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Legislative wrap-up 2020

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HOW ARE WE DOING?

As with most years, we achieved a mix of results in 2020 working within a highly partisan legislature controlled by religious conservatives. However, we continue an upward trend in growing our influence at the Capitol. Most notably, we had our first success in defeating major extremist bills before they could be heard. Strategizing with a coalition of partnered organizations before session, we were successful in bringing forceful enough public pressure against Senate leaders to compel them to remove a high-profile religiously motivated sex un-education bill (S1082) from committee. We also helped bring national attention to an extreme Christian Nationalist bill targeting transgender youth in school sports (H2706).

The COVID-19 crisis forced the early closure of the Legislature, a move which Secular AZ supported. The early closure of the Legislature meant the final closure of bills which had already been slowed or presumed "dead," thanks to the work of Secular AZ and our coalition partners.

What's next?

With the **Secular Scorecard**, we present you your lawmakers' scores, but the rest is up to you. Arizona's Legislature works best when voters hold their legislators accountable, so please take a moment to tell your officials how you feel about their records. More importantly, please organize to hold these lawmakers accountable at the ballot box during the 2020 elections. **Secular Arizonans are strongly poised to make major progress once the makeup of the Legislature changes, and this is a goal increasingly within our grasp.**

LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD OVERVIEW

What is the scorecard?

After each legislative session, Secular AZ publishes a Secular Scorecard to highlight Arizona state legislators' records on issues of separation of church and state. Our objective with the Scorecard is to analyze lawmakers' actions overall at the Capitol so you can see which legislators are best (and least) upholding the Constitutional principles of secular government. We also wish to illustrate our work at the Capitol so you may see how your support for our organization is continuing to grow the secular movement in Arizona, and how it influences what legislation gets passed.

What were our 2020 priorities?

Major priorities this session included protecting the public education system from religious influence, pushing back against Christian Nationalist bills impacting sex education and LGBTQ+ rights, and expansion of the state's school voucher program (which funnels taxpayer dollars to religious schools). We also supported human rights causes impacted by religious issues, including a woman's right to bodily autonomy, end of life options for terminally ill patients, statewide nondiscrimination for LGBTQ, and a patient's right to know about religious refusal policies.

The issues identified in this report are those in our mission statement, and those identified by constituents during our annual Secular Summit in December (open to all members).

How are lawmakers scored?

Only a small number of secular-related bills make it to a full floor vote, so our Secular Scorecard evaluates lawmakers using a point system taking into account:

- Floor votes (1 point each +/-)
- Committee votes (1 point each +/-)
- Assignment of bills to committee by the House Speaker and Senate President (1 point +/-)
- Scheduling of bills for hearing by committee chairs (1 point +/-)
- Bill sponsorship (2 points for each bill introduced; 1 point for each bill co-sponsored)
- Secular invocations delivered (1 point each)
- Attendance in our Secular Studies educational program (1 point each meeting)
- Other special actions as indicated

What are some caveats?

Please note this scorecard is limited in its ability to provide a perfectly level playing field for every lawmaker, as only a few secular-related bills make it to committee and even fewer to a full floor vote. Only a handful of legislators participate in or chair committees. Further, many decisions are made "behind-the-scenes" that determine which legislation will be considered in the first place. However, we feel the results will still give you a useful and accurate tool for determining who your strongest allies and opponents are in the current Legislature.

Details about each bill we followed and other criteria used for scoring can be found in the bill details section following the scorecard. These details will also tell the story of our work overall at the Capitol in 2020.

ABOUT SECULAR INVOCATIONS

Every year, Secular AZ monitors the prayers given by legislators at the start of every floor session, and attempts to facilitate secular invocations whenever possible in lieu of a religious prayer.

This year, 16 of the 78 prayers observed were secular in nature, including the first-ever secular invocation delivered during the Capitol's Opening Day ceremony. (Those who delivered secular invocations have been recognized accordingly in the Secular Scorecard.)

Discrimination issue

Secular invocations– especially those delivered by atheists– have often resulted in controversy as religious lawmakers attempt to censure their nonreligious colleagues for not invoking a deity, offer retaliatory religious prayers, or deny nonreligious lawmakers their right to an invocation altogether.

While overall controversy surrounding floor prayers was low compared to previous years, 2020 did see one episode of anti-atheist discrimination in the Senate.

On February 24th, Sen. Juan Mendez (LD-26) was scheduled to deliver a nontheistic invocation in recognition of the 100+ Arizonans who had traveled from across the state to attend Secular Day at the Capitol. Instead of Sen. Mendez's planned invocation, however, dozens of constituents in the Senate gallery were shocked to hear President Fann grant the invocation privilege to frequent opponent of secular government Sen. JD Mesnard (LD-17), who offered a religious Christian prayer. (Senator Mesnard is notable for being aligned with religious hate group Alliance Defending Freedom, having served as Regional Director for their Church Alliance.)

The exact intentions of this decision remain unclear, as President Fann insists the switch was a mistake. Nevertheless, President Fann showed disregard for the nonreligious community by declining several requests made in good faith to meet with Senator Mendez, who sought to discuss the ongoing issue of religious discrimination at the Capitol and seek solutions.

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2020 House

1 = H2706: INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS; BIOLOGICAL SEX - *transgender athletes*
2 = S1224: EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS; REVISIONS - *ESA expansion*
3 = H2051: INFORMED CONSENT; PELVIC EXAMINATIONS - *women's privacy protection*
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5 = H2388: APPROPRIATIONS; DIRECT SERVICES; REFERRALS - *funding fake health clinics & advertising*

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Lawmaker	Dist	Party	1	2	3	4	5	P.	C.	Cal.	Inv.	SS	Other	SCORE
SALMAN	26	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	6	22	-	1	6	-	39
POWERS HANNLEY	9	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	8	15	-	1	-	-	29
FRIESE	9	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	8	10	-	-	2	-	24
FERNANDEZ	4	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	2	12	-	1	3	-	22
TERAN	30	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	0	14	-	1	1	-	20
BLANC	26	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	4	10	-	1	-	-	19
HERNANDEZ D	2	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	4	6	-	-	-	5*	19
ENGEL	10	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	2	8	-	1	3	-	18
GABALDÓN	2	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	4	9	-	-	1	-	18
TELLER	7	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	0	12	-	2	-	-	18
CANO	3	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	0	13	-	-	-	-	17
LONGDON	24	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	0	13	-	-	-	-	17
RODRIGUEZ	27	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	0	13	-	-	-	-	17
JERMAINE	18	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	2	9	-	1	-	-	16
ANDRADE	29	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	0	10	-	-	-	-	14
BOLDING	27	D	✓	-	✓	✓	-	0	10	-	-	1	-	14
CHAVEZ	29	D	✓	-	✓	✓	-	2	9	-	-	-	-	14
HERNANDEZ A	3	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	2	7	-	-	-	-	14
BUTLER	28	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	2	6	-	-	-	-	13
ESPINOZA	19	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	0	9	-	-	-	-	13
PETEN	4	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	0	8	-	1	-	-	13
EPSTEIN	18	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	0	8	-	-	-	-	12
DEGRAZIA	10	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	0	7	-	-	-	-	11
SHAH	24	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	2	4	-	-	-	-	11
CAMPBELL	1	R	⊘	⊘	✓	✓	-	0	-1	-	-	7	-	10
LIEBERMAN	28	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	0	4	-	-	2	-	10
MEZA	30	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	0	6	-	-	-	-	10
SIERRA	19	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	0	6	-	-	-	-	10
PAWLIK	17	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	0	5	-	-	-	-	9
TSOSIE	7	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	0	4	-	-	-	-	8

