



AFP-Arizona 2018 State Legislative Objectives

AFP-Arizona will improve the well-being of Arizona citizens by passing legislative policy reforms that expand economic freedom. The 2018 scorecard will be the 35th annual scorecard put out by AFP-Arizona and the Arizona Federation of Taxpayers. The scorecard assigns weights to bills according to their projected dollar impact to Arizona taxpayers, consumers, and producers (\$1 million equals one point).

90-100% = Hero of the Taxpayer	80-89% = Champion of the Taxpayer
70-79% = Friend of the Taxpayer	60-69% = Not Bad
50-59% = Needs Improvement	30-49% = Friend of Big Government
10-29% = Champion of Big Government	00-09% = Hero of Big Government

State Legislative Objectives – 2018 Session

(Updated 3/15/2018)

- 1) **Pass a Responsible Balanced Budget (Slower Growth than Population + Inflation)**
- 2) **Protect Arizona's School Choice Programs, including Education Savings Accounts**
- 3) **Protect Entrepreneurs from Occupational Licensing, Burdensome Regulations**
- 4) **Reduce Arizona's Job-Killing Personal and Corporate Income Tax Burdens**
- 5) **Defend & Strengthen Arizona's Prop 108 Protections Against Tax & Fee Hikes**
- 6) **Pass the Truth-in-Spending Budget Transparency Bill**
- 7) **Require Greater Transparency in School District Override Ballot Pamphlets**
- 8) **Enact Pro-Consumer Free-Market Health Care and Insurance Reforms**
- 9) **Worker Freedom: Pass Paycheck Protection for Teachers and Taxpayers**
- 10) **Provide Property Tax Relief, Reform GPLETs, Stop Gas Tax Hikes**
- 11) **Use State & Local Public-Private Partnerships to Save Taxpayers Money**
- 12) **Repeal & Prevent Corporate-Welfare Subsidies, Tax Credits & Loan Guarantees**
- 13) **Make the Pension Plan for Elected Officials (EORP) Actuarially Sound**
- 14) **Block a Prop 301 Extension; Focus More of Available K-12 Money in Classrooms**
- 15) **Protect Free Political Speech & Donor Privacy**
- 16) **Protect Consumers from Environmental Rate Hikes, Power Outages**
- 17) **(Federal/State) Fight Federal Land Mismanagement**

AFP-AZ thanks its activists, coalition partners and allied Legislators for their assistance in developing this agenda. Longer-term objectives beyond 2018 include: instituting a firm state spending limit, eliminating the state's income taxes, creating a personal use education tax credit for parents, fully voucherizing higher education, allowing Arizona employees to direct retirement withholding into their own personal savings accounts, enacting sensible pro-business and pro-consumer tort reforms, allowing full consumer freedom in health insurance plans, and using long-term private concessions to build new freeway capacity.

Scoring Rubric for AFP-AZ's 2018 Legislative Scorecard – Updated 3/15/2018

Reform Element	Good Bill Numbers (Bad Bill Numbers)	Sponsors-Good Bills (Sponsors-Bad Bills)	AFP AZ 2018 Scorecard
No spending increase in FY19 > 3.7% (P&I) over FY18 baseline [†]	TBD	Gov. Doug Ducey , Pres. Yarbrough , Spkr. J.D. Mesnard	300+
Protect ESAs, other school choice programs	HB 2341, HB 2460, HB 2461, et al	Rep. Paul Boyer , Rep. Vince Leach	550
Protect entrepreneurs from heavy regulations	HBs 2333, 2011, 2062 2476, 2434, 2238, SBs 1175, 1404, 1399, 1273	Reps. Leach, Mosley, Ugenti, Weninger, Shope, Farnsworth Sens. Farnsworth, Smith, Petersen	200
Reduce income taxes, protect Prop 108	<i>HB 2166 / SB 1146</i>	<i>Rep. Noel Campbell, Sen. Bob Worsley</i>	100?/-500
Truth in Spending budget transparency	SB 1051, HB 2099	Sen. John Kavanagh , Rep. Vince Leach	200
Ballot transparency for school district overrides	SB 1378, HB 2171	Sen. Sylvia Allen , Rep Travis Grantham	100
Free-market health and insurance reforms	SB 1377, 1247, HB 2235 striker, et al	Sen. Nancy Barto	250
Paycheck Protection for teachers and taxpayers	TBD	TBD	50
<i>Block transportation tax hikes^{††} esp. light rail boondoggle</i>	<i>SB 1147, HB 2165</i>	<i>Sen. Bob Worsley, Rep. Noel Campbell</i>	<i>-500</i>
Public-private partnerships	TBD	Gov. Doug Ducey	100 (?)
Repeal/prevent corporate welfare, including stadiums ^{††}	SB 1453, HB 2370, HB 2280, HB 2126	Sen. Warren Petersen , Rep. Paul Mosley Rep. Vince Leach	100 (?)
Pension reform (EORP)	HB 2357	Rep. David Livingston	50
Block 301, get money into classrooms, etc	<i>SB 1390, HB 2158</i>	<i>Sen. Brophy-McGee, Rep. Doug Coleman</i>	<i>-900</i>
Protect free speech	HB 2153	Rep. Vince Leach	50
Block environmental rate hikes & outages	HB 2005 striker	Rep. Vince Leach	100
OTHER fiscal/reg. bills going to floors ^{††}	Sorry! We can't name all good member bills	Sorry! We can't name all good-bill sponsors	300 (?)
Total points raw	NA	NA	4,150

[†]Votes on the final budget will be scored proportionally, with positive/negative points awarded proportionally for a final general fund budget below/above \$10.180 B (plus possible factor for any unavoidable court-imposed spending). ^{††}Except for prevention and OTHER bills, legislators are penalized on the scorecard if the above key bills do not come to floor votes; AFP-Arizona's Legislative Scorecard allows for substitute bills that have similar policy impacts. The figures in the right column have been adjusted for a probability factor and for a long-term policy value factor. AFP-Arizona assigns a triple weight to tax bills.