

State of Arizona Legislation Introduced during the 55th Legislature, Second Regular Session 2022

The 55th State of Arizona Legislature convened for its 2022 Second Regular Session on January 10, 2022, and adjourned Sine Die on June 25, 2022. AIPI tracked the following State of Arizona Legislature affecting Tribes and Tribal members during the 55th Legislature, Second Regular Session in 2022. This list includes legislation that was newly introduced or had other activity between January 24, 2022, and June 25, 2022.

Bills Considered by the State of Arizona 55th Legislature, Second Session:

1. **[SB1434](#) - “An Act Establishing the Arizona Climate Resiliency Planning Group.” Sponsored by Sen. Juan Mendez (D-26).**
 - This bill would establish the Arizona climate resiliency planning group
 - The group would include persons who represent interest areas including Native American Tribes.
 - The Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, the minority party leader of the House of Representatives, and the minority party leader of the Senate shall each appoint five persons from among the areas of representation, including Native American Tribes. The Governor shall appoint two persons from among the areas of representation, including Native American Tribes.
 - The group shall:
 - Compile a complete inventory of this state's greenhouse gas emissions and sources.
 - Review and, where necessary, revise the recommendations made in the Arizona climate change advisory group's 2006 climate change action plan.
 - Develop a resiliency plan to protect or improve the resiliency of this state's human populations and natural and economic systems against the risks of climate change.
 - Identify measures that can be taken to meet greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets.
 - Second reading in the Senate on January 27, 2022.

2. **[SB1470](#) - “An Act Amending Title 15, Chapter 2, Article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes, by Adding Section 15-249.17; Appropriating Monies; Relating to The Department of Education.” Sponsored by Sen. Thomas Shope (R-8).**
 - This bill would amend Title 15, Chapter 2, Article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding Section 15-249.17. The Native American Code Writers Program (NACWP) introduces a computer code writing curriculum and delivers a technology-focused education to better engage Native American high school students. Section 15-249.17 adds information on the NACWP establishment and grantee duties.
 - Second reading in the Senate on January 31, 2022.

3. **[SB1557](#) - “An Act Establishing the Tribal and Rural Public Program Access Study Committee.” Sponsored by Sen. Theresa Hatathlie (D-7).**
 - This bill would establish the Tribal and Rural Public Program Access Study Committee.
 - The Tribal and rural public program access study committee would consist of seven members, all of whom must reside in a county with a population of less than two hundred thousand persons and four of whom must be members of different Indian Tribes.
 - The committee shall address issues relating to Tribal and rural residents access to public programs.
 - Second reading in the Senate on February 1, 2022.

4. **[SB1658](#) - “An Act Amending Title 8, Arizona Revised Statutes, by Adding Chapter 6; Relating to Child Custody.” Sponsored by Sen. Sally Gonzales (D-3).**
 - This bill would amend Title 8, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding Chapter 6; Relating to Child Custody. Additional information in chapter 6 includes definitions, proceedings and jurisdictions, parental rights, placement, custody, Tribal affiliation, and improper and/or emergency removal or placement.
 - Second reading in the Senate on February 1, 2022.

5. **[SB1674](#) - “An Act Amending Sections 5-1304 And 5-1305, Arizona Revised Statutes; Relating to Amusements and Sports.” Sponsored by Sen. Sally Gonzales (D-3).**
 - This bill would amend Sections 5-1304 and 5-1305, Arizona Revised Statutes; Relating To Amusements And Sports.
 - Amendments include information on wagering operating licenses, as well as mobile and in-facility event wagering.
 - Second reading in the Senate on February 3, 2022.

6. **[SB1693](#) - “An Act Amending Section 1-301, Arizona Revised Statutes; Relating to Holidays.” Sponsored by Sen. Sally Gonzales (D-3).**
 - This bill would amend Section 1-301, Arizona Revised Statutes; Relating To Holidays by changing the Second Monday in October, from “Columbus Day” to “Indigenous Peoples' Day.”
 - Second reading in the Senate on February 3, 2022.

7. **[HB2715](#) - “An Act Repealing Section 41-194.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, as Amended by Laws 2021, Chapter 403, Section 18; Amending Section 41-194.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, as Added by Laws 2016, Chapter 35, Section 1; Amending Sections 42-5029 And 42-5031.01, Arizona Revised Statutes; Amending Title 42, Chapter 5, Article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, by Adding Section 42-5031.02; Amending Section 42-6010, Arizona Revised Statutes; Relating to Transaction Privilege Tax Distribution.” Sponsored by Rep. Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren (D-7).**
 - This bill would amend Sections 42-5029 and 42-5031.01, Arizona Revised Statutes to include monthly deposits of twenty-five percent of the qualifying transaction privilege tax revenues to the Tribal nations economic development, public safety, and infrastructure fund.