*5 extra points awarded to Rep. Daniel Hernandez for leading coalition to protect sex education

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COOK	8 R	⊘	⊘	✓	✓	-	0	2	-	-	-	-	6
KERN	20 R	⊘	⊘	✓	✓	-	0	2	-	-	-	-	6
TOWNSEND	16 R	⊘	⊘	✓	✓	-	0	1	-	-	-	-	5
ALLEN J	15 R	⊘	⊘	✓	✓	⊘	0	-1	-	-	-	-	4
GRANTHAM	12 R	⊘	⊘	✓	✓	-	0	0	-	-	-	-	4
NUTT	14 R	⊘	⊘	✓	✓	⊘	0	-1	-	-	-	-	4
SHOPE	8 R	⊘	⊘	✓	✓	-	0	0	-	-	-	-	4
UDALL	25 R	⊘	⊘	✓	✓	-	-2	-1	3	-	-	-	4
WENINGER	17 R	⊘	⊘	✓	✓	-	0	0	-	-	-	-	4
BARTO	15 R	⊘	⊘	✓	✓	⊘	0	-1	-1	-	-	-	3
GRIFFIN	14 R	⊘	⊘	✓	✓	⊘	0	-2	-	-	-	-	3
PIERCE	1 R	⊘	⊘	✓	✓	-	0	-1	-	-	-	-	3
RIVERO	21 R	⊘	⊘	✓	✓	-	0	-1	-	-	-	-	3
BIASIUCCI	5 R	⊘	⊘	✓	✓	-	0	-2	-	-	-	-	2
DUNN	13 R	⊘	⊘	✓	✓	-	0	-2	-	-	-	-	2
FINCHEM	11 R	⊘	⊘	✓	✓	-	0	-2	-	-	-	-	2
KAVANAGH	23 R	⊘	⊘	✓		-	0	-1	-	-	-	-	2
LAWRENCE	23 R	⊘	⊘	✓	✓	⊘	0	-3	-	-	-	-	2
PETERSEN	12 R	⊘	⊘	✓	✓	-	0	-2	-	-	-	-	2
ROBERTS	11 R	⊘	⊘	✓	✓	-	0	-2	-	-	-	-	2
THORPE	6 R	⊘	⊘	✓	✓	-	0	-2	-	-	-	-	2
COBB	5 R	⊘	⊘	✓	✓	-	0	-3	-	-	-	-	1
OSBORNE	13 R	⊘	⊘	✓	✓	-	0	-3	-	-	-	-	1
PAYNE	21 R	⊘	⊘	✓	✓	-	0	-3	-	-	-	-	1
TOMA	22 R	⊘	⊘	✓	✓	-	0	-3	-	-	-	-	1
BOLICK	20 R	⊘	⊘	✓	✓	-	0	-4	-	-	-	-	0
CARROLL	22 R	⊘	⊘	✓	✓	-	-2	-2	-	-	-	-	0
BLACKMAN	6 R	⊘	⊘	✓	✓	-	-2	-4	-	-	-	-	-2
FILLMORE	16 R	⊘	⊘	✓	✓	-	-12	-2	-	-	-	-	-10
BOWERS (Speaker)	25 R	⊘	⊘	✓	✓	-	0	0	-16	-	-	-	-12

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2020 SENATE

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2 = S1493: PHARMACISTS; DISPENSING AUTHORITY; HORMONAL CONTRACEPTIVES
3 = SCR1029: ABORTION DATA; SURVIVORS ACT; SUPPORTING - *"Born Alive Survivors..." Act*
4 = S1328: APPROPRIATIONS; DIRECT SERVICES; REFERRALS - *funding fake health clinics and advertising*

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STEELE	9	D	✓	-	-	-	12	8	-	1	-	5*	27
QUEZADA	29	D	✓	-	-	-	0	16	-	1	6	-	24
DALESSANDRO	2	D	✓	✓	✓	-	2	12	-	1	5	-	23
RIOS	27	D	✓	✓	✓	-	0	13	-	-	7	-	23
GONZALES	3	D	✓	✓	✓	-	0	12	-	-	2	-	17
ALSTON	24	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	2	10	-	-	-	-	16
OTONDO	4	D	✓	✓	-	✓	0	10	-	-	1	-	14
BOWIE	18	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	4	5	-	-	-	-	13
BRADLEY	10	D	✓	✓	✓	-	0	6	-	1	3	-	13
PESHLAKAI	7	D	✓	✓	✓	-	0	6	-	1	2	-	12
NAVARRETE	30	D	✓	✓	✓	-	0	6	-	-	-	-	9
BROPHY MCGEE	28	R	⊘	✓	⊘	-	2	0	-	1	-	-	6
FANN (President)	1	R	⊘	✓	⊘	-	-2	-1	7	-1**	-	-	6
CARTER	15	R	✓	✓	⊘	✓	0	0	-	-	-	-	4
UGENTI-RITA	23	R	⊘	✓	⊘	⊘	2	-2	-	-	-	-	4
CONTRERAS	19	D	✓	-	-	-	0	2	-	-	-	-	3
MESNARD	17	R	⊘	✓	⊘	-	2	-2	-	-	-	-	3
PACE	25	R	⊘	✓	⊘	-	0	-1	-	-	1	-	3
KERR	13	R	⊘	✓	⊘	⊘	-2	0	-	-	-	-	2
PRATT	8	R	⊘	✓	⊘	-	0	-1	-	-	-	-	2
LEACH	11	R	⊘	✓	⊘	⊘	0	-2	-	-	-	-	2
BORRELLI	5	R	⊘	✓	⊘	-	0	-2	-	-	-	-	1
FARNSWORTH D.	16	R	⊘	✓	⊘	-	0	-2	-	-	-	-	1
LIVINGSTON	22	R	⊘	✓	⊘	⊘	0	-1	-2	-	-	-	1
BOYER	20	R	⊘	✓	⊘	-	0	-2	-	-	-	-	1
GOWAN	14	R	⊘	✓	⊘	⊘	0	-2	-1	-	-	-	1
GRAY	21	R	⊘	✓	⊘	-	-2	-1	-	-	-	-	0
ALLEN S	6	R	⊘	✓	⊘	-	-4	-1	-4	-	-	-	-6
FARNSWORTH E.	12	R	⊘	-	-	-	0	-1	-12	-	-	-	-12

*5 points awarded Sen. Steele for participation in coalition to protect sex education
**1 point subtracted from President Fann for blocking a secular invocation

Bill Details:

Bills Receiving a Floor Vote

H2706: INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS; BIOLOGICAL SEX

Our position: Opposed

Disposition: Passed House; dead in Senate (no hearings)

Actions taken:

- Testified in committee
- Directly lobbied key lawmakers
- Request to Speak
- Mobilized grassroots opposition from Secular Supporters

A key issue for Secular AZ in 2020.

