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2014 LEGISLATIVE REPORT AND SCORECARD

Desert Nesting Bald Eagle photo by Robin Silver

ARIZONA 2014 LEGISLATIVE REPORT

By Karen Michael

During the 2014 session the Arizona State Legislature waged an all-out war on animals. Lawmakers ran damaging bills aimed at farm animals, wildlife, and racing greyhounds. Fortunately, HVA and the growing community of humane groups working at the legislature were able to prevent bills from passing as originally introduced, minimizing potential harm to animals. Legislators again bowed to cattle lobby interests and failed to pass all but one pro-animal bill, and even that measure had to be amended to strike harmful language. And for the fifth time legislators ignored pleas from rural shelters and failed to pass a bill banning roadside sales of animals. Fortunately, what began as an all-out war ended with very little damage to animals.

The agriculture industry clearly has a profound influence on a large number of legislators, but does their influence represent special interests or reflect the opinions of Arizona's voters? According to recent polls, 77% of Arizona voters support the reintroduction of endangered Mexican gray wolves, and 87% oppose weakening animal protection standards for farm animals. These poll results strongly indicate that protecting animals from cruelty is not a partisan issue. In fact two legislative leaders on animal protection are Senator Farley and Representative Kavanagh, who represent vastly different positions on the political spectrum. HVA greatly appreciates the efforts of both leaders, and we will continue our mission to continue educating those legislators less familiar with the realities of animal cruelty.

Legislators ran bills aimed at the citizen initiative process, but fortunately none of those measures passed. In an about turn lawmakers repealed House Bill 2305, the elections omnibus bill passed in 2013 that would have weakened citizen initiatives. A coalition of diverse groups (including Humane Voters of AZ) filed a referendum with the state to place the bill on hold and refer it to the 2014 ballot. The repeal ended the referendum campaign and was a partial victory, but we were concerned that legislators would pass parts of repealed law. Fortunately those bad provisions did not reappear, at least for this session.

We have been asked numerous times why so many legislators who genuinely care about animals support bills to weaken citizen initiatives. Unfortunately otherwise animal-friendly lawmakers almost always vote with their party on initiative bills, without recognizing their unintended impact on animals. One of HVA's most difficult challenges is to convince legislators that our state's citizen initiative process is the single most important tool for protecting animals.

The Good Bills

The Racing Omnibus Bill

The only helpful bill that passed the Legislature was somewhat of a mixed-bag. SB 1282 was introduced to benefit horse and dog tracks, and would have been harmful to greyhounds. Thanks to the efforts of several legislators and greyhound advocates, the worst language was removed and a section was added to help protect racing dogs.

The intent of the bill was to increase revenues at horse and dog tracks by allowing people to wager on races by phone. However, bill sponsor Steve Pierce added an amendment that would have forbid local ordinances to help racing greyhounds. Worse yet, this provision would have overturned the ordinance passed by South Tucson voters to provide humane treatment of greyhounds at Tucson Greyhound Park (TGP). The Tucson Dog Protection Act, passed by voters in 2008, requires that meat fed to racing dogs must be cooked to kill deadly bacteria; it prohibits the administration of dangerous anabolic steroids to female dogs to prevent estrus; and ensures that dogs are let out of their cages for six hours out of every 24 hours.

Over the years there have been many allegations of animal cruelty at TGP, including recent Tucson news reports on two dogs that were electrocuted within a month and numerous dogs whose legs were fractured. And despite the track's poor record on humane animal treatment, it has continued to enjoy millions of dollars in tax credits granted in1995.

When the bill reached the House, greyhound advocates drove from Tucson to testify against SB 1282 in committee. You can watch the video here.

"Jett" Photo by Karyn Zoldan

Greyhound advocates reached out to Representatives Ethan Orr and John Kavanagh, who offered floor amendments to turn the bad bill into one that would help greyhounds. Rep. Orr's amendment removed the language overturning the South Tucson ordinance. Rep. Kavanagh then offered an amendment to require full public reporting of greyhound deaths and injuries. His amendment also passed, and the bill subsequently passed the Legislature. Governor Brewer signed the bill and even improved it by vetoing language that gave $1.2 million to the Breeder's Award Fund, and instead directed the money to fund child safety reform. Unfortunately the new law may temporarily give a boost to TGP through phone betting, but we believe that provision is outweighed by the beneficial reporting requirement.

