

2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT CARD

Bill Summaries and Budget Commentary

+ = Alliance Supported Bills
- = Alliance Opposed Bills

SB 1223+ Burden of Proof; Emergency Treatment

Increases the burden of proof in emergency room medical malpractice civil actions (Passed – Chapter 230)

SB 1255+ Administrative Rules Oversight Committee

Retains the Administrative Rules Oversight Committee to oversee state agency rules (Vetoed)

SB 1260– Municipal Elections; Tax Incentives; Increases

Limits tax ballot questions to specified election dates (Failed)

SB 1410+ Corporations and LLCs

Streamlines statutes for various corporation filings (Passed – Chapter 314)

SB 1420+ Toll Roads; Public Highway Authority

Allows for public/private partnerships for Arizona roadways (Failed)

SB 1465+ Transportation; Innovative Partnerships Program

Requires ADOT to enter into public/private partnerships for transportation projects (Failed)

SB 1498+ Public-Private Partnerships in Transportation

Allows ADOT to enter into public/private partnerships for transportation projects (Failed)

HB 2017+ Greenhouse Emissions; Regulations; Fuel Economy

Prohibits state agencies from regulating greenhouse gases without expressed legislative authorization (Vetoed)

HB 2066– Sign Walkers; Municipal Regulation

Requires municipalities to allow the posting, display, and use of sign walkers (Passed – Chapter 5)

HB 2092– Transportation Plans; Ballot Format

Delineates transportation modes on ballot questions (Failed)

HB 2094+ Highway Project Advancement Notes

Allows for highway project advancement notes (Passed – Chapter 299)

HB 2104+ Internal Revenue Code Conformity

Conforms Arizona tax statutes to the Internal Revenue Code (Passed – Chapter 94)

HB 2220+ State Equalization Property Tax Repeal

Eliminates the state equalization property tax rate (Vetoed)

HB 2235+ Administrative Rules Oversight Committee

Retains the Administrative Rules Oversight Committee to oversee state agency rules (Vetoed)

HB 2288+ Initiative and Referendum Amendments

Outlaws deceptive solicitation of initiative petition signatures (Passed – Chapter 244)

HB 2371+ Critical Infrastructure; Pipelines; Review

Requires reporting on the security of critical fuel infrastructure (Passed – Chapter 262)

HB 2653+ Tax Credit; Research and Development

Increases the research and development tax credit (Failed – Issue included in Budget)

HB 2745+ Employer Sanctions

Makes various changes to the Legal Arizona Workers Act (Passed – Chapter 152)

HB 2766– Omnibus Energy Act of 2008

Makes numerous changes and additions to statute relating to renewable energy (Failed)

HB 2828+ Workers' Compensation; Claims

Clarifies the timeframe and circumstances for reopening claims in workers' compensation cases (Passed – Chapter 169)

HB 2829+ Workers' Compensation; Employee Misconduct

Terminates partial disability benefits in circumstances of employee misconduct (Failed)

HCM 2013+ Arizona Temporary Worker Program; Memorial

Urges Congress to adopt an Arizona Temporary Worker Program (Failed)

HCR 2044+ Voter Protection; Temporary Budgetary Suspension

In a budget deficit, grants the Legislature authority to appropriate or divert voter-protected funds (Failed)

HCR 2072+ Repeal of the State Equalization Property Tax

Allows voters to repeal the state equalization property tax (Failed)