With apparent connections to several similar bills being pushed nationwide in recent years by Christian Nationalists, HB2706 sought to prevent transgender girls from participating on intramural or interscholastic sports as a member of a team consistent with their gender identity. The invasive bill would have required any athlete accused of not being "biologically female" to "prove" their gender with an affidavit from a physician, at that athlete's expense. No burden of proof was to be placed on a prospective accuser, essentially opening up the law to be used as a retaliatory or bullying tool against any female athlete. H2706 would also have opened schools up to lawsuits from anyone claiming harm from the presence of a "biological male" discovered on a girl's team. Secular AZ fought vigorously against H2706 from the very moment it was discovered. Secular AZ representatives played a leadership role strategizing with a coalition of partners and lawmakers opposed to the bill, mobilizing public pressure against it at the Capitol and communicating the bill's hateful purpose to the press. H2706 subsequently garnered sizeable attention from national media and political figures. H2706 was the subject of several lengthy and contentious partisan hearings. **Thanks to public outcry and the lobbying efforts of our coalition and others, H2706 saw its prospects in the Senate diminish before ultimately being shelved by the COVID-19 crisis.**

Sponsor: Rep. Barto (R-15)

Co-sponsors: Rep. Biasiucci (R-5), Rep. Blackman (R-6), Rep. Bolick (R-20), Rep. Cobb (R-5), Rep. Dunn (R-13), Rep. Fillmore (R-16), Rep. Finchem (R-11), Rep. Grantham (R-12), Rep. Griffin (R-14), Rep. Kavanagh (R-23), Rep. Lawrence (R-23), Rep. Nutt (R-14), Rep. Osborne (R 13), Rep. Payne (R-21), Rep. Petersen (R-12), Rep. Pierce (R-1), Rep. Rivero (R-21), Rep. Roberts (R-11), Rep. Thorpe (R-6), Rep. Toma (R-22), Rep. Townsend (R-16), Rep. Weninger (R-17)

S1224: EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS; REVISIONS

Our position: Opposed

Disposition: Passed. Signed into law by Gov. Ducey.

Actions taken:

- Request to Speak
- Mobilized grassroots opposition from Secular Supporters
- Testified in committee
- Direct lobbying of key officials

Expanded the state's school voucher program to allow for qualified students near a state border to use vouchers at a religious school the next state over. Also made numerous other changes to the administration and oversight of the voucher program.

Sponsor: Sen. S. Allen (R-6)

SCR1029: ABORTION DATA; SURVIVORS ACT; SUPPORTING

Our position: Opposed

Disposition: Dead in House; passed Senate 16-9-5

Actions taken:

- Request to Speak
- Mobilized grassroots opposition from Secular Supporters
- Testified in committee
- Direct lobbying of key officials

A resolution supporting the enactment of a Federal "Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act."

Sponsor: Sen. Kerr (R-13)

Co-sponsors: Sen. S. Allen (R-6), Sen. Borrelli (R-5), Sen. Boyer (R-20), Sen. Brophy McGee (R-28), Sen. Carter (R-15), Sen. Fann (R-1), Sen. D. Farnsworth (R-16), Sen. E. Farnsworth (R 12), Sen. Gowan (R-14), Sen. Gray (R-21), Sen. Leach (R-11), Sen. Livingston (R-22), Sen. Mesnard (R-17), Sen. Pace (R-25), Sen. Pratt (R-8), Sen. Ugenti-Rita (R-23)

H2682: SCHOOLS; INSTRUCTION; HOLOCAUST; GENOCIDES

Our position: Support

Disposition: Dead in Senate; passed House

Actions taken:

- Request to Speak
- Monitored

Would have made the State Board of Education include a requirement that students be taught about the Holocaust and other genocides at least twice between the 7th and 12th grades.

Sponsor: Rep. A. Hernandez (D-3)

Co-sponsors: Rep. J. Allen (R-15), Sen. S. Allen (R-6), Sen. Alston (D-24), Rep. Biasiucci (R-5), Rep. Blackman (R-6), Rep. Blanc (D-26), Rep. Bolding (D-27), Rep. Bolick (R-20), Sen. Borrelli (R-5), Rep. Bowers (R-25), Sen. Bowie (D-18), Sen. Boyer (R-20), Sen. Brophy McGee (R-28), Rep. Campbell (R-1), Rep. Cano (D-3), Rep. Carroll (R-22), Sen. Carter (R 15), Rep. Chavez (D-29), Rep. Cobb (R-5), Rep. Cook (R-8), Sen. Dalessandro (D-2), Rep. DeGrazia (D-10), Rep. Dunn (R-13), Rep. Engel (D-10), Rep. Epstein (D-18), Rep. Espinoza (D-19), Sen. Fann (R-1), Sen. D. Farnsworth (R-16), Rep. Fernandez (D-4), Rep. Fillmore (R-16), Rep. Finchem (R-11), Rep. Friese (D-9), Rep. Gabaldon (D-2), Sen. Gonzales (D-3), Sen. Gowan (R-14), Rep. Grantham (R-12), Sen. Gray (R-21), Rep. Griffin (R-14), Rep. D. Hernandez (D-2), Rep. Jermaine (D-18), Rep. Kavanagh (R-23), Rep. Kern (R-20), Sen. Kerr (R-13), Rep. Lawrence (R-23), Sen. Leach (R-11), Rep. Lieberman (D-28), Sen. Livingston (R-22), Rep. Longdon (D-24), Sen. Mendez (D-26), Sen. Mesnard (R-17), Rep. Meza (D-30), Rep. Nutt (R-14), Rep. Osborne (R-13), Sen. Otondo (D-4), Sen. Pace (R 25), Rep. Pawlik (D-17), Rep. Payne (R-21), Rep. Peten (D-4), Rep. Pierce (R-1), Rep. Powers Hannley (D-9), Sen. Pratt (R-8), Sen. Quezada (D-29), Rep. Rivero (R-21), Rep. Roberts (R-11), Rep. Rodriguez (D-27), Rep. Salman (D-26), Rep. Shah (D-24), Rep. Shope (R-8), Rep. Sierra (D-19), Sen. Steele (D-9), Rep. Teller (D-7), Rep. Terán (D-30), Rep. Thorpe (R-6), Rep. Toma (R-22), Rep. Townsend (R-16), Rep. Tsosie (D-7), Rep. Udall (R-25), Rep. Weninger (R-17)

H2051: INFORMED CONSENT; PELVIC EXAMINATIONS

Our position: Support

Disposition: Dead in Senate; passed House unanimously.