- Second reading in the House on February 9, 2022.
8. **[HB2716](#), “An Act Establishing the Rural and Tribal Economic Development and Cooperation Study Committee.” Sponsored by Rep. Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren (D-7).**
 - This bill would establish the Tribal Economic Development; Study Committee.
 - Appointed members would include a representative of a federally recognized Indian Tribe with a population of more than one hundred thousand persons and a representative of a nonprofit organization that focuses on Tribal economic development and commerce.
 - Second reading in the House on February 9, 2022.
 9. **[HB2830](#) - “An Act Amending Section 17-333, Arizona Revised Statutes; Relating to the Taking and Handling Of Wildlife.” Sponsored by Rep. Myron Tsoie (D-7).**
 - This bill would amend section 17-333, Arizona Revised Statutes; Relating to the Taking and Handling of Wildlife to allow a person who is an enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian Tribe located wholly or partially in this state is exempt from the fees for licenses, permits, tags and stamps and application fees prescribed in the Bill.
 - Second reading in the House on February 10, 2022.
 10. **[HB2735](#) - “An Act Establishing the Sexual Assault Study Committee.” Sponsored by Rep. Melody Hernandez (D-26).**
 - This bill would establish the Sexual Assault Study Committee.
 - Members would include a peace officer who is employed by a Tribal police department.
 - The committee would study current policies and practices of local, state, and Tribal law enforcement agencies and county attorneys that relate to investigating and prosecuting sexual assault-related crimes, including whether the entity has adequate financial and staffing resources for investigating and prosecuting sexual assault crimes and data related to sexual assault clearance rates, prosecution referrals, and dispositions.
 - Passed House JUD on February 16, 2022.
 11. **[SB1215](#) - “An Act Establishing the Study Committee on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples.” Sponsored by Sen. Victoria Steele (D-9).**
 - This bill would establish the Study Committee on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples.
 - The committee would consist of Indigenous members of the Arizona community, among others.
 - Activities by the study committee would include:
 - Conducting a comprehensive study to determine how this state can reduce and end violence against Indigenous peoples in this state.
 - Continuing to work with law enforcement to track and collect data on violence against Indigenous peoples, including data on missing and murdered Indigenous peoples.
 - Continuing to review policies, practices, and prosecutorial trends, that impact violence against Indigenous peoples.

- Proposing measures to ensure access to culturally appropriate victim services for Indigenous peoples who have been victims of violence.
 - Proposing legislation to address issues identified by the study committee.
 - Submitting a report regarding the study committee's activities and recommendations for administrative or legislative action on or before December 1, 2023, December 1, 2024, and December 1, 2025, to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the speaker of the House of Representatives and provide a copy of these reports to the Secretary of State.
 - Second reading in the Senate on March 2, 2022.
12. **[SB1194](#) - “An Act Amending Section 41-2053, Arizona Revised Statutes; Relating to Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day.” Sponsored by Sen. Theresa Hatathlie (D-7).**
- This Act would amend Section 41-2053 of the Arizona Revised Statutes relating to Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day to include the Legislative Indigenous Peoples Caucus as an additional entity to work in cooperation with the Governor's office on Tribal relations and representatives from this state's Indian nations.
 - Second reading in the Senate on March 9, 2022.
13. **[SB1064](#) - “An Act Amending Sections 28-2351 And 28-2403, Arizona Revised Statutes; Amending Title 28, Chapter 7, Article 12, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding Section 28-2470.10; Amending Sections 28-6501, 28-6991 And 28-6993, Arizona Revised Statutes; Relating to Special Plates.” Sponsored by Sen. Sonny Borrelli (R-5).**
- This bill would amend sections in Title 28, Chapter 7, Article 12, Arizona Revised Statutes to include that the department shall issue Hualapai Tribe special plates if, by December 31, 2022, a person pays \$32,000 to the appropriate department.
 - Amendments also include new fee information.
 - Third reading in the House on March 17, 2022.
14. **[SB1497](#) - “An Act Establishing the Arizona America250 Commission.” Sponsored by Sen. Vince Leach (R-11).**
- This bill would establish The Arizona America250 commission to plan, develop, encourage and coordinate the commemoration of the two hundred fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the United States and the impact of the citizens of this state on the nation's past, present, and future. One member of this Commission must represent an Arizona Tribe.
 - Third reading in the House on March 17, 2022.
15. **[SB1300](#) - “An Act Amending Section 15-244.01, Arizona Revised Statutes; Relating to the Department Of Education.” Sponsored by Sen. Thomas Shope (R-8).**
- This act amends Section 1. Section 15-244.01 of the Arizona Revised Statutes to include:
 - Books and instructional materials as costs that are allowed to be taken from the Tribal College Dual Enrollment Program Fund.