Thanks to Representatives Orr and Kavanagh, Animal Defense League of Arizona, GREY2K, Humane Society of the United States, and Tucson Dog Protection for their efforts on this bill.

Ban on Using Animals as Prizes

Representative John Kavanagh again sponsored a measure which would have prohibited giving away live animals as prizes for games or contests. HB 2020 was assigned to House Judiciary Committee where Chairman Eddie Farnsworth refused to hear it, essentially killing the bill as he did last year.

Prohibited Animal Ownership

Rep. Kavanagh also sponsored HB 2022, which would have prohibited persons who have been convicted of animal abuse from adopting, fostering or having care or custody of animals. The bill was also assigned to Rep. Farnsworth's committee, where it died.

Statewide Ban on Public Sale of Animals

The bill to ban roadside animal sales was sponsored by Representative Frank Pratt, and passed the House Agriculture and Water Committee unanimously. HB 2302 then passed the House by a 44 – 16 vote and was transferred to the Senate. There, Senate President Andy Biggs double-assigned the bill to Senate Government and Environment (chaired by Sen. Griffin) and Natural Resources and Rural Affairs (chaired by Sen. Pierce) Committees. Neither committee chair heard the bill, so it died.

This is the fifth time that the Legislature failed to pass this modest measure to extend the ban on roadside animal sales statewide. The original 2008 law prohibiting the public sale of animals applies only to counties with a population of more than 800,000. Many animals sold on public streets are bred and raised in poor conditions. And since the animals are typically not spayed, neutered or vaccinated, they contribute to overpopulation, the euthanasia of thousands of homeless animals each year in Arizona shelters and the spread of disease. It is disturbing that legislators continually reject this measure that would benefit animals, citizens, shelters, and communities.

Commercial Dog Breeders and Pet Dealers

HB 2242, sponsored by Representatives Kavanagh, Sherwood, Ugenti, and Senator Reagan, would have added the definition of commercial dog breeders, expanded the definition of pet dealers to include commercial dog breeders, and required them to meet minimum standards of care, including veterinary examinations. The bill passed the House Agriculture and Water Committee unanimously and passed the House by a vote of 51 to 9. However, Senate President Biggs double-assigned the bill to Senate GE and NRRA Committees, as he did with the animal sale bill. Committee Chairs Gail Griffin and Steve Pierce refused to grant HB 2242 a hearing and it subsequently died.

Animal Fighting/Cockfighting under Racketeering Crimes

SB 1036, sponsored by Senator Steve Farley and Representative Sherwood, and HB 2215, sponsored by Representatives Sherwood, Alston, and Cardenas, were identical bills to include animal fighting and cockfighting under Arizona's racketeering crimes definition. Both measures were assigned to their chamber's Judiciary Committee. Senate Chair Rick Murphy and House Chair Eddie Farnsworth refused to hear the bills, so they died.

The Bad Bills

The Animal Cruelty (Livestock) Bill

The most damaging bill of the session was House Bill 2587, which would have severely weakened Arizona's animal cruelty law. As introduced, the bill would have criminalized whistleblowers that expose animal abuse on factory farms, auctions, or slaughter facilities. The bill also would have weakened cruelty laws for livestock, including horses, and completely removed all protections from cruelty for poultry. There was a beneficial section to address hoarding, but that was a minor provision in an otherwise dangerous bill.

The bill was sponsored by Representatives Barton, Brophy McGee and others at the request of the Arizona Cattlemen's Association and Arizona Farm Bureau. It would have criminalized the actions of those who document any animal cruelty by requiring video and photos of abuse to be turned in to the Department of Agriculture within five days, creating such a short timeline that no pattern of abuse could be documented. HB 2587 was similar to other 'ag-gag' bills that are being run by industrial agriculture lobbyists throughout the country. There were 15 ag-gag bills introduced in 11 states in 2013, and fortunately none have passed. The agriculture industry has since turned to focusing on shortening reporting deadlines, so that patterns of abuse cannot be documented.

