

REFERENCE TITLE: Arizona climate resiliency planning group

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Introduced by
Senators Mendez: Epstein, Gabaldón, Hernandez, Miranda, Sundareshan,
Terán; Representative Salman

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE ARIZONA CLIMATE RESILIENCY PLANNING GROUP.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Arizona climate resiliency planning group;
3 membership; duties; report; delayed repeal

4 A. The Arizona climate resiliency planning group is established
5 consisting of persons who represent the following interest areas:

- 6 1. Electric power generation.
- 7 2. Manufacturing or mining.
- 8 3. Agriculture or forestry.
- 9 4. Construction.
- 10 5. Transportation.
- 11 6. Tourism or recreation.
- 12 7. Low-income assistance nonprofit organizations.
- 13 8. Native American tribes.
- 14 9. Public health.
- 15 10. Nonprofit environmental organizations.
- 16 11. Nonprofit renewable energy organizations.
- 17 12. Nonprofit organizations specializing in environmental
18 inequities experienced by racial and ethnic minorities.
- 19 13. University environmental sciences programs.
- 20 14. State government.
- 21 15. Local government.
- 22 16. United States environmental protection agency.

23 B. The speaker of the house of representatives, the president of
24 the senate, the minority party leader of the house of representatives and
25 the minority party leader of the senate shall each appoint five persons
26 from among the areas of representation prescribed in subsection A of this
27 section. The governor shall appoint two persons from among the areas of
28 representation prescribed in subsection A of this section. Every interest
29 area prescribed by subsection A of this section shall be represented among
30 the persons who are appointed to the group.

31 C. Members of the Arizona climate resiliency planning group are not
32 eligible to receive compensation.

33 D. The Arizona climate resiliency planning group shall:

- 34 1. Compile a complete inventory of this state's greenhouse gas
35 emissions and sources.
- 36 2. Review and, where necessary, revise the recommendations made in
37 the Arizona climate change advisory group's 2006 climate change action
38 plan.
- 39 3. Develop a resiliency plan to protect or improve the resiliency
40 of this state's human populations and natural and economic systems against
41 the risks of climate change.
- 42 4. Identify measures that can be taken to meet the following
43 greenhouse gas emissions reductions targets:
 - 44 (a) By 2031, reduce this state's greenhouse gas emissions to fifty
45 percent below 2005 levels.

1 (b) By 2051, reduce this state's greenhouse gas emissions to ninety
2 percent below 2005 levels.

3 5. Direct state agencies to identify and characterize potential
4 current and future risks in this state to human, natural and economic
5 systems, including potential risks to water resources,
6 temperature-sensitive populations and systems, energy systems,
7 transportation systems, vital infrastructure and public facilities, and
8 natural lands.

9 6. Submit a report regarding the group's findings and
10 recommendations for action on or before August 31, 2024 to the governor,
11 the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
12 representatives and provide a copy of this report to the secretary of
13 state.

14 E. This section is repealed from and after March 31, 2025.