- The Tribal college dual enrollment program may offer courses relating to Tribal language, government, and culture through intergovernmental agreements with high schools that are located outside of a reservation to student members of a Tribe living off of the reservation and to other students.
 - Governor signed on March 18, 2022.
- 16. **[SB1660](#) - “An Act Amending Sections 28-2351 And 28-2403, Arizona Revised Statutes; Amending Title 28, Chapter 7, Article 12, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding Section 28-2470.10; Amending Sections 28-6501, 28-6991 and 28-6993, Arizona Revised Statutes; Relating to Special Plates.” Sponsored By Sen. Sally Gonzales (D-3).**
 - This act would amend Sec. 3. Title 28, chapter 7, article 12, Arizona Revised Statutes by adding section 28-2470.10, to include that the department shall issue Pascua Yaqui Tribe special plates if, by December 31, 2022, a person pays \$32,000 to the appropriate department.
 - Amendments also include new fee information.
 - Passed Senate TRANS Committee on March 23, 2022.
- 17. **[SB1327](#) - “An Act Requiring the Department of Education to Establish an Alternative Assessment Advisory Committee.” Sponsored by Sen. Nancy Barto (R-4).**
 - This act would require the department of education to establish an Alternative Assessment Advisory Committee consisting of the superintendent of public instruction or the superintendent's designee and other members who are appointed by the department in coordination with the State Board of Education.
 - Required appointed members would include, among others, a Tribal community representative.
 - Transmitted to Governor on April 25, 2022.
- 18. **[HB2532](#) - “An Act Amending Sections 28-2351 and 28-2403, Arizona Revised Statutes; Amending Title 28, Chapter 7, Article 12, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding Section 28-2470.10; Amending Sections 28-6501, 28-6991 and 28-6993, Arizona Revised Statutes; Relating to Special Plates.” Sponsored By Rep. Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren (D-7).**
 - This bill would amend Sec. 3. Title 28, chapter 7, article 12, of Arizona Revised Statutes by adding section 28-2470.10, to include that the department shall issue a Tribally accredited institution of higher education special place if, by December 31, 2022, a person pays \$32,000 to the appropriate department.
 - Amendments also include new fee information.
 - Related bills: [SB1660](#), [SB1064](#).
 - Signed into law by the Governor on May 20, 2022.
- 19. **[HB2647](#) - “An Act Amending Section 8-455, Arizona Revised Statutes; Relating to the Department Of Child Safety.” Sponsored by Rep. Joanne Osborne (R-13).**
 - This bill would amend Section 8-455, Arizona revised statutes to add that a DCS report pursuant to subsection D of this section regarding an Indian

child who resides or is domiciled on an Indian reservation may be transferred to the reservation's Tribal social services agency.

- Signed into law by the Governor on June 6, 2022.

20. [SB1733](#) - “An Act Amending Section 15-185, Arizona Revised Statutes; Amending Title 15, Chapter 2, Article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, by Adding Sections 15-217, 15-217.01, 15-217.02 and 15-217.03; Amending Title 15, Chapter 2, Article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes, by Adding Section 15-249.17; Amending Section 15-393, Arizona Revised Statutes, as Amended by Laws 2022, Chapter 136, Section 1; Amending Sections 15-901, 15-910, 15-913.01, 15-943 And 15-945, Arizona Revised Statutes; Repealing Section 15-952, Arizona Revised Statutes; Amending Sections 15-953, 15-961 And 15-971, Arizona Revised Statutes; Repealing Section 15-994, Arizona Revised Statutes; Amending Sections 15-1371 and 15-1372, Arizona Revised Statutes; Amending Title 15, Chapter 19, Article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, by Adding Section 15-2405; Amending Section 37-521, Arizona Revised Statutes; Amending Section 41-1276, Arizona Revised Statutes, as Amended By Laws 2022, Chapter 171, Section 1; Amending Sections 41-5731 And 42-17051, Arizona Revised Statutes; Appropriating Monies; Relating to Kindergarten through Grade Twelve.” Sponsored By Sen. Karen Fann (R-1).

