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State Representative David Cook's H.B. 2751 Signed into Law, Strengthening Arizona's Firefighting Capabilities

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – State Representative David Cook announced that Governor Hobbs today signed [House Bill 2751](#), an emergency measure he sponsored that enables Arizona to join the Great Plains Wildland Fire Protection Compact, enhancing the state's ability to manage and combat forest fires through a mutual aid agreement with other member states. The Governor signed Representative Cook's bill during an event held Friday morning at Phoenix Fire Department's Emergency Operations Center.

H.B. 2751 allows the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management to collaborate with state foresters in other states, including Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Saskatchewan, South Dakota, and Wyoming, to ensure that Arizona can both provide and receive assistance swiftly during wildfire emergencies, improving overall response times and resource availability.

“As we head into fire season, it's critical that Arizona is prepared to respond effectively to wildfire threats,” said Representative Cook. **“With several large fires currently burning in Northern Arizona, this legislation comes at a crucial time. The enactment of H.B. 2751 will ensure our communities are better protected and our firefighting resources are optimally utilized. I'm grateful for the broad bipartisan support that we had in both chambers to pass this important legislation and for the Governor's support in quickly signing it into law.”**

The new law provides a framework for administering mutual aid, allowing state forest fire control agencies to quickly request and render firefighting personnel and resources to each other in times of need and to receive reimbursement for their assistance afterwards. It also stipulates the responsibilities of and protections for employees that are involved in out-of-state firefighting efforts, including provisions for workers' compensation and liability coverage. Passed with an emergency clause, the new law takes effect immediately.

David Cook is a Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 7, which includes Pinal, Gila, Coconino, and Navajo Counties. He is Chairman of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee and the House International Trade Committee. Follow him on X/Twitter at @RepDavidCook.

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