

REFERENCE TITLE: **study committee on climate change**

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Introduced by
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Solorio

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A CLIMATE CHANGE STUDY COMMITTEE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Climate change study committee; membership;
3 duties; report; delayed repeal

4 A. The climate change study committee is established consisting of:

5 1. Two senators who are appointed by the president of the senate.

6 2. Two representatives who are appointed by the speaker of the
7 house of representatives.

8 3. Seven members who are appointed jointly by the president of the
9 senate and the speaker of the house of representatives and who include the
10 following:

11 (a) One member who has expertise in climatology.

12 (b) One member who has expertise in the economy of this state.

13 (c) One member who has expertise in land management or maintenance
14 of natural resources.

15 (d) One member who represents the tourism industry.

16 (e) Three public members.

17 4. The senate and house of representatives committees on natural
18 resources, energy and water shall assign staff to provide administrative
19 support to the committee.

20 B. The public members are not eligible to receive compensation, but
21 the public members are eligible for reimbursement of expenses until title
22 38, chapter 4, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes.

23 C. The committee shall:

24 1. Assess the current and potential effects of climate change
25 trends on the citizens, natural resources, public health and economy of
26 this state.

27 2. Estimate the costs of climate change.

28 3. Examine the measures that might prevent or mitigate the effects
29 of flooding, erosion, drought or wildfires that might be caused or
30 worsened by climate change.

31 4. Recommend laws and regulations that may minimize the adverse
32 impacts of climate change.

33 5. Conduct hearings throughout this state, as required.

34 6. On or before January 1, 2024, submit a report regarding the
35 study committee's findings and recommendations to the governor, the
36 president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives and
37 the chairpersons of the natural resources, energy and water committees and
38 shall provide a copy of this report to the secretary of state.

39 D. This section is repealed from and after June 30, 2025.

40 Sec. 2. Short title

41 This act may be cited as the "Climate Change Impact Assessment Act".