Actions taken:

- Request to Speak
- Monitored

Would have made it an act of unprofessional conduct for a medical professional to perform a pelvic exam on an anesthetized or unconscious patient without patient's consent.

Sponsor: Rep. Barto (R-15)
Co-sponsors: Rep. Carroll (R-22)

S1493: PHARMACISTS; DISPENSING AUTHORITY; HORMONAL CONTRACEPTIVES

Our position: Support

Disposition: Passed Senate 26-0; not assigned to House committee

Actions taken:

- Request to Speak
- Monitored

Would have allowed pharmacists to dispense hormonal contraceptives to adult patients pursuant to a standing prescription drug order from a licensed prescriber.

Sponsor: Sen. Ugenti-Rita (R-23)
Co-sponsors: Sen. Bradley (D-10), Sen. Brophy McGee (R-28), Rep. Butler (D-28), Sen. Carter (R-15), Rep. Cook (R-8), Rep. Grantham (R-12), Sen. Kerr (R-13), Sen. Livingston (R-22), Sen. Pace (R-25), Rep. Payne (R-21), Sen. Pratt (R-8), Rep. Shope (R-8), Sen. Steele (D-9), Rep. Thorpe (R-6), Rep. Toma (R-22), Rep. Townsend (R-16), Rep. Udall (R-25)

Bills Stopped In Committee

S1082: SEX EDUCATION; SCHOOLS

Our position: Opposed

Disposition: Dead. Removed from committee agenda.

Actions Taken:

- Request to Speak
- Secular AZ organized and led coalition of allies
- Press conference, earned media
- Direct lobbying of key officials
- Mobilized grassroots opposition from Secular Supporters

A key Secular AZ issue in 2020.

Would have made numerous changes to statute:

- Requiring an emphasis on abstinence-only sex education
- Making sex education exclusively "opt-in" with parental permission slip
- Requiring schools post all sex education materials for public comment (a tactic used to dissuade schools from setting their own curricula on the subject)
- Prohibiting the so-called "normalization" of sexual conduct between minors
- Prohibiting teaching about LGBTQ+ subjects as part of the class (later amended out of the bill following public protest)

Secular AZ opposed this bill vigorously since discovering Senator Allen's intention to introduce it. Secular AZ activists took a leadership role in organizing a large coalition of partners to protect sex education in Arizona, garnering statewide media and amassing a large number of constituents who urged Senate leaders not to hear the bill. Supporters included an impressive number of medical professionals, educators, human rights activists, child protection professionals, policymakers, students, and parents. The bill was assigned to committee by President Fann at the start of session, but quickly yanked as public opposition mounted. Secular AZ is proud to have played a sizeable part in preventing this destructive measure from gaining momentum early in the session.

Sponsor: Sen. S. Allen (R-6)

S1328 & HB2388: APPROPRIATIONS; DIRECT SERVICES; REFERRALS

Our position: Opposed

Disposition: Dead; made it through committee but never to the floor.

Actions Taken:

- Request to Speak
- Testified in committee
- Strategy with coalition of allies
- Mobilized grassroots opposition from Secular Supporters

A key Secular AZ issue in 2020.

These mirror bills would have:

- Appropriated $3 million to a nonprofit which uses deceptive marketing and geotargeting techniques to funnel women seeking pregnancy options into religious faux healthcare centers.
- Tethered money for the state's 211 public information system to prohibitions on providing information regarding abortion or referring people to organizations that provide abortions (i.e. Planned Parenthood).

Senate Sponsor: Sen. Gray (R-21)

House Sponsor: Rep. Udall (R-25)

Senate Co-sponsors: Rep. J. Allen (R-15), Sen. S. Allen (R-6), Rep. Blackman (R-6), Rep. Bolick (R-20), Sen. Borrelli (R-5), Rep. Bowers (R-25), Sen. Boyer (R-20), Rep. Carroll (R-22), Sen. Fann (R-1), Sen. D. Farnsworth (R-16), Sen. Gowan (R-14), Rep. Griffin (R-14), Sen. Kerr (R-13), Rep. Lawrence (R-23), Sen. Leach (R-11), Sen. Livingston (R-22), Sen. Mesnard (R-17), Sen. Pace (R-25), Rep. Payne (R-21), Sen. Pratt (R-8), Rep. Toma (R-22), Rep. Udall (R 25)

House Co-sponsors: Rep. Barto (R-15), Rep. Campbell (R-1), Rep. Carroll (R-22), Rep. Cobb (R-5), Rep. Dunn (R-13), Rep. Finchem (R-11), Rep. Osborne (R-13), Rep. Payne (R-21), Rep. Roberts (R-11)

S1143: ANTI-SEMITISM; CRIME REPORTING; AGGRAVATING FACTOR*

Our position: Opposed

Disposition: Passed Senate TPS Committee 7-1; held (no floor hearing)

Actions Taken:

- Monitored
- Informational emails

Would have required Department of Public Safety to collect information concerning criminal offenses that manifest evidence of "anti-semitism."

**Secular AZ opposed this bill based on its overly-broad definition of anti-semitism, which potentially extended to speech criticizing the Israeli government and its blasphemy laws. However, this bill was not counted when calculating the Secular Scorecard, as its exact implications became known late in the bill's process.*

Sponsor: Sen. Fann (R-1)

Co-sponsors: Sen. S. Allen (R-6), Sen. Alston (D-24), Rep. Blackman (R-6), Rep. Bolick (R-20), Sen. Borrelli (R-5), Sen. Bowie (D-18), Sen. Boyer (R-20), Sen. Bradley (D-10), Sen. Brophy McGee (R-28), Sen. Carter (R-15), Rep. Cobb (R-5), Sen. Contreras (D-19), Sen. D. Farnsworth (R-16), Rep. Fillmore (R-16), Sen. Gowan (R-14), Sen. Gray (R-21), Rep. A. Hernandez (D-3), Rep. D. Hernandez (D-2), Sen. Kerr (R-13), Sen. Leach (R-11), Sen. Livingston (R-22), Sen. Mesnard (R-17), Sen. Navarrete (D-30), Rep. Osborne (R-13), Sen. Pace (R-25), Rep. Pierce (R-1), Sen. Pratt (R-8), Sen. Rios (D-27), Rep. Shope (R-8), Rep. Thorpe (R-6), Rep. Toma (R-22), Rep. Udall (R-25), Sen. Ugenti-Rita (R-23)

H2050: SCHOOLS; IMMUNIZATIONS; PARENTAL CONTROL

Our position: Opposed

Disposition: Assigned to House Education and HHS; no hearing.

Exempted parents from requirements to submit vaccination records to schools.

Sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R-16)

H2486: IMMUNIZATIONS; REQUIREMENTS; EXEMPTION

Our position: Opposed

Disposition: Assigned to House HHS but not heard.

