of the State' address. She urged legislators to make Arizona "the most business-friendly state in the nation" and to build our state to be "a beacon of economic opportunity and prosperity for years to come."

Bills initiated and/or supported by the Religious Right during this session, such as SB1062, the 'Discrimination Bill', were at cross-purposes with these priorities and with church/state separation. In addition to promoting discrimination based on religious belief, SB1062 could have had significant negative impact on businesses throughout Arizona. Secular Coalition for Arizona worked hard to defeat this and other religiously influenced legislation.

The Challenge

The [Center for Arizona Policy](#) (CAP), a conservative nonprofit organization supported by many religious institutions and individuals, has claimed success in driving 130 bills into law since 1995. These changes to Arizona law have helped to privilege religious organizations, heighten discrimination, and blunt the positive effects of a secular government. Several CAP-endorsed bills were introduced during this legislative session. This triggered forceful and ultimately successful lobbying and grassroots advocacy by SC Arizona, our liaised organizations, allies and the broader community. Our collective ability to defeat these bills has helped to blunt the influence of CAP. Nevertheless, this organization continues to be the strongest challenge to church/state separation in our state.

SC Arizona Goals and Actions: 2014 Legislative Session

1. Goal: Strengthen Lobbying and Grassroots Education Effort

- Identified 29 bills of interest to the secular community. Some were bills SC Arizona would have supported, but the best of these bills died in committee. 13 bills were identified as harmful to separation of church and state. (See Bill Tracker, soon to be available on our website www.secularAZ.org for detail on how we supported, opposed or monitored each.)
- Engaged a full-time lobbyist, Tory Anderson, to support our legislative efforts. The daily presence of Tory and other members of SC Arizona's lobbying team at the Statehouse helped raised our lobbying profile and influence.
- SC Arizona Government Affairs team conducted pre-session 'Legislative 101' constituent lobbying webinar.



2. **Goal: Increase visibility of Arizona's secular coalition community as a legislative force**

- Forged ties with legislators willing to advise and act upon targeted bills. SC Arizona now holds positive relationships with Representatives [Ruben Gallego](#), [Mark Cardenas](#), [Stefanie Mach](#), [Juan Mendez](#), [Bruce Wheeler](#) and [Senator Olivia Calera Bedford](#).
- Worked with legislators Gallego, Cardenas and Mach, who were willing to follow Representative Mendez's 2013 lead by opening 2014 sessions with a secular invocation. Representative Mendez contributed his second secular opening. This momentum helped raise the profile and public perception of nontheists and secular public policy making throughout Arizona and nationally.

3. **Goal: Heighten communication, knowledge sharing and collaboration with our constituent communities, allies and liaised organizations**

- Significantly increased social media outreach and Action Alerts, as well as direct collaboration with liaised organizations. The resulting volume of email and phone contact to legislators and the governor helped to defeat bills that would have resulted in religious discrimination against politically vulnerable citizens (SB1062) and would have increased state-sanctioned benefit to churches at the expense of Arizona taxpayers (HB2281).
- SC Arizona and Secular Student Alliance hosted lobbying training days for their members.
- SC Arizona and the Secular Student Alliance were introduced from the House floor by Representative Mark Cardenas and Representative Stefanie Mach, respectively.

4. **Goal: Support bills that advance nondiscrimination, health care, comprehensive education and a secular government**

Of the 29 bills identified to be of interest, some were extremely positive ones that we would have been happy to support. One would have made it a crime to discriminate based on sexual orientation or gender identity (Gallardo), two would have expanded the availability of health care choices for women in rural areas (Gonzales, Otondo), and another bill required schools to provide comprehensive sex education to students (Hobbs). Unfortunately, the best bills were never heard in committee, and we found ourselves playing defense against 13 bills that represented a threat to secular government. Of these, four were signed into law, four were vetoed, and five never made it to the governor's desk.



Impact: Major Legislative Wins

The Discrimination Bill (SB1062), titled 'Exercise of Religion, State Action', but labeled by us 'The Discrimination Bill', would have allowed businesses to discriminate in hiring, firing, or providing services based on religious preference. The Secular Coalition for Arizona was one of four to testify against SB1062. Along with our coalition partners, we conducted intense lobbying and grassroots advocacy, executed a broad-spread media campaign highlighting the bill's discriminatory and economic dangers and organized mass public protests. Our actions garnered significant media attention, including national and international online, print and television coverage.

Although, as we expected, the bills quietly passed in the legislature, Governor Brewer vetoed SB1062, citing that it would hurt Arizona's business community and economy.