And if that was not bad enough, the introduced bill would have changed Arizona's strong definition of 'animal' under the state animal cruelty law, removing livestock from its protection. It would have created new weakened laws for farm animals and removed all authority from law enforcement to investigate abuse of livestock, including horses. It would have transferred sole authority to the Department of Agriculture, which has only a small number of livestock officers to cover the entire state.

HB 2587 passed out of a House committee, despite testimony by law enforcement, whistle-blowers, and more than 100 people attending to oppose it. In the meantime, a similar bill was introduced in the Senate. SB 1267, sponsored by Senator Steve Pierce (who is a rancher) was being rushed through the committee process by lawmakers loyal to the cattle industry. Again, law enforcement and animal advocates testified against the bill. You can watch the video of committee testimony here.

Thanks to the tremendous outcry of opposition from a coalition of local and national animal protection groups, law enforcement, state and national media, and others, the bill was amended to remove the ag-gag penalty and other harmful provisions. However, the amended bill would still have done much more harm than good for Arizona's animals. In March, the animal protection coalition held a news conference at the state capitol which included presentations by bipartisan legislators. Representative Kavanagh and Senator Farley each spoke out against the bill and exposed its underlying intent to weaken protection for animals. The coalition presented the results of a recent poll where 87 percent of AZ voters surveyed reported that they oppose putting farm animals in a separate, weaker anti-cruelty code. Following the news conference, Animal Defense League of Arizona President and attorney Stephanie Nichols-Young appeared in television news debates and interviews explaining that the bill was unnecessary, poorly written, vague, and contained archaic language. The Arizona Republic ran an editorial denouncing the bill, and other papers throughout the state expressed concern.

Despite bipartisan opposition to the bill, it was on a fast track through the Legislature. Bill sponsors created confusion by incorrectly portraying it as one that had the support of humane groups and would help animals. HB 2587 ended up passing the House by three votes. However, the measure neared a vote in the Senate, the legislative session adjourned without it passing.

The advocacy of hundreds of volunteers, coupled with the united support of many local and national animal welfare groups as well as the collaborative work of Animal Protection Coalition partners, including the Animal Cruelty Taskforce of Southern Arizona, Animal Defense League of Arizona, Animal Legal Defense Fund, ASPCA, Humane Society of Southern Arizona, and The Humane Society of the United States, Humane Voters of Arizona, and many others contributed to this very important victory.

Bills Targeting Endangered Wolves

In addition to farm animals, the Arizona Legislature had endangered wolves in its crosshairs. Lawmakers introduced four bills aimed at endangered wolves, despite the fact that only 83 Mexican gray wolves remain in the wild. These animals are native to Arizona and are an important part of our natural heritage and play an important role in healthy ecosystems. Moreover, these bills indicate that legislators are out of step with the public they represent. Polling shows that 77% of Arizona voters support the Mexican wolf reintroduction.

SB 1211 and HB 2699 passed the legislature but were vetoed by Governor Brewer, noting that the bills conflict with federal law.

SB1211 Mexican wolf; taking; reporting (Griffin, Burges, D. Farnsworth, et al.) states that the Arizona Department of Agriculture can kill wolves if there is an agreement with the federal government to do so. US Fish and Wildlife could not enter such an agreement as it would be detrimental to the recovery of these endangered animals.

SB1212 appropriation; wolf recovery; litigation costs(Griffin, Burges, Crandell, et al.) appropriates $250,000 from the state General Fund to the Attorney General for litigation expenses relating to a challenge against any expansion of the Mexican Wolf Recovery Program. The bill passed the Senate but was held in the House.

HB 2699 endangered species programs; rescission; reimbursement (Thorpe, Stevens) refers to Mexican wolves as "varmints" and states that the legislature should consider ending state participation in Mexican wolf recovery and requires the removal of all Mexican gray wolves from Arizona if the federal government does not pay private interests for a wide, vague range of "losses" related to Mexican wolf recovery.

The Legislature also passed a resolution that supports killing endangered wolves that step on private land.

SCR 1006 Mexican wolf; population rule, includes misleading and inaccurate statements concerning wolves, and sends the message that the legislature opposes additional introductions in Arizona and New Mexico, unless it is determined the wolves cannot be introduced in northern Mexico. The measure also supports killing wolves that step into private land. The bill passed the Legislature and was transmitted to the Secretary of State.