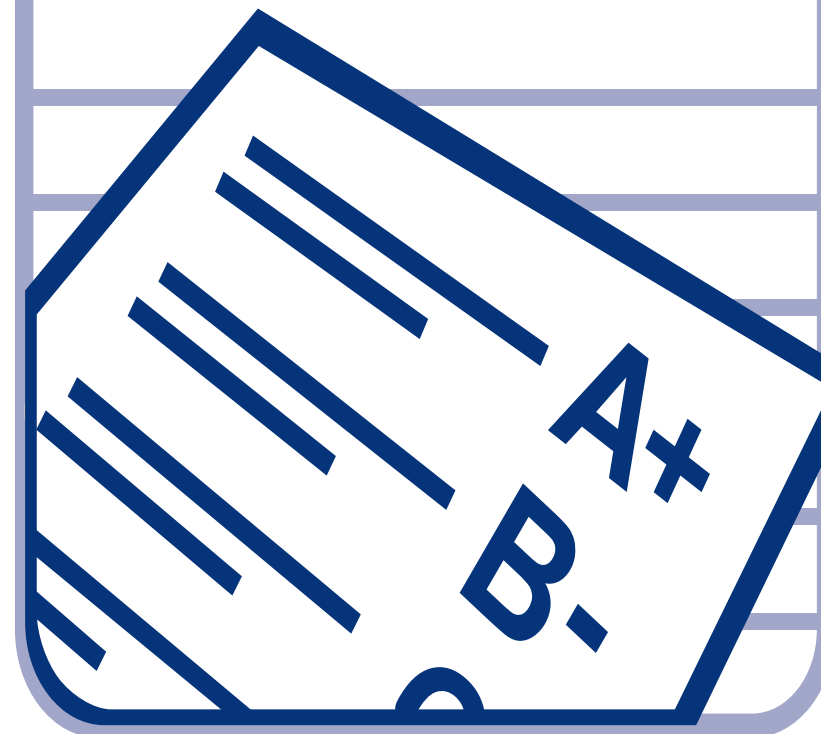
Session Commentary

The Second Regular Session of the Forty-Eighth Legislature was difficult due to challenging economic times. While passage of the R&D Tax Credit was positive, failure to pass a guest worker program and vetoes of bills that would eliminate the Equalization Property Tax left the East Valley business community deeply disappointed with the results of the session. The depletion of the Budget Stabilization Fund, use of K-12 rollovers, bonding for school construction, passage of a budget based on 4% economic growth and use of significant fund sweeps creates a fiscal year 2010 budget challenge the likes of which Arizona has never experienced. We hope lawmakers will use fiscal restraint as they engage in budget discussions next year.

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EAST VALLEY CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE ALLIANCE 2008 LEGISLATIVE REPORT CARD

Legislation listed in this report card most accurately represents the positions of the Alliance that were communicated to the East Valley lawmakers throughout the 2008 Regular Session. Bills listed in blue indicate Alliance priority issues. Please see the back cover for a brief description of each bill.

