

## **HB2429 Approved by Ways and Means Committee**

The House Ways and Means Committee approved HB2429 with a 7 to 0 vote on Monday. Two members were absent. As in the past, support for the bill came from a wide variety of groups. From the utilities to the environmental groups there were comments submitted in favor of the bill. The only negative comments came from a citizen who testified that the bill did not go far enough to support solar in Arizona. The bill goes to the Rules Committee next and then to the floor for a vote. There has been some talk that a cap on the residential side of the credit might be needed for passage. We will be working on that issue as well as analyzing a Fiscal Note from JLBC that indicated a large price tag for the credit by 2010.

Other good news is that HB2430 (energy cost savings measures, requirements for state facilities) was passed by the House of Representatives by a comfortable 47 to 10 margin yesterday. To see how your Representative voted, go to <http://www.azleg.gov/FormatDocument.asp?inDoc=/legtext/47leg/2r/bills/hb2430.hthird.1.asp>. The bill has been transmitted to the Senate.

If you have not already contacted your Representative and asked them to support HB2429, please do so soon. Remember if you would like to make an appointment to see your Legislators, let us know and we would be happy to help facilitate your visit. If your Representative voted against HB2430, please be sure to contact them and ask how they will be voting on HB2429.

To email your legislators go to <http://www.azleg.state.az.us/MemberRoster.asp>. If you are not sure who your legislators are, you may go to <http://www.vote-smart.org> (You will need to know your nine digit zip code). You may also call the House or Senate information desks. Outside of the Phoenix area, you may call your legislators office toll-free at 1-800-352-8404. In the Phoenix area, call 602-926-3559 for the Senate and 602-926-4221 for the House. Correspondence goes to 1700 W Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007-2890. For more information on legislation go to <http://www.azleg.state.az.us>.

Thank you for your help. For further information, contact:  
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