Thanks to Sandy Bahr, Sierra Club Grand Canyon Chapter Director, who spent countless hours throughout the session to defeat bills aimed at endangered wolves and other species. Also thanks to other humane groups and the thousands of volunteers who asked the governor to veto these bad measures. It's unconscionable that lawmakers continually disregard protecting endangered wildlife in favor of industry, development, and ranching interests.

Anti-Initiative Bills

The 2014 session included the usual assortment of bills aimed at citizen initiative rights. Fortunately none of them passed the legislature. Legislators continually reintroduce bills to require elections every few years to revote on citizen initiatives passed by voters.

SCR 1003 initiatives; referendum measures; periodic reauthorization (Crandell, Ward, Kwasman, et al.), and similar HCR 2018 (Boyer, Thorpe), were proposed constitutional amendments that, upon voter approval, would have limited an initiative's or referendum's authorization to expend state monies to eight years and require reauthorization every eight years thereafter. The fact is that all initiatives affect general fund revenues, if only on a modest level. Even the voter-approved bans on cockfighting and confinement of farm animals require some cost for enforcement. And because the bill was retroactive, it would have required continual reauthorization of these hard-won animal cruelty laws.

SCR 1003 was defeated in the Senate. HCR 2018 passed the House with the retroactive provision removed but died without being heard in Senate Rules Committee.

There was also a reappearance of the measures to require misleading statements on ballot measure materials.

The bill to include misleading information on ballot measure literature was reintroduced by Representative Ugenti (HB 2014). Senator Griffin sponsored a similar bill (SB 1293) in the Senate. These measures would have required that any campaign literature, publicity pamphlet, and the ballot contain the following language "Notice: Pursuant to Proposition

105 (1998), this measure can never be changed in the future if approved on the ballot except by a three-fourths vote of the legislature and the change furthers the purpose of the original ballot measure, or by referring the change to the ballot." Proposition 105, the Voter Protection Act, was passed in 1998 to prevent the legislature from undermining citizen initiatives. It is an important safeguard to protect measures passed by voters.

HB 2014 passed the House but died without a hearing in Senate Rules. SB 1293 passed both chambers but was amended in conference committee to remove the misleading language. These bills are no more than a veiled scare tactic to dissuade voters from supporting citizen initiatives.

Repeal of Initiative Suppression Law

In order to avoid a vote on a citizen referendum, the Arizona Legislature repealed the initiative suppression law it passed in 2013. HB 2305 was an election omnibus bill; animal protection groups were especially concerned about the law's impact on our citizens' initiative process. The law created numerous strict specifications that could enable large amounts of signatures to be thrown out on a technicality. These impediments would have made it much more difficult for citizens to get a measure on the ballot, which is already an arduous undertaking.

After the 2013 legislative session adjourned, a diverse group of organizations and citizens filed a referendum with the Arizona Secretary of State to place HB 2305 on hold and refer it to the 2014 ballot. The Protect Your Right to Vote Committee, comprised of nearly 30 nonprofit organizations including Animal Defense League of Arizona, Humane Voters of Arizona, Humane Society of the US and other voters' rights groups, delivered 146,000 petition signatures to the Arizona Secretary of State to put the Legislature's attempt to target voting rights on the 2014 ballot.

"Arnold" Photo by Nancy Nenad

By successfully referring this harmful legislation to the November 2014 ballot, the coalition believed that citizens had earned the right to vote on HB 2305. However, the Legislature did an end-run by repealing the law, and thus preventing the referendum from appearing on the ballot. Coalition members were concerned that lawmakers would attempt to enact provisions of HB 2305 in separate bills, but that did not happen (at least in this session).

The governor signed the repeal of HB 2305, indicating a victory for voters and initiative rights, but it is discouraging that the rational behind the repeal was to avoid strong voter turnout in favor of the citizen referendum.