The Tax Bill, HB2281: The Religious Right also heavily pushed HB2281, a 2.1 million dollar giveaway to churches. This legislation would have granted special tax privilege to churches that lease property. SC Arizona garnered media attention by pointing out that bill passage would result in a \$2.1 million increase to our state's taxpayers. Through persistent direct lobbying, media coverage and grassroots organizing, defeating the bill became a bipartisan effort. Three Republican lawmakers in the House and two in the Senate voted 'no'. The legislation passed narrowly in the House and by only one vote in the Senate. *However, Governor Brewer vetoed HB2281, citing a need for a complete overhaul of Arizona's property tax code.*

In addition to these major wins for the secular community, we also fought against legislation related to school vouchers for private, religious education schools, and backed bills that would have bolstered a women's healthcare choices and supported a citizen's right to die.

What's Ahead?

Arizona's 2014 legislative session was a significant success for Arizona's secular community, but much work lies ahead. With the support of our growing secular community, allies and continued coordination with our liaised organizations, we intend to build on current success during the next legislative session. To do so, we need the personal support and financial assistance of the secular community, and the help of faith-based organizations and individuals that believe in the value of a non-biased, secular state government.

A notable candidate in the upcoming November 2014 election: Arizona continues to be a legislative pioneer for the secular community. [James Woods](#), a self-proclaimed atheist, is running to unseat Congressman Matt Salmon. Mr. Woods has sought the endorsement of the Secular Coalition for Arizona as part of his campaign to appeal to the nontheistic community. Read more about him in this *Huffington Post* article by Shadee Ashtari, posted April 28, 2014: "[Blind Arizona candidate launches campaign to become first open atheist elected to Congress](#)"



Section II

Legislative Activity Highlights

Here are the steps we took to block SB1062 and HB2281, two bills that posed serious threat to separation of church and state in Arizona during this legislative session:

The Fight against ‘The Discrimination Bill’

Note: SB= Senate Bill, HB = House Bill

Background

SB1062/HB2153 were identical, concurrent bills titled “Exercise of Religion; State Action” that were originated by the Center for Arizona Policy. Nicknamed by us ‘The Discrimination Bill’, this legislation would have allowed businesses to discriminate in hiring, firing, or providing services based on religious preference

The Secular Coalition for Arizona knew this proposed legislation was coming, because Governor Brewer had vetoed a similar bill, SB1178, during the previous legislative session. “Our sense was that the Center for Arizona Policy, the Governor’s office and the legislative leadership had agreed to pass this bill through quickly and quietly,” said SCA Arizona lobbyist Tory Anderson. SC Arizona lobbied vigorously against HB2153/SB1062. “Knowing of the coordinated effort to rush the legislation and considering the current makeup of the Arizona legislature, we anticipated passage” said Anderson. “The Center for Arizona Policy (CAP) has traditionally been very successful at pushing bills through the Legislature – more than 100 to date, in fact.”

Making Noise

Our action to defeat SB1062 at the Governor’s desk included concentrated, continuous lobbying combined with an aggressive and widespread communications and public relations campaign to expose the dangers of the bill. We strategized with key Democratic lawmakers who opposed SB1062, and spoke with individual legislators and committee staff. We also testified before multiple committees. Our lobbyist was one of four speakers to stand in opposition to the bill, just days into the legislative session.

Grassroots communication and the PR battle were an invaluable part of our success. We mobilized volunteers through email, social media and word-of-mouth, and worked closely with our allies. Along with [Equality Arizona](#), the [Democratic Party](#) and [HERO](#), we mobilized joint protests, handed out thousands of stickers, and garnered extensive media attention and press coverage, including at the national and international levels. While the business community was initially reluctant to engage in direct opposition, the groundswell of public support ultimately led to outspoken opposition by important business leaders. These ranged from representatives of companies in negotiation with the state, to site manufacturing facilities in Arizona, and the National Football League. The League was concerned about potential impact on the 2015 Super Bowl game, currently scheduled to be played at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale.

While CAP deceptively positioned the legislation as “a religious freedom bill,” we pointed out the extremist agenda and the negative, discriminatory consequences.



The bill became a huge embarrassment to Arizona. The story went international. Protests staffed by many SC Arizona volunteers were held every night leading up to the governor's veto. Behind the scenes we, along with our allies, contacted the business community to enlist their support. We spoke at each of the rallies. We saturated social media with our dissent against the bill.

On February 26, Governor Brewer vetoed SB1062, and announced her decision during a press conference before a live national TV audience.