Exemptions from vaccine requirements for school, employment, licensing, and certifications.

Sponsor: Rep. Carroll (R-22)
Co-sponsors: Rep. Blackman (R-6), Rep. Bolick (R-20), Rep. Fillmore (R-16), Rep. Lawrence (R-23), Rep. Payne (R-21), Rep. Rivero (R-21), Rep. Thorpe (R-6), Rep. Toma (R-22).

H2579: INFORMED CONSENT; PELVIC EXAMINATIONS

Our position: Support

Disposition: Assigned to House HHS but not heard.

Would have made it an act of unprofessional conduct for a medical professional to perform a pelvic exam on an anesthetized or unconscious patient without patient's consent.

Sponsor: Rep. Blanc (D-26)

Co-sponsors: Rep. Andrade (D-29), Rep. Bolding (D-27), Sen. Bowie (D-18), Rep. Butler (D-28), Rep. Cano (D-3), Rep. Chavez (D-29), Rep. DeGrazia (D-10), Rep. Engel (D-10), Rep. Epstein (D-18), Rep. Espinoza (D-19), Rep. Fernandez (D-4), Rep. Friese (D-9), Rep. Gabaldon (D-2), Rep. Jermaine (D-18), Rep. Longdon (D-24), Rep. Pawlik (D-17), Rep. Powers Hannley (D-9), Rep. Rodriguez (D-27), Rep. Salman (D-26), Rep. Sierra (D-19), Rep. Teller (D-7), Rep. Terán (D-30)

H2867: BIRTH CERTIFICATES; AMENDMENT; GENDER IDENTITY

Our position: Support

Disposition: Not heard in House HHS

Would have required the State Registrar to amend birth certificates upon request from individuals who have undergone a gender transition or have a congenital intersex condition. Would have also lowered the cost of new birth certificates for those with lower incomes.

Sponsor: Rep. Blanc (D-26)

Co-sponsors: Rep. Andrade (D-29), Rep. Bolding (D-27), Rep. Butler (D-28), Rep. Cano (D-3), Rep. Chavez (D-29), Rep. DeGrazia (D-10), Rep. Engel (D-10), Rep. Epstein (D-18), Rep. Espinoza (D-19), Rep. Fernandez (D-4), Rep. Friese (D-9), Rep. A. Hernandez (D-3), Rep. D. Hernandez (D-2), Rep. Jermaine (D-18), Rep. Longdon (D-24), Rep. Meza (D-30), Rep. Powers Hannley (D-9), Rep. Rodriguez (D-27), Rep. Teller (D-7), Rep. Terán (D-30), Rep. Tsosie (D-7)

S1214: ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS; LIMIT; STOS

Our position: Support

Disposition: Not heard (Senate Education)

Would have increased the amount that school tuition organizations are required to allocate for educational scholarships or tuition grants.

Sponsor: Sen. Bowie (D-18)

Co-sponsors: Sen. Alston (D-24), Sen. Bradley (D-10), Sen. Dalessandro (D-2), Rep. Jermaine (D 18), Sen. Mendez (D-26), Sen. Navarrete (D-30), Sen. Otondo (D-4), Rep. Pawlik (D 17), Sen. Quezada (D-29), Sen. Rios (D-27), Rep. Teller (D-7)

S1217: REPEAL; IMPRISONMENT; ABORTION; SOLICITATION

Our position: Support

Disposition: No hearing (Senate Judiciary)

Would have repealed a variety of statutes nullified by Roe V. Wade which require prison sentences for anyone involved with an abortion procedure, as well as misdemeanor sentences for advertising abortion-related products or services.

Sponsor: Sen. Steele (D-9)

Co-sponsors: Sen. Alston (D-24), Rep. Andrade (D-29), Rep. Cano (D-3), Sen. Dalessandro (D-2), Rep. Espinoza (D-19), Sen. Gonzales (D-3), Rep. A. Hernandez (D-3), Rep. D. Hernandez (D-2), Sen. Mendez (D-26), Sen. Otondo (D-4), Sen. Peshlakai (D-7), Rep. Peten (D-4), Rep. Powers Hannley (D-9), Sen. Quezada (D-29), Sen. Rios (D-27), Rep. Salman (D-26), Rep. Teller (D-7), Rep. Terán (D-30)

S1218: ABORTION; AUTHORIZED PROVIDERS; WAITING PERIOD

Our position: Support

Disposition: No hearing (Senate Judiciary)

Would have allowed physicians' assistants to provide abortions, eliminated Arizona's 24 hour waiting period for abortions, and repealed statute prohibiting telemedicine for abortions.

Sponsor: Sen. Steele (D-9)

Co-sponsors: Sen. Alston (D-24), Rep. Andrade (D-29), Rep. Cano (D-3), Sen. Dalessandro (D-2), Rep. Espinoza (D-19), Sen. Gonzales (D-3), Rep. A. Hernandez (D-3), Rep. D. Hernandez (D-2), Sen. Mendez (D-26), Sen. Otondo (D-4), Sen. Peshlakai (D-7), Rep. Peten (D-4), Rep. Powers Hannley (D-9), Sen. Quezada (D-29), Sen. Rios (D-27), Rep. Salman (D-26), Rep. Teller (D-7), Rep. Terán (D-30)

S1235: CLERGY; PRIESTS; DUTY TO REPORT

Our position: Support

Disposition: No hearing (Senate Judiciary)

Would have required clergy members or priests to report suspicions of child abuse that arise during confessions.

Sponsor: Sen. Steele (D-9)

Co-sponsors: Sen. S. Allen (R-6), Sen. Bowie (D-18), Sen. Bradley (D-10), Sen. Contreras (D-19), Sen. Dalessandro (D-2), Sen. Gonzales (D-3), Rep. Jermaine (D-18), Sen. Mendez (D-26), Sen. Otondo (D-4), Sen. Peshlakai (D-7), Sen. Rios (D-27)

S1252: REPEAL; GOD WE TRUST PLATES

Our position: Support

Disposition: No hearing (Sen. Transportation)

Would have repealed the "In God We Trust" special license plate (the sale of which benefits anti-LGBTQ hate group Alliance Defending Freedom).

Sponsor: Sen. Mendez (D-26)

Co-sponsors: Sen. Quezada (D-29), Rep. Salman (D-26)

S1253: SCHOOLS; STATE MOTTO

Our position: Support

Disposition: No hearing (Senate Education)

Would have modified statute allowing school staff to post the state motto “Ditat Deus” to remove the meaning “God Enriches” from the statute.

Sponsor: Sen. Mendez (D-26)

Co-sponsors: Sen. Quezada (D-29), Rep. Salman (D-26)

S1267: SCHOOLS; IMMUNIZATION RATE; WEBSITE

Our position: Support

Disposition: No hearing (Senate Education)

Would have required all schools to post on their websites the school’s immunization rate.

