

Arizona Solar Energy Industries Association **Arizona Legislative Action Alert**

HB2429 - solar energy tax incentives is going to be heard in the Ways and Means Committee on Monday, Feb 13. We need your support for this and other renewable and energy efficiency legislation.

On Monday, January 30th Representative Mason's Ad Hoc Committee on Renewable Generation and Energy Efficiency Committee held their first meeting. The purpose of that meeting was to review renewable energy and energy efficiency legislation proposed in the Arizona legislature this session. Corporation Commissioner Kris Mayes attended the hearing and made strong comments in support of the bill. She commented that with the massive growth in Arizona there is not any reason for a utility to fear loss of revenues from passage of this legislation. Also at the meeting supporting the bill were Salt River Project, Arizona Public Service and Tucson Electric Power. The day after the meeting, Southwest Gas notified us that they would no longer be opposing the bill. The next step is passage through the Ways and Means Committee.

Please contact your Representative in the House and ask for their support for HB2429 - solar energy tax incentives when it comes to a vote on the floor. If your representative is on the Ways and Means Committee please call and ask for their support in Committee. If your business is located in their legislative district please call as well. We need to continue to let our Legislature know that this bill is a comprehensive solar package designed to bring the air quality and economic development benefits of solar energy to Arizona and to limit solar water heating would limit these benefits Arizona. Please contact your Legislators today! Please e-mail your Legislators in the House and follow up with a telephone call to have the greatest impact.

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Other Legislation

HB 2430: energy cost saving measures; requirements

HB2430 (energy cost savings measures, requirements for state facilities) is on the House agenda for Thurs, Feb 9, at 3:48 pm. Please contact your representative to ensure support for the upcoming floor votes.

This bill would make it easier for state agencies and schools to invest in cost-effective energy efficiency and renewable energy, thereby lowering energy costs for the state. State agencies and schools would get the benefits from cost-effective energy efficiency and renewable energy now, and be able to pay for the investments over time, with less impact on state budgets. Modifies existing statutes for state facilities and schools to clarify that energy life cycle costing shall be used for the analysis of energy efficiency and renewable energy investments. Existing statutes are not consistent; there are different contract term lengths and an inconsistency between the life cycle costing requirements in statute and the shorter contract terms. This bill modifies the energy contract maximum terms to the expected life of the measure installed or 25 years (whichever is shorter), so that the limits on the contract term are consistent throughout the statutes, and so that the limits do not conflict with the life cycle costing requirements. Longer-term contracts are necessary for renewable energy options, much like some families need a 30-year mortgage, and similar to how utilities finance generating plant and transmission line investments over several decades. Deletes the 8-year payback and 40-40-20 shared savings provisions for solar energy options, thereby emphasizing the life cycle costing requirements. Environment amendment updates terminology by including Combined Heat and Power (CHP) for cogeneration.

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