The Fight Against HB2281: The Tax Bill

SC Arizona was directly responsible for drawing attention to another bill that might well have slipped under the radar and quietly passed into law. HB2281, innocuously titled "Leased Property, Class Nine", would have expanded religious privilege in tax law by giving churches that lease property a property tax exemption. SC Arizona was the sole organization to speak up against this bill both in committee and publicly. Through legislative research, we determined that HB2281 would cost Arizona taxpayers over 2.1 million dollars.

Once this factual impact was known, we launched a direct lobbying campaign, garnered significant media attention through aggressive outreach and organized grassroots advocacy. Defeating the bill became a bipartisan effort, with three Republican lawmakers in the House and an equal number in the Senate voting "no". The measure narrowly passed both houses (by only one vote in the Senate), but an SC Arizona Action Alert to our supporters resulted in more than 430 emails and calls to Governor Brewer. *HB2281 died on the governor's desk through veto—another impressive win for church/state separation in Arizona.*

Impact of Secular Victories

These efforts during the 2014 legislative session helped to fuel a backlash against CAP. Several CAP-endorsed bills that followed SB1062 were defeated. Opposition to CAP has grown, including from churches that support separation of church and state. The ties between each organization working to fight this bill were strengthened. Perhaps most important, we learned that the majority of Arizonans do not support CAP's agenda when plainly laid out, and that together we can achieve great success by marshaling our efforts.

CAP will continue to exercise its formidable influence at the Arizona State Capitol. However, SC Arizona has gained ground and is in a stronger position to successfully oppose CAP-driven, religiously influenced legislation during the coming session.

Secular Legislative Invocations

Part of SC Arizona's mission is to raise the visibility and public perception of nontheists. We encourage secularist legislators with nontheistic worldviews to speak publicly about their nonbelief.

We are the only known state to date where a legislator has given a secular invocation. During this legislative session, Representative Mendez reprised his 2013 role as a proud atheist, again proclaiming his views in a Humanist invocation. Also, Representatives Ruben Gallego and Mark Cardenas, both professed Catholics, gave secular-minded, inclusive prayers, highlighting the need for acceptance and calling for an end to religiously based discrimination. We were able to garner press coverage for each of these invocations. Representative Mendez is becoming widely recognized as a leader in our community



for his bold advocacy. We will continue to call on other legislators to take this unique opportunity to profess support for a secular government.

Section III

Local Government: Focus on Education

Religion and Schools

There is significant effort by the Religious Right to insert religious privilege and policy into Arizona's educational system. SC Arizona acts to prevent these changes, and to ensure a public educational system free of religious influence.

In one high-profile 2014 instance, the Tempe Union High School District Governing Board prepared to vote on a new sex education curriculum for students. The choice was between a comprehensive sex education program and an abstinence-based program – the implications of which were clear to our supporters.

SC Arizona

- Developed and distributed a petition asking the Governing Board to choose comprehensive sex education
- Called upon allies and organized supporters to attend the meeting and comment in support of this alternative

This issue received significant online, print and television coverage. The outcome was positive. *Comprehensive sex education will be taught at all schools within the Tempe Union High School district.*

School Vouchers

The Religious Right continues to pursue legislation that would use taxpayer dollars to fund religious education. During this session, five pieces of legislation were introduced against which SC Arizona took action. (We will soon load to our website, www.secularAZ.org information on all legislation of interest, the action taken, and final disposition.)



Section IV

Communication and Education: Constituents, Allies, Media

Constituent Communications

The Secular Coalition for Arizona is only as strong as our constituents. During the 2014 legislative session, our heightened efforts and resulting support from Arizona citizens contributed significantly to defeat of the two bills described above.

Communications included informational outreach and interactive dialogue:

- Weekly update to email list
- Weekly “insider information” legislative update phone call with liaised organizations
- Action Alerts as needed
- Monthly “Constituent Call” hosted by the national Secular Coalition for America, but focused on Arizona issues
- Social media updates on Facebook & Twitter @SecularAZ
- Website updates: www.secularAZ.org

ALLIES

Arizona joins with various allied organizations – ones that may not have a formal affiliation with our organization, but who share our view on specific legislation. We work on a personal level with our allies – phoning or meeting with them in person to discuss our common concerns and appropriate actions.

These include influential nonprofits such as [Planned Parenthood](#), the [ACLU](#) and LGBT organizations including [Equality Arizona](#) and [HERO](#).

During this legislative session, we also allied with members of the Arizona business community who shared our concern that the passage of SB1062, the Discrimination Bill, could have significant negative impact on the state’s business world. The involvement of these business leaders we believe had significant impact on the governor’s decision to veto the bill.