Sponsor: Sen. Mendez (D-26)

Co-sponsors: Sen. Gonzales (D-3), Sen. Quezada (D-29), Sen. Rios (D-27), Rep. Salman (D-26)

S1270: ABORTION; PARENTAL CONSENT; COUNSELING EXCEPTION -

Our position: Support

Disposition: No hearing (Senate Judiciary)

Would have allowed minors to obtain abortions without parental or judicial consent as long as criteria are met regarding pre-procedure counseling.

Sponsor: Sen. Mendez (D-26)

Co-sponsors: Sen. Quezada (D-29), Sen. Rios (D-27)

S1272: ABORTION; PARENT CONSENT;

Our position: Support

Disposition: No hearing (Senate Judiciary)

Would have allowed minors to obtain abortions without parental or judicial consent as long as a physician deems them mentally and physically competent.

Sponsor: Sen. Mendez (D-26)

Co-sponsors: Sen. Quezada (D-29), Sen. Rios (D-27)

S1382: HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS; PREGNANCY; ULTRASOUNDS

Our position: Support

Disposition: No hearing (Senate Health)

Would have established licensing requirements for ultrasound technicians working at “limited service pregnancy centers” (religious faux healthcare centers).

Sponsor: Sen. Mendez (D-26)

Co-sponsors: Sen. Dalessandro (D-2), Sen. Gonzales (D-3), Sen. Quezada (D-29), Sen. Rios (D 27), Rep. Salman (D-26), Sen. Steele (D-9)

S1384: END-OF-LIFE DECISIONS; TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS

Our position: Support

Disposition: No hearing (Senate Judiciary)

Would have established a process for a qualified patient to end their life with physician aid.

Sponsor: Sen. Mendez (D-26)

Co-sponsors: Rep. Friese (D-9), Sen. Quezada (D-29), Sen. Rios (D-27), Rep. Salman (D-26), Rep. Terán (D-30)

S1467: OBSCENITY; HUMAN TRAFFICKING; PROSTITUTION; PREVENTION

Our position: Support

Disposition: No hearing (Senate Judiciary)

Would have required retailers to ensure internet-enabled devices they sell are equipped with a filter to block websites known to facilitate human trafficking, prostitution, child pornography, revenge pornography, and other "obscene material" (defined). Would have also established fees benefitting a Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation Prevention Grant Fund.

Sponsor: Sen. Dalessandro (D-2)

Co-sponsors: Sen. Bradley (D-10), Sen. Gonzales (D-3), Sen. Otondo (D-4), Sen. Steele (D-9)

S1497: END-OF-LIFE DECISIONS; TERMINALLY ILL

Our position: Support

Disposition: No hearing (Senate Judiciary)

Would have established a process for a qualified patient to end their life with physician aid.

Sponsor: Sen. Steele (D-9)

Co-sponsors: Sen. Alston (D-24), Sen. Dalessandro (D-2), Sen. Gonzales (D-3), Sen. Mendez (D-26), Sen. Navarrete (D-30), Sen. Otondo (D-4), Sen. Quezada (D-29), Sen. Rios (D-27)

SCR1001: RATIFICATION; EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

Our position: Support

Disposition: No hearing (Senate Judiciary)

Would have ratified the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Sponsor: Sen. Steele (D-9)

SCR1012: EQUAL RIGHTS; EQUAL PROTECTION

Our position: Support

Disposition: No hearing (Senate Judiciary)

Would have placed a question on the 2020 ballot whether to amend the state Constitution to prohibit Arizona from denying or abridging equal protection of the laws on account of sex.

Sponsor: Sen. Dalessandro (D-2)
Co-sponsors: Sen. Alston (D-24), Sen. Bowie (D-18), Sen. Bradley (D-10), Sen. Contreras (D 19), Sen. Peshlakai (D-7)

Bills Not Assigned to Committee

by House Speaker & Senate President

BILLS NOT ASSIGNED BY HOUSE SPEAKER

Our position: Oppose

H2080: STATE DOCUMENTS; SEX IDENTIFICATION

Would have required state IDs, etc. to mark an individual's sex as only male or female.

Sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R-16)

H2081: BIRTH CERTIFICATES; GENDER

Would have limited gender information on birth certificates to only "male" or "female."

Sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R-16)

H2082: SCHOOL EMPLOYEES; STUDENTS; GENDER PRONOUN

Prohibiting schools from using a gender pronoun not correlating to that found on a student's birth certificate.

Sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R-16)

H2361: SEX EDUCATION; CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

Numerous religiously-motivated and anti-transgender prohibitions on sex education.

Sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R-16)

HCR2021: ABORTION DATA; SURVIVORS ACT; SUPPORTING

Resolution supporting a Federal "Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act"

Sponsor: Rep. Barto (R-15) **Co-sponsors:** Rep. J. Allen (R-15), Rep. Biasiucci (R-5), Rep. Blackman (R-6), Rep. Bolick (R-20), Rep. Campbell (R-1), Rep. Carroll (R-22), Rep. Cobb (R-5), Rep. Dunn (R-13), Rep. Finchem (R-11), Rep. Grantham (R-12), Rep. Griffin (R-14), Rep. Kavanagh (R-23), Rep. Kern (R-20), Rep. Lawrence (R-23), Rep. Nutt (R-14), Rep. Osborne (R-13), Rep. Payne (R-21), Rep. Petersen (R-12), Rep. Roberts (R-11), Rep. Shope (R-8), Rep. Thorpe (R-6), Rep. Toma (R-22), Rep. Udall (R-25)

HR2001: SUPPORTING ISRAEL; RECOGNIZING JERUSALEM

Resolution recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

Sponsor: Rep. Blackman (R-6) **Co-sponsors:** Rep. Biasiucci (R-5), Rep. Carroll (R-22)

Our position: Support

H2067: SEX EDUCATION; COMPREHENSIVE; MEDICALLY ACCURATE

Would have established new requirements for schools to provide medically accurate, comprehensive sex education (both defined), with provisions for parents to opt their child out of the course.

Sponsor: Rep. Powers Hannley (D-9)

Co-sponsors: Rep. Blanc (D-26), Rep. Cano (D-3), Rep. Fernandez (D-4)

H2068: HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS; RELIGIOUS BELIEFS

Would have required health care entities provide notice to patients as to what services they may refuse on religious grounds, and require health plan providers to give enrollees a list of entities that refuse care for religious reasons.

Sponsor: Rep. Powers Hannley (D-9)

Co-sponsors: Rep. Blanc (D-26), Rep. Fernandez (D-4)

H2074: DEATH CERTIFICATES; GENDER

Would have required that death certificates reflect the deceased's preferred gender identity.

Sponsor: Rep. Gabaldon (D-2)

Co-sponsors: Rep. Jermaine (D-18), Rep. Rodriguez (D-27)

H2075: GENDER; DRIVER LICENSES; NONOPERATING IDENTIFICATION

Would have allowed Arizonans to choose what gender is displayed on their state-issued ID, including nonbinary options (following an affidavit from the applicant).