- This bill would amend sec. 3. Title 15, Chapter 2, Article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding Section 15-249.17, the Code Writers Initiative Program.
- The Code Writers Initiative Program is established within the department of education to provide grants on a competitive basis.
- The Indian Education Advisory Council in the Department of Education shall evaluate grant applications and make award recommendations to the department.
- Grantees in the Code Writers Initiative Program shall:
 - Introduce a computer code writing curriculum for students in grades nine through twelve.
 - Deliver a technology-focused education to Native American students that will prepare the students for the global economy. The instruction may be offered through after-school programming.
 - Instruct Native American students in computer code writing and work with industry partners to develop internships and programs that will be made available to students who complete the program curriculum.
 - Instruct teachers and administrators in a technology-focused curriculum.
 - Develop assessment metrics to measure progress to be used to determine the initiative's effectiveness.
 - Install audiovisual distance learning equipment at key delivery points to maximize the number of program participants.
 - Determine the impacts of the initiative's curriculum and teacher instruction on students' standardized test scores and graduation rates.
 - On or before September 1 of each year, submit an annual report to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Indian Education Advisory Council, and the

Department of Education containing detailed information relating to the requirements of this subsection for the most recent school year.

- Related bill: [HB2866](#).
- Assigned to Senate RULES on June 20, 2022.

21. [HB2841](#) - “An Act Appropriating Monies.” Sponsored by Rep. Regina Cobb (R-5) with permission of Committee on Rules.

- This act, subject to applicable laws, would dictate the sums or sources of revenue appropriated for the fiscal years 2022-23.
- Tribal-centered funding would include:
 - \$4.7B in Tribal Pass-Through Funding.
 - \$325K for the Tribal College Dual Enrollment Program.
 - \$2.1B for the Tribal-State Compact Fund.
 - \$63.5K for the Governor’s Office on Tribal Relations.
- Passed House on June 21, 2022.

22. [SB1324](#) - “An Act Amending Section 36-2856, Arizona Revised Statutes; Relating to the Adult Use Of Marijuana.” Sponsored by Sen. Thomas Shope (R-8).

- This act would amend section 36-2856 of the Arizona Revised Statutes to include that 31.4 percent of the Smart and Safe Arizona fund would go to, among others, Indian reservation police agencies And Indian reservation firefighting agencies.
- Failed on third reading in the House (43-15-2-0) on June 22, 2022.

23. [HB2771](#) - “An act Amending Sections 16-101 And 16-112, Arizona Revised Statutes; Amending Title 16, Chapter 1, Article 1.1, Arizona Revised Statutes, by Adding Sections 16-113 And 16-114; Amending Sections 16-120 And 16-121.01, Arizona Revised Statutes; Amending Title 16, Chapter 1, Article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes, By Adding Section 16-123; Amending Sections 16-152, 16-166 And 16-182, Arizona Revised Statutes; Amending Title 16, Chapter 4, Article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding Section 16-406.01; Amending Title 16, Chapter 4, Article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding Section 16-414; Amending Sections 16-542, 16-547, 16-548 And 16-550, Arizona Revised Statutes; Amending Title 16, Chapter 4, Article 10, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding Section 16-602.01; Amending Sections 16-901, 16-912, 16-914, 16-917, 16-941, 16-945 And 16-951, Arizona Revised Statutes; Amending Title 16, Chapter 6, Article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding Section 16-951.01; Amending Sections 16-953, 16-954, 16-956 and 16-961, Arizona Revised Statutes; Relating to Elections and Electors.” Sponsored by Rep. Athena Salman (D-26).

- This bill would be amended to include the following:
 - Any source agency shall accept Tribal identification numbers and nontraditional residential addresses, including addresses that can be identified by mile markers or geographic or other identifying features. Any source agency shall attain the capability of collecting and

transmitting this information within three months after being designated.

