



Arizona – CPAC Scorecard

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Summary

The latest edition of the Arizona CPAC Scorecard assesses 37 votes in both the Arizona State Senate and House from the 2024 session. The Arizona Republicans averaged 92% and the Arizona Democrats averaged 3% for an overall State Legislature average of 49%. These scores are similar to the Republican average, Democrat average and overall State Legislature average scores from 2023 which were 91%, 1% and 48% respectively.

In 2024 the Arizona legislature passed conservative legislation but most bills were vetoed by far-left Governor Katie Hobbs. The Governor vetoed bills which would have strengthened Arizona's election security and created work requirements for welfare benefits. Republicans must recapture the Governor's mansion to move Arizona forward.

Key Takeaways

Securing Arizona's Elections

Arizona Republicans passed several bills which aimed to strengthen the integrity of Arizona's elections. House Bill 2852 would prohibit municipalities from joining any multijurisdictional organization without first notifying the legislature, but the bill never became law. House Bill 2404 would have prevented people who don't live in Arizona from voting in Arizona. Governor Hobbs vetoed that bill. House Resolution 2058 proposes a Constitutional amendment that would prohibit election officials from accepting foreign money for election administration. The proposed Constitutional amendment will appear on the November 2026 ballot and cannot be vetoed by the Governor.

Rolling Back Regulation in Arizona

Regulation strangles individual creativity and initiative. CPAC envisions a world in which individuals are set free from bureaucracy so that all people can flourish. Arizona Republicans passed measures to check the growth of the bureaucracy and allow new technologies like cryptocurrency to develop without government impediment. SB 1343 would have made occupational license rules sunset after 5 years. SB 1366 would have expanded the regulatory sandbox for blockchain technologies, thus increasing freedom and innovation. Both bills passed the legislature but unfortunately Governor Hobbs vetoed both of them.

Taking Action Against Radical Uncontrolled Illegal Immigration

The radical left wants to dispossess the American people by flooding the country with tens of millions of illegal immigrants who don't believe in American values and whose children will become a permanent Democrat voting bloc. Republicans are taking action to stop the lawless border invasion. Arizona has a particularly important role to play since it is a border state. SB 1231 would have made it a state crime for a person to illegally enter Arizona from Mexico outside of an official port of entry. HCR 2038 declared the violent Mexican drug cartels to be terrorist organizations. Neither bill became law due to Governor Hobbs' veto.

Highlighted Votes Analyzed

SB 1005 - Preventing Taxpayers from Being Forced to Pay for DEI Trainings.

This bill prohibits the government from using public funds to pay for DEI trainings. CPAC supports efforts to fight the Left's abhorrent racism within the government and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on January 31, 2024 by a vote of 16-13 but the bill did not become law.

SB 1007 - Protecting Children From Sexually Deviant Librarians.

Many school libraries - even in elementary school - contain pornographic and sexually explicit materials. Worse still, some of these materials promote an ideology that teaches people that their sexual preferences are the entire substance of their identity. This bill prohibits school employees from referring children to pornographic and sexually explicit materials. CPAC supports efforts to protect children from exposure to obscene materials and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on April 3, 2024 by a vote of 31-21 but Governor Hobbs vetoed the bill.

HB 2502 - Setting in Place Training Requirements for Recipients of SNAP Benefits.

This bill requires able-bodied adults under 60 years of age to undergo an employment and training program in order to continue to qualify to receive SNAP benefits. CPAC supports efforts to preserve the welfare system's status as a temporary bridge between jobs and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on February 22, 2024 by a vote of 31-28 but Governor Hobbs vetoed the bill.

Trends and Observations

Far-Left Democrat Governor Katie Hobbs Blocked All Conservative Initiatives

Republicans control both Arizona's state House and Senate, but the state's governor is Katie Hobbs, a far-left extremist. CPAC supported 21 conservative bills which required a Governor signature in 2024 and Governor Hobbs vetoed all 21 of them. Until the 2026 election, Arizona Republicans must focus their efforts on Constitutional Amendments and ballot measures, since they will not be able to get around the governor.

Excellent Legislation - But Are All Republicans Sincere?

Arizona Republicans passed excellent conservative bills and they scored highly compared to Republicans in other states. But everyone knew that most of these bills would not become law because Governor Hobbs would veto them. There is an open question: did Arizona legislators sincerely want these bills to become law, or were some of them voting just because they wanted to be on the record supporting conservative priorities, knowing all along that the bill would be vetoed. When Republicans recapture the Arizona governor's mansion, conservatives must make sure that legislators do not backslide from the strong positions they took last year.

Republicans Seize The Moral High Ground

Arizona Republicans passed HB 2629, a bill declaring November 7th to be Victims of Communism Day. Since the Left has long controlled Hollywood, the schools, and the mainstream media, the Left was able to promote its own moral vision. Some Republicans were caught on the backfoot, describing themselves as pragmatists who moderate the Left's moral vision, rather than opponents of the Leftist project itself. By recognizing the victims of Communism, Arizona is showing that Republicans are learning to articulate their own positive, alternative vision for the country.

Conservative Excellence - Senate

Shawna Bolick - 92%
David Farnsworth - 95%
Jake Hoffman - 97%

Anthony Kern - 97%
J.D. Mesnard - 92%
Justine Wadsack - 97%

Warren Petersen - 95%

Conservative Excellence - House

Neal Carter - 97%
Joseph Chaplik - 97%
John Gillette - 92%
Travis Grantham - 92%
Gail Griffin - 92%
Justin Heap - 97%
Laurin Hendrix - 97%

Rachel Jones - 97%
Alexander Kolodin - 95%
David Marshall - 97%
Teresa Martinez - 92%
Cory McGarr - 97%
Steve B. Montenegro - 92%
Jacqueline Parker - 94%

Barbara Parker - 95%
Kevin Payne - 92%
Michele Peña - 92%
Beverly Pingerelli - 92%
Austin Smith - 92%
Julie Willoughby - 92%

Conservative Achievement - Senate

Ken Bennett - 86%
Sonny Borrelli - 89%
Frank Carroll - 89%

David Gowan - 89%
John Kavanagh - 89%
Sine Kerr - 89%

Wendy Rogers - 89%
Janae Shamp - 89%
Thomas Shope - 86%

Conservative Achievement - House

Leo Biasiucci - 89%
Selina Bliss - 89%
Michael Carbone - 89%
David Cook - 89%

Lupe Diaz - 89%
Timothy Dunn - 86%
Matt Gress - 89%
David Livingston - 89%

Quang Nguyen - 89%
Ben Toma - 89%
Justin Wilmeth - 86%