Sponsor: Rep. Gabaldon (D-2)

Co-sponsors: Rep. Jermaine (D-18), Rep. Rodriguez (D-27)

H2191: CRIME REPORTING; GENDER; AGE; HOMELESSNESS

Would have required the Department of Public Safety to collect information on crimes that show evidence or prejudice based on homeless status, gender identity or expression, and age.

Sponsor: Rep. Jermaine (D-18)

Co-sponsors: Sen. Bowie (D-18), Rep. Cano (D-3), Rep. Espinoza (D-19), Rep. Gabaldon (D-2), Rep. A. Hernandez (D-3), Rep. Lieberman (D-28), Rep. Longdon (D-24), Rep. Pawlik (D-17), Rep. Shah (D-24), Rep. Sierra (D-19), Rep. Teller (D-7), Rep. Terán (D-30)

H2277: SCHOOLS; SEX EDUCATION INSTRUCTION

Would have required schools to offer medically accurate, age-appropriate sex education for grades K-12. Would have established detailed definitions of “medically accurate” and “age appropriate,” as well as giving parents the right to review materials and opt their child out of the course.

Sponsor: Rep. D. Hernandez (D-2)

Co-sponsors: Rep. Cano (D-3), Rep. Chavez (D-29), Rep. Fernandez (D-4), Rep. A. Hernandez (D-3), Rep. Longdon (D-24), Rep. Powers Hannley (D-9), Rep. Rodriguez (D-27)

H2327: STO SCHOLARSHIPS; BENEFICIARY RECOMMENDATIONS

Would have prevented School Tuition Organizations from awarding or reserving scholarships to certain individuals on the basis of recommendations from donors.

Sponsor: Rep. Friese (D-9)

Co-sponsors: Rep. Powers Hannley (D-9), Rep. Salman (D-26)

H2328: STO SCHOLARSHIPS; STUDENT TRANSFERS

The list of students that must receive at least 90% of contributions made to school tuition organizations using the higher income tax credit limits is modified to remove students who received an educational scholarship or tuition grant under other requirements in a previous year and attend a qualified school in a subsequent year.

Sponsor: Rep. Friese (D-9) **Co-sponsors:** Rep. Powers Hannley (D-9), Rep. Salman (D-26)

H2329: STOS; ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS; ALLOCATION

School tuition organizations are required to allocate at least 95 percent, increased from 90 percent, of annual revenue from contributions for the purpose of income tax credits for educational scholarships or tuition grants.

Sponsor: Rep. Friese (D-9)

Co-sponsors: Rep. Powers Hannley (D-9), Rep. Salman (D-26)

H2330: STO SCHOLARSHIPS; MEANS TESTING

School tuition organizations are required to award at least 66 percent of educational scholarships or tuition grants from contributions for the purpose of income tax credits to students whose family income does not exceed 185 percent of the income limit required to qualify a child for reduced-price lunches under federal law.

Sponsor: Rep. Friese (D-9)

Co-sponsors: Rep. Bolding (D-27), Rep. Peten (D-4), Rep. Powers Hannley (D-9), Rep. Salman (D 26)

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H2429: SCHOOLS; IMMUNIZATIONS; REGISTERED NURSES; POSTING

Would have required school districts and charter schools to post on their websites whether a registered nurse is assigned to the school, the nurse's credentials, and explain the manner in which student health issues are addressed at the school. Also required reports on immunizations to be posted.

Sponsor: Rep. Butler (D-28)

Co-sponsors: Rep. Blanc (D-26), Rep. Friese (D-9), Rep. Longdon (D-24), Rep. Salman (D-26), Rep. Terán (D-30)

H2488: ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS; LIMIT; STOS

Would have increased the amount that school tuition organizations are required to allocate for educational scholarships or tuition grants.

Sponsor: Rep. Fernandez (D-4)

Co-sponsors: Sen. Alston (D-24), Rep. Bolding (D-27), Rep. Salman (D-26)

H2510: CONTRACEPTION; COST SHARING PROHIBITION

Would have prevented insurers from imposing deductibles, coinsurance, copayments, etc. for intrauterine devices, prescription barrier methods, or male sterilization. Would have prevented such companies from denying access to any birth control measure approved by the FDA.

Sponsor: Rep. Salman (D-26)

Co-sponsors: Rep. Andrade (D-29), Rep. Blanc (D-26), Rep. Bolding (D-27), Rep. Butler (D-28), Rep. Chavez (D-29), Rep. DeGrazia (D-10), Rep. Engel (D-10), Rep. Epstein (D-18), Rep. Fernandez (D-4), Rep. Friese (D-9), Rep. Gabaldon (D-2), Rep. Longdon (D-24), Sen. Mendez (D-26), Rep. Peten (D-4), Rep. Powers Hannley (D-9), Rep. Rodriguez (D-27), Rep. Teller (D-7), Rep. Terán (D-30), Rep. Tsosie (D-7)

H2582: END-OF-LIFE DECISIONS; TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS

Would have established a system for qualified patients to end their lives with assistance from a doctor.

Sponsor: Rep. Powers Hannley (D-9)

Co-sponsors: Rep. Andrade (D-29), Rep. Blanc (D-26), Rep. Bolding (D-27), Rep. Engel (D-10), Rep. Fernandez (D-4), Rep. Friese (D-9), Rep. Gabaldon (D-2), Rep. Peten (D-4), Rep. Rodriguez (D-27), Rep. Salman (D-26)

H2693: ABORTION; WAITING PERIOD; AUTHORIZED PROVIDERS

Would have allowed physician assistants and nurse practitioners to perform abortions. Would have eliminated the 24 hour waiting period and allowed the use of telemedicine for abortions.

Sponsor: Rep. Salman (D-26)

Co-sponsors: Rep. Andrade (D-29), Rep. Blanc (D-26), Rep. Bolding (D-27), Rep. Cano (D-3), Rep. Chavez (D-29), Rep. DeGrazia (D-10), Rep. Engel (D-10), Rep. Espinoza (D-19), Rep. Fernandez (D-4), Rep. Friese (D-9), Rep. A. Hernandez (D-3), Rep. D. Hernandez (D-2), Rep. Longdon (D-24), Rep. Meza (D-30), Rep. Peten (D-4), Rep. Powers Hannley (D-9), Rep. Rodriguez (D-27), Rep. Sierra (D-19), Rep. Terán (D-30)

H2694: REPEAL; IMPRISONMENT; ABORTION; SOLICITATION

Would have repealed various state statutes criminalizing abortion that were nullified by Roe V. Wade.

