

# 2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT CARD

## Bill Summaries and Budget Commentary

+ = Alliance Supported Bills

- = Alliance Opposed Bills

**HB 2001+ Arizona Commerce Authority; Business Incentives** (Signed in the Second Special Session 2011 - Chapter 1)  
Makes numerous individual, corporate and property tax cuts to spur job creation

**HB 2008 / SB 1104+ Internal Revenue Code; Tax Conformity** (Signed - Chapter 4)  
Conforms Arizona tax statutes to the Internal Revenue Code

**HB 2078+ Tourism Office; Continuation** (Signed - Chapter 212)  
Continues the Arizona Office of Tourism for an additional five years

**HB 2227+ Separate Funds; Donations; Transfer Prohibited** (Signed - Chapter 194)  
Donations received by a state agency are not to be considered a part of the state General Fund

**HB 2304+ State Elections; Omnibus** (Signed - Chapter 332)  
Makes numerous changes to state election law including allowing corporations to contribute to an independent expenditure committee

**HB 2314+ Fee Commission** (Signed - Chapter 333)  
Establishes the State Agency Fee Review Commission

**HB 2332+ Conformity Policy; Internal Revenue Service Code** (Signed - Chapter 128)  
Prohibits the Arizona Department of Revenue from assessing interest or penalties for nonconformity

**HB 2422+ Local Government Budgeting; Posting; Publication** (Signed - Chapter 155)  
Requires local governments to post budget information online

**HB 2541+ Employee Drug Testing; Medical Marijuana** (Signed - Chapter 326)  
Allows employers to take action against employees who are impaired at work

**HB 2556+ Health Savings Accounts; Tax Incentives** (Signed - Chapter 287)  
Establishes tax credits for employers who provide health plans or contribute to health savings accounts

**HB 2616+ Workers' Compensation; Controlled Substances** (Signed - Chapter 338)  
Requires employee prescription drug disclosure by a physician to the Industrial Commission of Arizona upon employer request

**HB 2617+ Workers' Compensation; Settlement of Claims** (Signed - Chapter 139)  
Allows for settlement of a workers' compensation claim upon approval by the Industrial Commission of Arizona

**HB 2619+ Unemployment Insurance; Special Assessment** (Signed - Chapter 218)  
Closes the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund deficit and avoids the loss of the Federal Unemployment Tax Act credit for Arizona businesses

**HB 2627+ Sunset Review; Factors** (Signed - Chapter 176)  
Requires privatization to be a consideration of state agency sunset review

**HB 2707- General Fund Revenue Limit** (Vetoed)  
Caps state spending and adjusts the limit for population growth plus inflation

**SB 1203+ Revitalization Districts; Revisions** (Signed - Chapter 294)  
Changes infrastructure definitions for revitalization districts

**SB 1264+ Workers' Compensation; Reasonable Accommodations** (Signed - Chapter 345)  
Requires wages to be included in any earning capacity if an employer makes ADA accommodations

**SB 1322- Managed Competition; City Services** (Vetoed)  
Requires Phoenix and Tucson to bid any city service greater than \$500,000

**SB 1365+ Paycheck Deductions; Political Purposes** (Signed - Chapter 251)  
Requires authorization to deduct an employee's payroll for political purposes

**SB 1552+ Corporate Income Tax; Sales Factor** (Vetoed)  
Allows for Arizona based sales to factor 100% in corporate income tax apportionment

**SB 1592+ Health Care Compact; Funding** (Vetoed)  
Authorizes the Governor to enter into a Health Care Compact

**SB 1593+ Health Insurance; Interstate Purchase** (Vetoed)  
Permits the purchase of health insurance plans from companies out of state

**SB 1609+ Retirement Systems; Plan Design** (Signed - Chapter 357)  
Make actuarially sound changes to state retirement plans

**SCR 1025+ Public Funds; Political Candidates; Ban** (On the 2012 ballot)  
Repeals public funding of political campaigns

### 2011 Session Commentary

**The East Valley business community placed job creation and retention as its highest priority in 2011. The Arizona Legislature's passage of the Arizona Competitiveness Package was one of the most significant legislative accomplishments in decades. The capital investment and job creation potential created by the passage of the package firmly communicates that Arizona is "open for business".**

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Representing more than  
5,800 businesses  
and organizations

# EAST VALLEY CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE ALLIANCE 2011 LEGISLATIVE REPORT CARD

Legislation listed in this report card most accurately represents the positions of the Alliance that were communicated to East Valley lawmakers throughout the 2011 Regular Session. Please see the back cover for the disposition of each bill.

