

REFERENCE TITLE: Yuma water banking; study committee

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# HB 2058

Introduced by  
Representative Dunn

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE YUMA AREA WATER BANKING STUDY COMMITTEE.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:  
2 Section 1. Yuma area water banking study committee;  
3 membership; duties; report; delayed repeal  
4 A. The Yuma area water banking study committee is established  
5 consisting of the following members:  
6 1. Two members of the senate who are appointed by the president of  
7 the senate and who represent the Yuma area.  
8 2. Four members of the house of representatives who are appointed  
9 by the speaker of the house of representatives and who represent the Yuma  
10 area.  
11 3. Seven members of the Yuma area agricultural council who are  
12 appointed jointly by the speaker of the house of representatives and the  
13 president of the senate and who each represent one of the seven irrigation  
14 districts in Yuma county.  
15 B. Committee members are not eligible to receive compensation, but  
16 members appointed pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 3 of this section  
17 are eligible for reimbursement of expenses under title 38, chapter 4,  
18 article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes.  
19 C. The committee shall:  
20 1. Select a chairperson.  
21 2. Meet at least once at the location the chairperson deems  
22 convenient and thereafter as often as the chairperson deems necessary.  
23 3. Develop legislation to establish a water banking authority for  
24 the Yuma county area that would bank excess Colorado River water.  
25 D. On or before January 1, 2025, the committee may submit a report  
26 regarding the committee's activities and recommendations for legislative  
27 action to the governor, the president of the senate, the speaker of the  
28 house of representatives, the chairpersons of the natural resources,  
29 energy and water committees of the house of representatives and senate, or  
30 their successor committees, and shall provide a copy of the report to the  
31 secretary of state.  
32 E. The department of water resources shall assign staff and provide  
33 support services to the committee, including hydrological information and  
34 potential locations for underground storage.  
35 F. This section is repealed from and after September 30, 2026.