Media

SC Arizona reaches out regularly to the press regarding legislation and issues of interest to the public and the results during this session were very positive. Our lobbyist, Tory Anderson, and members of the board have been interviewed by top journalists and have issued statements to the press regarding our view of potential and existing Arizona law.

In the near future, we will load to our website www.secularAZ.org the 19 press articles and three video news clips that resulted from the efforts of SC Arizona, our affiliate organizations, allies and citizen supporters who aggressively opposed SB1062, the ‘Discrimination Bill.’ The controversy over SB1062 garnered local, regional, statewide and national and international coverage, including MSNBC and CNN televised segments.



Other topics covered by the media included the secular invocations given before Arizona legislative sessions, and bill HB2281, which would have given religious institutions further tax breaks, costing Arizonan taxpayers more than \$2 million.

Finally, Arizona and national media covered **The Moral March**, which took place March 29, 2014 and was attended by hundreds of citizens representing a variety of organizations. Sponsored by [Equality Arizona](#) and [Phoenix Pride](#), the event called for a Better Arizona through improved legislative representation at the state level. SC Arizona participated as a way of taking back “morality” from the Religious Right.

Education

We consider it a critical part of our responsibility to our liaised organizations, allies, constituents and the public in general to provide ongoing education about matters of interest to the secular community. Here are some of our activities:

- Presentations to introduce our organization, our new lobbyist, Tory Anderson, and the approach Tory and others are taking to research and respond to legislative bills of interest
 - As organizational changes and/or approaches evolve, we keep our audiences up-to-date on how and why these changes are being made and what we hope to accomplish as a result
 - Educate student organizations, such as the Secular Student Alliance on the basics of legislative process, lobbying and grassroots advocacy. During this legislative session, both SC Arizona and the Secular Student Alliance held separate lobbying training days for their members
 - Provide ongoing educational updates on our progress and plans.
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ADDENDA

- A1. Inside Secular Coalition for Arizona**
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A1. Inside Secular Coalition for Arizona

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Tory Anderson

To learn more about our board and lobbyist please visit www.secularAZ.org

Our Coalition

Liaised Nontheistic Organizations

- [Flagstaff Freethinkers](#)
- [Freedom From Religion Foundation Valley of the Sun Chapter](#)
- [Freethought Arizona](#)
- [Humanist Society of Greater Phoenix](#)
- [Military Association of Atheists & Freethinkers Arizona Delegation](#)
- [Or Adam Congregation for Humanistic Judaism](#)
- [Phoenix Atheist Meetup Group](#)
- [Prescott Freethinkers](#)
- [Secular Humanist Jewish Circle \(SHJC\)](#)
- [Secular Student Alliance at Mesa Community College](#)
- [Secular Student Alliance at Northern Arizona University](#)
- [Sedona/Verde Valley Secular Freethinkers](#)
- [Tucson Atheists](#)

Liaised Secularist Organizations

- [Americans United for Separation of Church and State Phoenix Chapter](#)



A2. Secular Coalition for Arizona 2014 Legislative Summary and Secular Scorecard

In order to present a fair picture of how legislators voted, and to provide opportunity to accumulate a voting record, bills are listed that were heard and voted on during 3rd read in each body.

Scoring Methodology

For each legislator, the Secular Score is derived by dividing the legislator's total floor votes cast that are in agreement with SC Arizona's position by the total number of bills on which SC Arizona took a position.

**Note: if the scorecard is blank for a vote, it means the legislator did not vote and is not included in the total possible votes.

2014 Secular Credit Recipients

During the 2014 legislative session, the following seven elected officials exhibited outstanding respect and support for secular public policy-making and were recognized by receiving "Secular Credit" from SC Arizona.

- **Representative Ruben Gallego** for offering a 'Secular Prayer' on the House floor
- **Representative Mark Cardenas** for offering a 'Secular Prayer' on the House floor and giving a tour of the House of Representatives to the Secular Community on lobby day
- **Representative Juan Mendez** for offering a 'Secular Prayer' on the House floor and giving a tour of the House of Representatives to the Secular Community on lobby day
- **Representative Stefanie Mach** for acknowledging the Secular Student Alliance on the house floor during their lobby day. She also gave them a tour of the House of Representatives
- **Representative Bruce Wheeler** for noticing that the property tax bill in committee seemed to favor religious over secular institutions and asking for a fiscal note to determine the monetary impact to surrounding properties
- **Senator Olivia Cajero Bedford** for publicly standing in opposition to HB2281, the property tax bill, based on her opposition to religious bias in public policy