Sponsor: Rep. Salman (D-26)

Co-sponsors: Rep. Andrade (D-29), Rep. Blanc (D-26), Rep. Cano (D-3), Rep. Chavez (D-29), Rep. DeGrazia (D-10), Rep. Engel (D-10), Rep. Epstein (D-18), Rep. Espinoza (D-19), Rep. Fernandez (D-4), Rep. Friese (D-9), Rep. Gabaldon (D-2), Rep. A. Hernandez (D-3), Rep. D. Hernandez (D-2), Rep. Jermaine (D-18), Rep. Longdon (D-24), Sen. Mendez (D-26), Rep. Meza (D-30), Rep. Peten (D-4), Rep. Powers Hannley (D-9), Rep. Rodriguez (D-27), Rep. Shah (D-24), Rep. Sierra (D-19), Rep. Teller (D-7), Rep. Terán (D-30), Rep. Tsosie (D-7)

H2707: CONVERSION THERAPY; PROHIBITION; SEXUAL ORIENTATION

Would have levied unprofessional conduct citations and other possible disciplinary actions against psychotherapists that use anti-LGTBQ “conversion therapy.”

Sponsor: Rep. Chavez (D-29)

Co-sponsors: Rep. Andrade (D-29), Rep. Cano (D-3), Rep. Epstein (D-18), Rep. Espinoza (D-19), Rep. A. Hernandez (D-3), Rep. D. Hernandez (D-2), Rep. Lieberman (D-28), Rep. Longdon (D 24), Rep. Meza (D-30), Rep. Rodriguez (D-27), Rep. Salman (D-26), Rep. Shah (D-24), Rep. Sierra (D-19), Rep. Teller (D-7), Rep. Terán (D-30)

H2716: ANTIDISCRIMINATION; HOUSING; EMPLOYMENT; PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS

Would have expanded anti-discrimination statute to protect against discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in public housing and employment.

Sponsor: Rep. D. Hernandez (D-2)

Co-sponsors: Rep. Cano (D-3), Rep. Chavez (D-29), Rep. Meza (D-30), Rep. Teller (D-7)

HCR2002: RATIFICATION; EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

Would have ratified the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Sponsor: Rep. Powers Hannley (D-9)

Co-sponsors: Sen. Alston (D-24), Rep. Andrade (D-29), Rep. Blanc (D-26), Rep. Bolding (D-27), Rep. Butler (D-28), Rep. Cano (D-3), Rep. Chavez (D-29), Rep. DeGrazia (D-10), Rep. Engel (D-10), Rep. Epstein (D-18), Rep. Fernandez (D-4), Rep. Friese (D-9), Rep. Gabaldon (D-2), Rep. Jermaine (D-18), Rep. Lieberman (D-28), Rep. Longdon (D-24), Sen. Navarrete (D-30), Sen. Otondo (D-4), Rep. Pawlik (D-17), Rep. Rodriguez (D-27), Rep. Salman (D-26), Rep. Terán (D-30)

HCR2024: EQUAL RIGHTS; EQUAL PROTECTION

Would have put a question on the 2020 ballot whether to amend the state Constitution to prohibit Arizona from denying or abridging the equal protection of the laws on account of sex.

Sponsor: Rep. Engel (D-10)

Co-sponsors: Rep. Blanc (D-26), Rep. Butler (D-28), Rep. Epstein (D-18), Rep. Gabaldon (D-2), Rep. Powers Hannley (D-9), Rep. Rodriguez (D-27), Rep. Salman (D-26)

HCR2026: REPEAL; MARRIAGE

Would have placed a measure on the ballot to repeal the state Constitution's amendment specifying marriage is only recognized between one man and one woman.

Sponsor: Rep. Shah (D-24)

Co-sponsors: Rep. Longdon (D-24)

BILLS NOT ASSIGNED BY SENATE PRESIDENT

Our position: Support

S1120: SCHOOLS; SEX EDUCATION INSTRUCTION

Sex education requirements for K-12 schools, with detailed descriptions as to age-appropriateness, medical accuracy, and information that is provided. Included the importance of contraception and abstinence alike to prevent unwanted pregnancy and STIs. Included detailed descriptions of a parent's right to opt their child out of the course and review materials, and provisions for schools to adopt policies promoting parental involvement

Sponsor: Sen. Steele (D-9)

Actions Taken:

- Participated in coalition of allies to draft and strategize on bill
- Garnered media attention for sex education issues

S1313: TEXTBOOKS; REPRESENTATION; DISABILITIES; SEXUAL ORIENTATION

Would have prohibited schools from using educational materials reflecting adversely on persons on the basis of race, ethnicity, sex, religion, disability, nationality, sexual orientation or gender identity.

Sponsor: Sen. Alston (D-24)

Co-sponsors: Rep. Bolding (D-27), Sen. Bradley (D-10), Sen. Dalessandro (D-2), Rep. Fernandez (D 4), Rep. Gabaldon (D-2), Sen. Gonzales (D-3), Rep. Longdon (D-24), Sen. Mendez (D-26), Sen. Navarrete (D-30), Sen. Peshlakai (D-7), Rep. Powers Hannley (D-9), Sen. Quezada (D-29), Sen. Rios (D-27), Rep. Salman (D-26), Sen. Steele (D-9), Rep. Teller (D-7), Rep. Terán (D-30)

S1321: ANTIDISCRIMINATION; EMPLOYMENT; HOUSING; PUBLIC ACCOMODATIONS

The list of attributes for which a person cannot be discriminated against in employment practices, various housing related statutes, and in places of public accommodation would have been expanded to include "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" (both defined).

Sponsor: Sen. Brophy McGee (R-28)

Co-sponsors: Sen. Alston (D-24), Sen. Bowie (D-18), Sen. Navarrete (D-30)

S1609: ANTIDISCRIMINATION; HOUSING; EMPLOYMENT; PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS

The list of attributes for which a person cannot be discriminated against in employment practices, various housing related statutes, and in places of public accommodation would have been expanded to include "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" (both defined).

Sponsor: Sen. Bowie (D-18)

Co-sponsors: Sen. Alston (D-24), Sen. Bradley (D-10), Sen. Contreras (D-19), Sen. Dalessandro (D-2), Sen. Gonzales (D-3), Sen. Mendez (D-26), Sen. Navarrete (D-30), Sen. Otondo (D 4), Sen. Peshlakai (D-7), Sen. Quezada (D-29), Sen. Rios (D-27), Sen. Steele (D-9)

SCR1028: RELIGIOUS FREEDOM DAY; RECOGNITION

Commemorating the enactment of the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom on January 16, 1786, and recognizing January 16, 2020 as Religious Freedom Day in Arizona.

Sponsor: Sen. Mendez (D-26)

Co-sponsors: Sen. Alston (D-24), Sen. Dalessandro (D-2), Sen. Gonzales (D-3), Sen. Navarrete (D 30), Sen. Otondo (D-4), Sen. Quezada (D-29), Sen. Rios (D-27), Rep. Salman (D-26), Sen. Steele (D-9)

SR1002: SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY; RECOGNITION

Recognizing the scientific community for promoting the health and prosperity of Arizona's citizens through scientific inquiry.

Sponsor: Sen. Mendez (D-26)

Co-sponsors: Sen. Dalessandro (D-2), Sen. Gonzales (D-3), Sen. Quezada (D-29), Sen. Rios (D 27), Rep. Salman (D-26)