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Legislative Day
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Welcome



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Today's Program

10:00 AM

Welcome and Overview

- Becky Gunn, AAWU
- Beverly Byrd, AAUW
- Betsy Flaten, AAUW

10:05 AM

Arizona Public Policy Intersections

- Ellie Perez, AEA

10:30 AM

What's Happening at the
Legislature Right Now?

- Jodi Liggett, ACWA
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11:00 AM

Headed for a Fiscal Cliff

- Jennifer Burns, CAA

11:30 AM

Media Matters

- Mary Jo Pitzl Az
Republic

12:00 PM

Lunch & Legislative Panel

1:00 PM

Group Photo Outside Capitol

1:15 PM

House & Senate Gallery
Introduction

2:00 PM

Event Concludes

Arizona Public Policy Intersections: Education, Immigration, Revenue & What's Next?



Ellie Pérez, the Political Director at Arizona Education Association. A DACA recipient, she emigrated to AZ with her mother at age 4. Ellie Pérez brings experience from previous roles at Greg Stanton for U.S. Congress, Kate Gallego for Phoenix Mayor, City of Phoenix Councilwoman & Vice Mayor Kate Gallego and UFCW Local 99. Ellie

Pérez holds a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Justice Studies at Arizona State University.

What's happening at the Legislature Right Now?

*24th Arizona Governor
Katie Hobbs - Democrat*

*57th Arizona Legislature: 2025-26
Republican Majority*

- **Senate:** 13 Dem - 17 GOP
- **House:** 27 Dem - 33 GOP





Undermining the Voters in Response to Prop 139

HCR 2058 *abortion; women's health; state interest*

Sponsor: Rep. Rachel Keshel LD17 (R)

- Ballot referral that would permit the government to deny, restrict, or interfere with an Arizonans' right to abortion care.

HCR 2025 *constitutional amendments; sixty percent vote*

Sponsor: Rep. Alexander Kolodin LD3 (R)

- Ballot referral that would increase the threshold to pass a constitutional amendment to 60%



Propping Up Coercive Anti-Abortion Groups

HB 2439 *Website information; pregnant women*

Sponsor: Rep. Rachel Keshel (R)

- Adds requirement that Medicaid display on their websites a prominent link directing individuals to information about agencies that do not refer for, perform, or provide abortion.

HB 2216 *pregnancy centers; grant program*

Sponsor: Rep. Walt Blackman (R)

- Establishes a grant program to fund unregulated anti-abortion centers that jeopardize individuals' safety and privacy while coercing individuals out of having abortions and using birth control.



Interfering with Access to Reproductive Healthcare

HB 2126 *medical records; parental rights*

Sponsor: Rep. Willoughby (R)

- Eliminates the current protection that lets minors keep certain health records private from their parents. This will lead to higher rates of untreated STIs, more unplanned pregnancies, and long-term health issues.

HB 2547 *Abortions; public funding; prohibition*

Sponsor: Rep. Lupe Diaz (R)

- Jeopardizes Arizona's hospitals and health care institutions by preventing any facility that accepts public funding such as Medicaid from performing or even referring patients for abortion care.



New Barriers to Abortion

HB2670 health education; fetal development instruction

Sponsor: Rep. Rachel Keshel (R)

- Requires health education in grades 7-8 to include fetal development, but exclude info about birth control, abortion, consent, STIs, etc.

HB 2681 Abortion-inducing drugs; requirements

Sponsor: Rep. Rachel Keshel (R)

- Imposes a raft of unconstitutional restrictions on medication abortion



Immigration

HB 2606 *Immigration; local border enforcement*

Sponsor: Rep. Nguyen (R)

- Money to DPS for local border enforcement

SB1164 *Immigration Laws; local Enforcement*

Sponsor: Sen Petersen (R)

- Encourages localities to enforce federal immigration law; forbids “sanctuary city” and other policies.

SB 1610 *County Detention facilities*

Sponsor: Sen Kavanagh (R)

- Requires Counties to cooperate with ICE

SB 1294 *ADOA Prison Lease*

Sponsor: Sen Kavanagh (R)

- Requires ADOA to lease Marana prison to feds

SB 1268 *Hospitals; Patient Immigration Status*

Sponsor: Sen Rogers (R)

- Requires Hospitals to report citizenship status



Education

SB 1321 *Schools; patriotic organization*

Sponsor: Sen. Rogers (R)

- Requires schools to host, on school time, “patriotic organizations, and distribute their materials.

SB1269 *Schools; chaplains*

Sponsor: Sen Rogers (R)

- Would allow public schools to have volunteer chaplains on campus blatant violation of establishment clause and freedom of religion.

SB1002 *Pronouns; biological sex; school policies*

Sponsor: Sen Kavanagh (R)

- Forces teachers to report kids who choose to use a different pronoun than their biological sex.

SB 1003 *Schools; chaplains*

Sponsor: Sen Kavanagh (R)

- Forces trans kids to use the bathroom for the gender listed on their birth certificate



LGBTQ+

HB 2438 *Birth Certificates; amendments; prohibition*

Sponsor: Rep. Keshel (R)

- Forbids trans individuals from amending their birth certificates, as currently permitted.

SB 1586 *Gender transition surgery; liability*

Sponsor: Sen Shamp (R)

- Creates legal liability for providers who provide gender transition surgery to those who later change their minds.

Heading for a Fiscal Cliff: Catastrophic Medicaid Cuts and Impacts



Jennifer J. Burns serves as Director of Government Relations & Health Policy for Children's Action Alliance. From 2003 to 2009, Burns served as a Republican Arizona State Representative, representing much of rural Southern Arizona. Subsequently, Jennifer worked in Government Relations with MHC Healthcare. She was honored to staff the Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's Civil Discourse & Civic Engagement project. Most recently, Jennifer served as the Senior Director of Government & Media Relations at the Arizona Alliance for Community Health Centers.

Media Matters: Journalism, Public Opinion, and Public Policy

Mary Jo Pitzl is a Senior Reporter with the Arizona Republic, covering the Arizona Capitol from the state Legislature to policy issues to political races and controversies. She is interested in state financial issues, elections and the child-welfare system. Side interest? Arizona history and oddities. She is a regular print news contributor,



and frequently appears on the PBS Horizon show, “Journalist’s Roundtable.” Pitzl has a degree in Journalism from the University of Nebraska.

Legislative Panel

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Welcome Arizona Lawmakers!

Group Photo & Floor Recognition

Thank you for coming!