House Votes



			2150: Empowerment Scholarships; Military Families	2281: Leased Religious Property; Class Nine	2284; Abortion Clinics; Inspection; Minors; Reporting	2291: Empowerment Scholarships; Expansion	2328: STOS; Grants; Corporate Tax Credit	2565: Manslaughter; Assisting Suicide	1048: Tax Credits; STOs; Preapproval; Entities	1062: Exercise of Religion; State Action	1237: Voucher Revisions	2014 Score	Secular Credit
Allen	15	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	11%	
Alston	24	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Barton	6	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	11%	
Borrelli	5	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	11%	
Boyer	20	R	NV	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x	✓	25%	
Brophy McGee	28	R	x	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	✓	✓	56%	
Campbell	24	D	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Cardenas	19	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	★
Carter	15	R	x	✓	x	✓	x	x	✓	✓	✓	56%	
Clinco	2	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	100%	
Coleman	16	R	x	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	✓	22%	
Chavira Contreras	19	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Dial	18	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	11%	
Escamilla	4	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Fann	1	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	11%	
Farnsworth	12	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	11%	
Forese	17	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	11%	
Gabaldón	2	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Gallego			NV	NV	NV	N/A	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	N/A	100%	★
Gonzales	3	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Goodale	5	R	x	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	✓	22%	
Gowan	14	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	11%	
Gray	21	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	11%	
Hale	7	D	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	89%	
Hernandez	29	D	NV	✓	NV	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	86%	
Kavanagh	23	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	11%	
Kwasman	11	R	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x	x	NV	13%	
Larkin	30	D	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	89%	
Lesko	21	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	11%	
Livingston	22	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	11%	

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Lovas	22	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	11%	
Mach	10	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	★
McCune Davis	30	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	100%	★
Mendez	26	D	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	★
Mesnard	17	R	x	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	✓	22%	
Meyer	28	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	NV	####	
Miranda	27	D	x	✓	x	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	NV	56%	
Mitchell	13	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	11%	
Montenegro	13	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	11%	
Muñoz	27	D	x	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	N/A	✓	N/A	✓	83%	
Olson	25	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	11%	
Orr	9	R	x	✓	x	✓	x	x	x	✓	✓	44%	
Otondo	4	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Peshlaki	7	D	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	89%	
Petersen	12	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	11%	
Pierce	25	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	11%	
Pratt	8	R	NV	x	NV	✓	x	x	x	x	✓	29%	
Quezada	29	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Robson	18	R	x	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	✓	22%	
Saldate	3	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Seel	20	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	11%	
Sherwood	26	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Shope	8	R	x	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	✓	22%	
Smith	11	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	11%	
Steele	9	D	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	89%	
Stevens	14	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	11%	
Thorpe	6	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	11%	
Tobin	1	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	11%	
Townsend	16	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	11%	
Ugenti	23	R	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	22%	
Wheeler	10	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	★

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Ableser	26	D	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	NV	100%		
Barto	15	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	11%		
Begay	7	D	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	89%		
Biggs	12	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	11%		
Bradley	10	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%		
Burges	22	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	11%		
Cajero Bedford	3	D	✓	✓	✓	NV	NV	✓	✓	x	88%	★	
Crandell	6	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	11%		
Dalessandro	2	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	89%		
Driggs	28	R	✓	x	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	33%		
Farley	9	D	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	89%		
Farnsworth	16	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	11%		
Gallardo	29	D	NV	✓	✓	NV	NV	NV	✓	✓	100%		
Griffin	14	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	11%		
Hobbs	24	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%		
Landrum Taylor	27	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%		
McComish	18	R	x	✓	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	33%		
McGuire	8	D	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%		
Melvin	11	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	11%		
Meza	30	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%		
Murphy	21	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	11%		
Pancrazi	4	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	89%		
Pierce	1	R	x	✓	x	✓	x	x	✓	✓	44%		
Reagan	23	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	NV	NV	0%		
Shooter	13	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	11%		
Tovar	19	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%		
Ward	5	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	11%		
Worsley	25	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	22%		
Yarbrough	17	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	11%		
Yee	20	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	11%		



A3. 2014 Legislative Session Bill Tracker

In order for a bill to become law in Arizona, it must be heard and passed three times in each house (“1st, 2nd, 3rd readings”). This process enables all legislators’ sufficient opportunity to cast a vote.

We will soon load to our website www.secularAZ.org detailed information on specific bills we supported, opposed or simply monitored during this legislative session. We’ve provided this data in an easy-to-read chart that describes the bill, the action we took and the outcome of our effort.

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