ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Fifty-sixth Legislature Second Regular Session

HB 2192: energy projects; grazing operations; compensation
S/E: conflict of interest; lobbying
Sponsor: Representative Cook, LD 7
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure

Summary of the Strike-Everything Amendment to HB 2192

<u>Overview</u>

States that someone cannot lobby the Legislature for a principal or public body if there is a conflict of interest.

History

Statute outlines restrictions for lobbyists. A person cannot retain or employ a person or accept employment or render service to promote or oppose legislation for compensation contingent on the passage or defeat of any legislation, or the approval or veto of any legislation by the Governor. A former Senator or Representative cannot lobby the Legislature for compensation within one year of ceasing to be a member of the Senate or House of Representatives. A person may not improperly seek to influence the vote of any member of the Legislature through communication with the member's employer. A person is prohibited from lobbying the public body that employed the person in a significant procurement role within one year after the person ceases to be employed by the public body (A.R.S. § 41-1233).

Provisions

- 1. Prohibits someone from lobbying the Legislature for a principal or public body if the lobbyist's, designated public lobbyist's or authorized public lobbyist's representation of the principal or public body involves a conflict of interest, unless each affected principal or public body gives informed written consent of the conflict of interest to the lobbyist. (Sec. 1)
- 2. States that on request of a legislator, a designated lobbyist, lobbyist for compensation, authorized lobbyist, designated public lobbyist or authorized public lobbyist must disclose to the legislator a list containing the lobbyist's current clients that have given informed written consent of any conflicts of interests. (Sec. 2)
- 3. Defines *conflict of interest* as a circumstance where:
 - a) the Lobbyist representation of one principal or public body is directly adverse to another principal or public body; or
 - b) there is a significant risk that the representation of one or more principals or public bodies will be materially limited by either the lobbyist's personal interests or the lobbyist's responsibilities to another principal or public body. (Sec. 1)

□ Prop 105 (45 votes)	□ Prop 108 (40 votes)	☐ Emergency (40 votes)	☐ Fiscal Note	