+ = Alliance Supported Bills - = Alliance Opposed Bills	PRIORITY BILLS							SB 1255 + administrative rules oversight committee	SB 1260 - municipal elections; tax incentives; increases	SB 1410 + corporations and LLCs	HB 2017 + greenhouse emissions; regulations; fuel economy	HB 2066 - sign walkers; municipal regulation	HB 2092 - transportation plans; ballot format	HB 2094 + highway project advancement notes	HB 2104 + internal revenue code conformity	HB 2235 + administrative rules oversight committee	HB 2371 + critical infrastructure; pipelines; review	HB 2653 + tax credit; research and development	HB 2766 - omnibus energy act of 2008	HB 2828 + workers' compensation; claims	HB 2829 + workers' compensation; employee misconduct	HCM 2013 + Arizona temporary worker program; memorial	HCR 2044 + voter-protection; temporary budgetary suspension	HCR 2072 + repeal of the state equalization property tax	% Agree with Alliance
	SB 1223 + burden of proof; emergency treatment	SB 1420 + toll roads; public highway authorities	SB 1465 + transportation; innovative partnerships program	SB 1498 + public-private partnerships in transportation	HB 2220 + state equalization property tax repeal	HB 2288 + initiative and referendum amendments	HB 2745 + employer sanctions																		
SENATORS																									
Allen (R-District 8)	A	A	A	D	D	A	A	NV	NV	A	NV	D	*	A	A	A	A	*	*	A	*	*	*	*	65%
Burton-Cahill (D-District 17)	A	A	D	D	D	D	D	D	A	A	D	A	*	A	A	D	A	*	*	D	*	*	*	*	47%
Gray (R-District 19)	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	D	A	A	D	*	A	A	A	A	*	*	A	*	*	*	*	88%
Huppenthal (R-District 20)	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	D	A	A	D	*	A	A	D	A	*	*	A	*	*	*	*	82%
Johnson (R-District 18)	D	D	D	D	A	A	A	A	D	NV	A	D	*	NV	A	D	A	*	*	A	*	*	*	*	47%
Rios, R. (D-District 23)	D	D	D	D	D	A	A	NV	NV	A	D	D	*	A	A	D	A	*	*	A	*	*	*	*	41%
Tibshraeny (R-District 21)	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	D	A	A	D	*	A	A	A	A	*	*	A	*	*	*	*	88%
Verschoor (R-District 22)	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	D	A	A	D	*	A	A	A	A	*	*	A	*	*	*	*	88%
REPRESENTATIVES																									
Ableser (D - District 17)	*	*	*	*	D	A	A	D	*	A	D	D	A	A	A	D	A	A	D	A	D	A	D	D	53%
Adams (R - District 19)	*	*	*	*	A	A	A	A	*	A	A	D	D	A	A	A	A	A	D	NV	A	A	A	A	79%
Anderson (R - District 18)	*	*	*	*	A	A	A	A	*	A	A	D	D	A	A	A	A	A	D	A	A	A	A	A	84%
Biggs (R - District 22)	*	*	*	*	A	A	A	A	*	NV	A	D	D	A	A	D	A	D	A	A	A	D	A	A	68%
Crandall (R - District 19)	*	*	*	*	A	A	A	A	*	A	A	D	D	A	A	A	A	A	NV	NV	A	A	A	A	79%
Farnsworth (R - District 22)	*	*	*	*	A	A	A	A	*	A	A	D	D	A	A	D	A	D	A	A	A	D	A	A	74%
Kavanagh (R - District 8)	*	*	*	*	A	A	A	A	*	A	A	A	D	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	D	A	A	89%
McComish (R - District 20)	*	*	*	*	A	A	A	A	*	A	A	D	D	A	A	A	A	A	D	A	A	A	A	A	84%
McGuire (D - District 23)	*	*	*	*	D	A	A	D	*	A	NV	D	A	A	A	D	A	A	D	A	D	D	A	D	53%
Nichols (R - District 21)	*	*	*	*	A	A	A	A	*	A	A	D	D	A	A	D	A	A	A	A	A	D	A	A	79%
Pearce (R - District 18)	*	*	*	*	A	A	A	A	*	A	A	D	D	A	A	A	A	D	A	A	A	D	A	A	79%
Reagan (R - District 8)	*	*	*	*	A	A	A	A	*	A	A	A	D	A	A	A	A	A	D	A	A	A	A	A	89%
Rios, P (D - District 23)	*	*	*	*	D	A	NV	D	*	A	A	D	A	A	A	D	A	D	D	NV	NV	A	D	D	42%
Robson (R - District 20)	*	*	*	*	A	A	A	A	*	A	A	D	D	A	A	A	A	A	D	A	A	A	A	A	84%
Schapira (D - District 17)	*	*	*	*	D	A	A	NV	*	A	D	D	A	A	A	A	A	A	D	A	D	A	D	D	58%
Yarbrough (R - District 21)	*	*	*	*	A	A	A	A	*	A	A	D	D	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	D	A	A	84%

A = Agree D = Disagree NV = Not Voting EXC = Excused * = No Opportunity to Vote

Percentages are based on the number of times a legislator agreed with the Alliance on specific issues divided by the number of times he or she had the opportunity to cast a final floor vote. An indication of not voting is counted as a position in disagreement.

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT KEY – District 8 – Scottsdale; District 17 – South Scottsdale, Tempe; District 18 – West Mesa; District 19 – East Mesa; District 20 Ahwatukee, West Chandler, South Tempe; District 21 – East Chandler, Queen Creek; District 22 – Gilbert, Apache Junction, South Mesa; District 23 – Apache Junction, Queen Creek