

*Sponsorship has changed since the bill was introduced

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REFERENCE TITLE: agrivoltaics study committee

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HB 2519

*Introduced by

Representatives Stahl Hamilton: Aguilar, Austin, Blattman, Bravo, Cano, Contreras P, Cook, De Los Santos, Dunn, Gutierrez, Livingston, Mathis, Ortiz, Pawlik, Quiñonez, Sandoval, Schwiebert, Seaman, Terech, Travers, Wilmeth, Senators Carroll, Gabaldón, Gowan, Marsh, Sundareshan

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE AGRIVOLTAICS STUDY COMMITTEE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

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

4 A. The agrivoltaics study committee is established consisting of
5 the following members:

6 1. Two members of the senate who are appointed by the president of
7 the senate.

8 2. Two members of the house of representatives who are appointed by
9 the speaker of the house of representatives.

10 3. One member who has experience in hydrology and who is appointed
11 jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
12 representatives.

13 4. One member who has experience in agronomy and who is appointed
14 jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
15 representatives.

16 5. One member who has experience in agriculture and who is
17 appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the
18 house of representatives.

19 6. One member who has experience in land management or maintenance
20 of natural resources and who is appointed jointly by the president of the
21 senate and the speaker of the house of representatives.

22 7. One member who has experience in photovoltaics and who is
23 appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the
24 house of representatives.

25 8. Two public members who are appointed jointly by the president of
26 the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives.

27 B. Committee members are not eligible to receive compensation, but
28 the members appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the
29 speaker of the house of representatives are eligible for reimbursement of
30 expenses under title 38, chapter 4, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes.

31 C. The committee shall:

32 1. Select a chairperson.

33 2. Meet as often as the chairperson deems necessary.

34 3. Assess the potential of agrivoltaics to increase crop
35 production, reduce water consumption by crops and improve renewable energy
36 production.

37 4. Estimate the quantity of water conserved after converting a
38 traditional crop watering system to an agrivoltaic system.

39 5. On or before January 1, 2025, submit a report regarding the
40 committee's activities and recommendations for administrative or
41 legislative action that may incentivize the adoption of agrivoltaics in
42 this state to the governor, the president of the senate, the speaker of
43 the house of representatives, the chairpersons of the natural resources,
44 energy and water committees of the house of representatives and senate, or

1 their successor committees, and shall provide a copy of the report to the
2 secretary of state.

3 D. The natural resources, energy and water committees of the house
4 of representatives and senate, or their successor committees, shall assign
5 staff and provide support services to the study committee.

6 E. This section is repealed from and after June 30, 2026.