Super Star Legislators

Humane Voters of Arizona wishes to thank those special legislators that expended efforts to protect animals and our citizens' initiative process. Lawmakers that sponsored and/or voted to protect animals and voters' rights, and were present for all or most key bill votes include:

Representatives Lela Alston, Chad Campbell, Mark Cardenas, Damion Clinco, Lupe Chavira Contreras, Rosanna Gabaldon, Ruben Gallego, Stefanie Mach, Debbie McCune Davis, Juan Mendez, Eric Meyer, Jamescita Peshlakai, Martin Quezada, Macario Saldate IV, Andrew Sherwood, Victoria Steele, and Bruce Wheeler

Senators Ed Ableser, Carlyle Begay, David Bradley, Olivia Cajero Bedford, Andrea Dalessandro, Steve Farley, Steve Gallardo, Katie Hobbs, Leah Landrum Taylor, Robert Meza, and Anna Tovar

Above and Beyond

Senator Steve Farley voted consistently to protect animals and citizens' voting rights. He was a strong opponent of HB 2587 and SB 1267, which would have weakened the animal cruelty law. Sen. Farley spoke out against the bill at a news conference held by the animal protection coalition. He also was a primary sponsor of SB 1036, to include animal fighting and cockfighting under the Racketeering definition. Year after year, Sen. Farley has been a true champion for all animals.

Representative John Kavanagh was a driving force for animals and along with Sen. Farley spoke out in opposition to HB 2587 and SB 1267 at the animal coalition news conference. He also amended SB 1282, the racing bill, to require full public reporting of greyhound injuries and deaths at Tucson Greyhound Park. Also, Rep. Kavanagh was the prime sponsor of HB 2242, to define and regulate commercial dog breeders. And he again introduced bills to prohibit animal abusers from owning animals, and to ban the practice of giving away animals as live prizes. He was also a cosponsor

of the bill to ban roadside animal sales, and expended a great deal of effort to find common ground with cattle lobbyists who opposed the bills. Although we were disappointed by Rep. Kavanagh's voting record on wildlife and our public initiative process, we greatly appreciate his extraordinary efforts on several other animal related bills, including the greyhound measure and damaging animal cruelty legislation.

Legislators who helped on specific animal related measures

Working with greyhound advocates, Representative Ethan Orr expended a great deal of effort to turn the originally bad greyhound bill into one that would benefit racing dogs. He offered a floor amendment to remove language that would have overturned the South Tucson ordinance passed by voters to protect dogs at TGP. Rep. Sally Gonzales attempted to overturn Orr's amendment, but her motion was defeated. Fortunately, Rep. Orr's amendment passed and the bad language was removed from the bill.

Unfriendly Legislators

Unfortunately there are many legislators who consistently vote against bills to protect animals and citizen initiative rights. The following lawmakers voted unfavorably on all animal-related or voters' rights bills and/or sponsored bills aimed at weakening animal protection and initiative rights.

Representatives Sonny Borrelli, Eddie Farnsworth, David Gowan, Sr., Adam Kwasman, J.D. Mesnard, David Livingston, Justin Olson, Warren Peterson, Steve Smith, David Stevens, and Bob Thorpe

Senators Andy Biggs, Nancy Barto, Judy Burges, Chester Crandell, Adam Driggs, David Farnsworth, Gail Griffin, Al Melvin, Rick Murphy, Steve Pierce, Don Shooter, Kelli Ward, Steve Yarbrough, and Kimberly Yee

Most Disappointing

It is discouraging when otherwise animal-friendly legislators promote bills harmful to animals. Last year, as a member of the Phoenix Animal Cruelty Task Force, Representative Kate Brophy McGee helped pass a Phoenix City Council ordinance to strengthen the animal cruelty code. She then introduced a bill in the Legislature drafted from the ordinance language, but it died after opposition from the cattle lobby. We expressed strong concern at the time that the bill would get hijacked by agriculture industry, and had hoped that she learned that the cattle lobby's disproportionate legislative control could quickly turn a well-meaning bill into a damaging one. However, that was not the case.

This session Brophy McGee signed on to a revised version of the bill (HB 2587) which she claimed would strengthen animal cruelty laws, when in fact it would do quite the opposite. The bill was crafted by the cattle lobby without input from stakeholders, including animal protection groups and law enforcement. As introduced, HB 2587 would have drastically weakened protection for farm animals, prevented law enforcement from investigating or enforcing cruelty laws, and would have criminalized anyone that exposed animal abuse. To her credit, Brophy McGee attempted to amend the bill to remove bad language. However, she continued to push the bill after humane groups refused to support it, and even misrepresented that the measure had full support from animal groups. Despite strong opposition from law enforcement, shelters, and humane groups, Representatives Brophy McGee, Barton, and Senator Steve Pierce pushed the bill through the Legislature while continuing to claim it would benefit animals. The legislation generated a great deal of opposition, including editorials in the Arizona Republic and other papers denouncing the bill.