Governor's Key  
SGN - Signed  
VET - Vetoed

Position Key  
S - Supported  
O - Opposed

BILL	TITLE	POSITION	GOVERNOR'S ACTION	SENATORS									REPRESENTATIVES														
				Biggs (R - District 22)	Crandall (R - District 19)	McComish (R - District 20)	Pearce (R - District 18)	Reagan (R - District 8)	Schapiro (D - District 17)	Smith (R - District 23)	Yarborough (R - District 21)	Ableser (D - District 17)	Adams (R - District 19)	Arredondo (D - District 17)	Ash (R - District 18)	Court (R - District 18)	Dial (R - District 20)	Farnsworth (R - District 22)	Fillmore (R - District 23)	Forese (R - District 21)	Kavanagh (R - District 8)	Mesnard (R - District 21)	Olson (R - District 19)	Pratt (R - District 23)	Robson (R - District 20)	Ugenti (R - District 8)	Urie (R - District 22)
HB 2001	Arizona Commerce Authority; Business Incentives	S	SGN	D	A	A	A	A	D	A	A	D	A	D	A	A	A	D	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
HB 2008 SB 1104	Internal Revenue Code; Tax Conformity	S	SGN	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
HB 2078	Tourism Office; Continuation	S	SGN	D	A	A	D	A	A	D	A	A	D	A	A	A	A	D	D	D	A	A	D	A	A	A	A
HB 2227	Separate Funds; Donations; Transfer Prohibited	S	SGN	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
HB 2304	State Elections; Omnibus	S	SGN	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
HB 2314	Fee Commission	S	SGN	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
HB 2332	Conformity Policy; Internal Revenue Service Code	S	SGN	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	NV	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
HB 2422	Local Gov't Budgeting; Posting; Publication	S	SGN	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
HB 2541	Employee Drug Testing; Medical Marijuana	S	SGN	A	A	A	A	A	D	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
HB 2556	Health Savings Accounts; Tax Incentives	S	SGN	A	A	A	A	A	D	A	A	D	A	D	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
HB 2616	Workers' Comp.; Controlled Substances	S	SGN	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
HB 2617	Workers' Comp.; Settlement of Claims	S	SGN	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	NV	A	D	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
HB 2619	Unemployment Insurance; Special Assessment	S	SGN	D	A	A	D	A	A	D	A	A	A	A	A	D	D	D	D	A	D	A	A	D	D	D	
HB 2627	Sunset Review; Factors	S	SGN	A	A	A	A	A	D	A	A	D	A	D	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
HB 2707	General Fund Revenue Limit	O	VET	D	A	D	D	D	A	D	D	A	D	A	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	A	D	D
SB 1203	Revitalization Districts; Revisions	S	SGN	D	A	A	D	A	A	D	A	NV	D	A	A	D	A	D	D	D	A	D	A	A	A	D	
SB 1264	Workers Comp; Reasonable Accommodations	S	SGN	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	NV	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
SB 1322	Managed Competition; City Services	O	VET	D	D	NV	D	D	A	D	D	NV	D	A	A	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	A
SB 1365	Paycheck Deductions; Political Purposes	S	SGN	A	A	A	A	A	D	A	A	NV	A	D	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	D	
SB 1552	Corporate Income Tax; Sales Factor	S	VET	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	NV	A	A	A	A	
SB 1592	Health Care Compact; Funding	S	VET	A	A	A	A	A	D	A	A	NV	A	D	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
SB 1593	Health Insurance; Interstate Purchase	S	VET	A	A	A	A	A	D	A	A	D	A	D	D	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
SB 1609	Retirement Systems; Plan Design	S	SGN	A	A	A	A	A	D	A	A	NV	A	D	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
SCR 1025	Public Funds; Political Candidates; Ban	S	FILED	A	A	A	A	A	NV	A	A	NV	A	A	A	A	A	A	D	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
<b>% Agree with Alliance</b>				<b>75%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>83%</b>

A = Agree      D = Disagree      NV = Not Voting

Percentages are based on the number of times a legislator agreed with the Alliance on specific issues divided by the number of times he or she had the opportunity to cast a final floor vote. An indication of not voting is counted as a position in disagreement.  
**LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT KEY:** District 8 – Fountain Hills, Scottsdale; District 17 – South Scottsdale, Tempe; District 18 – West Mesa; District 19 – East Mesa; District 20 - Ahwatukee, West Chandler, South Tempe; District 21 – East Chandler, Sun Lakes, Queen Creek; District 22 – Gilbert, Apache Junction, South Mesa; District 23 – Apache Junction, Queen Creek