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~~groundwater management; technical correction~~
(now: for-sale housing; development; groundwater replenishment)

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2003

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING SUPPORT FOR THE BUILDING OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS OUTSIDE OF DESIGNATED PROVIDER SERVICE AREAS WHERE THERE IS GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT AS REQUIRED BY ASSURED WATER SUPPLY REGULATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Whereas, home ownership and affordability are important to Arizona's
2 economy and the residents of this state; and

3 Whereas, according to the Arizona Department of Housing, Arizona
4 faces a serious housing shortage and affordability crisis and needs
5 270,000 units to meet current demand; and

6 Whereas, homeowners have replenished the groundwater used to serve
7 their homes both inside and outside the service area of designated
8 providers since 1995 and all subdivisions built since that time have met
9 the active management area requirements of safe yield; and

10 Whereas, the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District
11 (CAGRDR) is the largest groundwater replenishment district in our country;
12 and

13 Whereas, by replenishing groundwater to offset homeowner use, the
14 CAGRDR has allowed over 400,000 homes to be built in the Tucson, Pinal and
15 Phoenix active management areas (AMA) that do not impact our groundwater
16 tables; and

17 Whereas, homeowners have not caused the unmet demand as identified
18 in the Phoenix AMA Groundwater model released on June 2, 2023.

19 Whereas, housing is of vital interest to this state for providing
20 shelter to workers, teachers, service workers, families and veterans.

21 Therefore

22 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona,
23 the Senate concurring:

24 That for-sale housing developments should be allowed to be built
25 outside the service area of a designated provider if the development is
26 enrolled in the CAGRDR and the groundwater used to serve such homes is
27 replenished as required by the Phoenix, Pinal and Tucson Active Management
28 Arizona Assured Water Supply Rules.