Thanks to the efforts of Rep. Kavanagh, Sen. Farley, and the Animal Protection Coalition, the session ended without this detrimental bill passing. However, we anticipate that Rep. Brophy McGee and others may reintroduce similar legislation next session. It is bad enough that legislators run bills to benefit the agribusiness industry at the expense of animal protection. But it is unconscionable that these same legislators disingenuously represent a bill as damaging as HB 2587 as one that would benefit animals.

Above and Beyond Unfriendly

Representative Bob Thorpe had the worst record in the House. He not only had a zero voting score, he was the prime sponsor of the anti-wolf bill, the harmful animal cruelty bill, and the anti-initiative measure.

Representative David Gowan, Sr, earned a zero voting score, and was a primary sponsor of the animal cruelty bill and anti-wolf legislation.

Senator Steve Pierce was instrumental in pushing the bad animal cruelty bill, and was a primary sponsor of both House and Senate versions. Also, as chair of the Natural Resources and Rural Affairs Committee, he added an amendment to the greyhound bill that would have overturned the South Tucson ordinance passed by voters to protect racing dogs at

Tucson Greyhound Park. And Pierce failed to schedule hearings for the roadside animal sale bill (HB 2302) and dog breeder regulations bill (HB 2242), and both bills subsequently died.

Senator Gail Griffin earned a zero voting score, and was the primary sponsor of several anti-wildlife bills including three anti-wolf measures. As chair of the Government and Environment Committee, she did not hear the roadside animal sale bill and dog breeder regulations measure, ensuring their failure.

Senator Chester Crandell had a zero voting score, and was a primary sponsor of the animal cruelty bill, both anti-initiative measures, and the anti-wolf bill.

Senator David Farnsworth had a zero voting score, and was a primary sponsor of the anti-initiative bill and two anti-wolf measures.

Senator Judy Burges earned a zero voting score, and was a primary sponsor of two anti-wolf bills.

Senator Rick Murphy had a zero voting score, and refused to grant a hearing for the animal fighting/racketeering bill in his Judiciary Committee, essentially killing the measure.

Advocates

Humane Voters of Arizona thanks the Animal Protection Coalition Members: Stephanie Nichols-Young: Animal Defense League of Arizona, Chris Green: Animal Legal Defense Fund, Kelsea Patton, Steve Hansen DVM: Arizona Humane Society, Deborah Foote and Anne Church: ASPCA, Kari Nienstedt, Matthew Dominguez, Chris Holbein: Humane Society of the United States, Pat Hubbard and Mike Duffy: Humane Society of Southern Arizona, Martha German and Scott Bonsall-Cargill: Humane Voters of Arizona, and Stacy Pearson: Up Agency,

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Also, Humane Voters of Arizona greatly appreciates all of the many volunteers who have contacted their lawmakers throughout each session. For more information on legislation visit the HVA website at www.HumaneVotersAZ.org

Legislative Scorecard

Voting records are provided on key bills affecting animals, including citizen initiative measures. There are no actual points or grades assigned.

A checkmark indicates a pro-animal/initiative vote, while an "x" represents an anti-animal/initiative vote.

A blank column under a bill indicates that the legislator did not have the opportunity to vote on that measure.

Bill voting records represent one public aspect of the legislative process. However, many factors that affect measures are not subject to public scrutiny. The efforts of lawmakers, lobbyists, and others to influence legislation largely take place within the "hidden" political process. That is why additional actions by lawmakers were also taken into consideration, such as sponsoring bills or influencing the passage or defeat of animal-related measures.

Those actions are represented in the OTHER column by positive icon ☺ or negative icon ☹. In the COMMENTS column, PS means that the legislator was the primary sponsor of a bill. Cosponsors are not included in the scorecard. Please click on the bill for all information including status, primary and co-sponsors, language versions, committee votes, and videos.

