



What to Expect at the State Capitol in 2023

2023 Composition of Arizona Legislature

House of Representatives:

31 Republicans

29 Democrats

State Senate:

16 Republicans

14 Democrats



Legislative Leadership

Senate

- Speaker – Ben Toma
- Majority Leader – Leo Biasiucci
- Majority Whip – Teresa Martinez
- Minority Leader – Andres Cano
- Assistant Leader – Lupe Contreras
- Minority Whip – Melody Hernandez and Marcelino Quinonez

House

- Senate President – Warren Peterson*
- Majority Leader – Sonny Borrelli
- Majority Whip – Sine Kerr
- Minority Leader – Raquel Teran
- Assistant Leader – Mitzi Epstein
- Minority Whip – Rosanna Gaboldon

Revenue Surplus Slows But Continues

- \$2.5 billion in one-time revenues;
- \$140 million in ongoing revenues





Public schools face \$1.3 billion in cuts

- Two-thirds vote in each chamber is needed by March 1, 2023 to lift school spending limit and to avoid cuts this school year;
- Would negate \$800 million in new funding appropriated by legislature last session;
- A permanent fix to the constitutional school spending limit is needed.



Affordable Housing Crisis

- A recent study from the National Low Income Housing Coalition ranked Arizona among the 5 worst states for affordable housing.
- Only 26 available options for every 100 extremely low income households;
- Phoenix area led the US for rent increases with a 30% jump last year;
- State Housing Trust Fund has not had a dedicated funding source since 2008.



Pandemic Federal Resources are Going Away

- \$4.2 Billion – American Rescue Plan
- Resources go away after December 31, 2024
- \$1.3 Billion in Child Care Resources (\$88 million – CARES Act; \$248 million - CRRSA; \$968 million – ARPA)



Elections Matter

Lake Administration

- Elections/democracy;
- Immigration;
- More tax cuts;
- K-12 education mandates;
- Addressing homelessness

Hobbs Administration

- EITC and other tax breaks;
- Water;
- Affordable housing and homelessness;
- Early childhood education;
- Reproductive rights



Possible Governor-Elect Hobbs' Priorities

- EITC and other tax breaks;
- Water;
- Affordable housing and homelessness;
- Early childhood education;
- Reproductive rights



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Thank you!