- Introduced in House and read first time on June 23, 2022.
24. [HB2661](#) - **“An Act amending Section 5-572, Arizona Revised Statutes; amending Title 45, Chapter 1, Article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding Section 45-119; Amending Title 45, Chapter 2, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding Article 13; Relating to Waters.” Sponsored by Rep. Regina Cobb (R-5).**
- This bill would amend section 5-572, Arizona revised statutes; amending title 45, chapter 1, article 1, Arizona revised statutes, to require that a rural management area that is formed pursuant to this chapter shall be administered by a council consisting of members who have been residents of the county in which the rural management area is located. If the boundaries of the rural management area include any portion of a federal Indian reservation or if any federally recognized Indian Tribe owns land or water resources within the rural management area, one representative of the governing body will be a member of that Indian Tribe.
 - Related bill: [HB2510](#).
 - Introduced in House and read first time on June 23, 2022.
25. [HCR2023](#) - **“A Concurrent Resolution Supporting the Efforts of the United States Government to Protect and Restore Tribal homelands.” Sponsored By Rep. Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren (D-7).**
- This resolution would affirm that the Members of the Legislature support initiatives led by the United States Department of the Interior to restore Tribal homelands and to empower Tribal governments to better manage Indian lands.
 - Introduced in House and read first time on June 23, 2022.
26. [SCM1004](#) - **“A Concurrent Memorial Urging the United States Department of the Interior to Investigate Former and Current Indian Boarding Schools in Arizona.” Sponsored By Sen. Victoria Steele (D-9).**
- This concurrent memorial would urge that:
 - The United States Department of the Interior investigate all fifty-one former and current Indian boarding schools located in Arizona.
 - The United States Department of the Interior uses or designates the use of ground-penetrating radar to look for unmarked graves and return any discovered remains to their families or Tribes, as requested, for appropriate repatriation and burial.
 - The Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmits copies of this Memorial to the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior.
 - Introduced in the Senate and read first time on June 23, 2022.
27. [SB1729](#) - **“An Act Amending Laws 2021, Chapter 408, Section 117; Appropriating Monies.” Sponsored By Sen. Karen Fann (R-1).**

- This bill would set the budget for Arizona’s fiscal year of 2022-2023.
 - Section 114. includes information for Appropriation; superintendent of public instruction; office of Indian education; exemption; fiscal year 2022-2023.
 - The sum of \$5,000,000 is appropriated from the State General Fund to the superintendent of public instruction for a onetime distribution to the office of Indian education established in section 15-244, Arizona Revised Statutes.
 - Section 117 includes information on Appropriation; Department of Veterans' Services; Tribal ceremonies; exemption; fiscal year 2022-2023.
 - The sum of \$1,000,000 is appropriated from the State General Fund in fiscal year 2022-2023 to the department of veterans' services to distribute to Indian Tribes located in this state to conduct Tribal ceremonies for Tribal members who are discharged from the military, including those diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder.
 - Related bill: [HB2862](#).
 - Senate Committee of the Whole action: Do Pass Amended on June 23, 2022.
28. **[SCM1002](#) - “A Concurrent Memorial Urging the United States Congress to Implement Steps to Forward Fund the Higher Education Grant Program of the Bureau of Indian Education.” Sponsored by Sen. Victoria Steele (D-9).**
- This concurrent memorial would urge that:
 - The Members of the United States Congress take affirmative steps to forward fund the Higher Education Grant Program of the Bureau of Indian Education.
 - The Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmits copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.
 - Transmitted to Secretary of State on June 24, 2022.
29. **[SCM1003](#) - “A Concurrent Memorial Urging the United States Board on Geographic Names to Rename the Geographic Features in the Grand Canyon with Native American Names.” Sponsored by Sen. Paul D. Boyer (R-20).**
- This concurrent memorial would urge that:
 - The United States Board on Geographic Names, rename the geographic features in the Grand Canyon with traditional Native American names.
 - The Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmits copies of this Memorial to the Chairperson of the United States Board on Geographic Names.
 - Failed on third reading in the House (26-27-7-0) on June 24, 2022.
30. **[SB1710](#) - “An Act amending Title 5, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding Chapter 12; Appropriating Monies; Relating to Amusements and Sports.” Sponsored by Sen. David Gowan (R-14).**
- Chapter 12 concerns the organization of the Southern Arizona Sports, Tourism, and Film Authority.

- The authority is governed by a board consisting of members who must reside within the boundaries of the authority.
- The board must have three members representing Indian Tribes who reside within the boundaries of the authority. The Governor shall appoint one member, the President of the Senate shall appoint one member and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member.
- Transmitted to Governor on June 24, 2022.