Although animal protection and initiative bills provide a gauge for reviewing lawmakers, other bills that impact animals are those that affect wildlife habitat. For legislative information on conservation measures, including voting records and scorecards visit the Grand Canyon Chapter of the Sierra Club at http://arizona.sierraclub.org/political_action/index.asp

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ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 2014 SCORECARD

Name	LD	Party	HB 2242	HB 2302	HB 2587	HB 2699	HCR 2018	SB 1211	Other	Comments
Karen Fann	1	R	✓	✓	×	×	×	×		
Andy Tobin	1	R	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	☺	Helped on SB 1282 greyhound bill
Demion Clinco	2	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Rosanna Gabaldón	2	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Sally Ann Gonzales	3	D	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	☹	Sponsored failed amendment to SB 1282 to prevent local laws protecting greyhounds
Macario Saldate IV	3	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Juan Carlos Escamilla	4	D	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	✓	☹	PS HB 2587 harmful animal cruelty bill
Lisa Otondo	4	D	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	✓	☹	PS HB 2587 harmful animal cruelty bill
Sonny Borrelli	5	R	×	×	×	×	×	×		
Doris Goodale	5	R	✓	✓	NV	×	×	×		
Brenda Barton	6	R	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	☹	PS and main supporter of HB 2587 harmful animal cruelty bill
Bob Thorpe	6	R	×	×	×	×	×	×	☹☹☹	PS HB 2699 anti-wolf; PS HB 2587 anti-animal cruelty; PS HCR 2018 anti-initiatives
Jamescita Peshlakai	7	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Albert Hale	7	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×		
Frank Pratt	8	R	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	☺	PS HB 2303 to extend ban on public animal sales statewide
T.J. Shope	8	R	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	☹☺	PS HB 2587 harmful animal cruelty bill; Helped on HB 2302
Victoria Steele	9	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Ethan Orr	9	R	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	☺	Sponsored amendment to SB 1282 to include public reporting of dog injuries
Stefanie Mach	10	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Bruce Wheeler	10	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Adam Kwasman	11	R	×	×	×	×	×	×	☹	PS SCR 1003 anti-initiative bill
Steve Smith	11	R	×	×	×	×	×	×		
Warren Petersen	12	R	×	×	×	×	×	×	☹	PS SCR 1003 anti-initiative bill
Eddie Farnsworth	12	R	×	×	×	×	×	×		
Steve Montenegro	13	R	✓	✓	×	NV	×	×	☹	PS HB 2587 harmful animal cruelty bill
Darin Mitchell	13	R	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	☹	PS HB 2587 harmful animal cruelty bill
David M. Gowan Sr.	14	R	×	×	×	×	×	×	☹☹	PS HB 2587 harmful animal cruelty bill; PS SB 1211 anti-wolf bill
David W. Stevens	14	R	×	×	×	×	×	×	☹	PS HB 2699 anti wolf bill
Heather Carter	15	R	✓	✓	×	×	×	×		
John Allen	15	R	✓	×	×	×	×	×		
Doug Coleman	16	R	✓	✓	×	×	×	×		
Kelly Townsend	16	R	✓	✓	×	×	×	×		
Thomas Forese	17	R	✓	×	×	×	×	×		

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Javan "J.D." Mesnard	17	R	✓	×	×	×	×	×	☹	PS SCR 1003 anti-initiative bill
Jeff Dial	18	R	✓	✓	×	×	×	×		
Bob Robson	18	R	✓	✓	×	×	×	×		
Lupe Chavira Contreras	19	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Mark A. Cardenas	19	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	☺	PS HB 2215 animal fighting, racketeering
Paul Boyer	20	R	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	☹	PS HCR 2018 anti-initiative bill
Carl Seel	20	R	✓	×	✓	×	×	×	☹	PS SCR 1003 anti-initiative bill
Rick Gray	21	R	✓	×	✓	×	×	×		
Debbie Lesko	21	R	✓	×	✓	×	×	×		
Phil Lovas	22	R	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×		
David Livingston	22	R	✓	×	×	×	×	×	☹☹	PS SB 1211 & SB 1212 anti wolf bills
John Kavanagh	23	R	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	☺☺☺	PS several pro-animal bills; amended SB1282; spoke against HB2587
Michelle Ugenti	23	R	✓	✓	NV	×	×	×	☹☺	PS HB 2014 (misleading ballot info); PS HB 2242 breeder bill
Chad Campbell	24	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Lela Alston	24	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	☺	PS HB 2215 animal fighting, racketeering
Justin Olson	25	R	×	×	×	×	×	×		
Justin Pierce	25	R	✓	✓	×	×	NV	×	☹	PS HCR 2018 anti-initiative bill
Juan Mendez	26	D	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	NV		
Andrew Sherwood	26	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	☺☺	PS HB 2242; HB 2215 & SB 1036 animal fighting; racketeering
Ruben Gallego	27	D	✓	✓	✓		NV			
Catherine H. Miranda	27	D	✓	✓	×	×	✓	✓		
Norma A. Muñoz	27	D	✓			✓		✓		
Kate Brophy McGee	28	R	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	☹	PS HB 2587 harmful animal cruelty bill
Eric Meyer	28	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Martín J. Quezada	29	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Lydia Hernández	29	D	✓	✓	×	NV	✓	✓		
Jonathan Larkin	30	D	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	✓		
Debbie McCune Davis	30	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		

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Bills
HB 2242: defines commercial dog breeders & requires standards of care
HB 2302: expands ban on public animal sales statewide
HB 2587: weakens animal cruelty law; contains broad, vague exemptions
HB 2699: damaging to endangered Mexican gray wolf recovery
HCR 2018: requires continual reauthorization of voter-passed citizen initiatives
SB 1211: damaging to endangered Mexican gray wolf recovery

Vote Symbols
Vote supporting animal protection or initiative rights ✓
Vote opposing animal protection or initiative rights ×

Other
Action taken supporting animal protection or initiative rights ☺
Action taken opposing animal protection or initiative rights ☹

Comments
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Name	District	Party	HB 2699	SB 1211	SB 1212	SCR 1003	Other	Comments
Steve Pierce	1	R	×	×	×	✓	☹☹☹	PS & lead supporter of HB 2587/SB 1267; sponsored bad amendment to SB 1282
Andrea Dalessandro	2	D	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Olivia Cajero Bedford	3	D	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Lynne Pancrazi	4	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	☹	PS HB 2587 harmful animal cruelty bill
Kelli Ward	5	R	×	×	×	×	☹	PS SCR 1003 anti-initiative bill
Chester Crandell	6	R	×	×	×	×	☹☹☹	PS HB 2587; PS HCR 2018/SCR 1003 anti-initiative bills; PS SB 1212 anti-wolf
Carlyle Begay	7	D	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Barbara McGuire	8	D	NV	×	✓	✓	☹	PS HB 2587 harmful animal cruelty bill
Steve Farley	9	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	☺☺☺	PS SB 1036 animal fighting; spoke against HB 2587; helped on other bills
David Bradley	10	D	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Al Melvin	11	R	×	×	×	×		
Andy Biggs	12	R	×	×	×	×		
Don Shooter	13	R	×	×	×	×		
Gail Griffin	14	R	×	×	×	×	☹☹☹	PS SB 1211 & SB 1212 anti-wolf bills; PS SCR 1006 anti-wolf resolution
Nancy Barto	15	R	×	×	×	×		
David Farnsworth	16	R	×	×	×	×	☹☹☹	PS HCR 2018 anti-initiative bill; PS SB1211 & SB 1212 anti-wolf bills
Steve Yarbrough	17	R	×	×	×	×		
John McComish	18	R	✓	×	×	×		
Anna Tovar	19	D	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Kimberly Yee	20	R	×	×	×	×		
Rick Murphy	21	R	×	×	×	×		
Judy Burges	22	R	×	×	×	×	☹☹	PS SB1211 & SB 1212 anti-wolf bills
Michele Reagan	23	R	×	×	✓	×	☺	PS HB 2242 dog breeder regulations
Katie Hobbs	24	D	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Bob Worsley	25	R	×	×	×	✓		
Ed Ableser	26	D	✓	✓	✓	NV		
Leah Landrum Taylor	27	D	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Adam Driggs	28	R	×	×	×	×		
Steve Gallardo	29	D	NV	✓	✓	✓		
Robert Meza	30	D	✓	✓	✓	✓		

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SB 1211: damaging to endangered Mexican gray wolf recovery
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