

HB2429 - solar energy tax incentives has been introduced in the Arizona House of Representatives and will face it's first committee hearing on Wednesday in the Environmental Committee. This legislation would make changes to Arizona's tax policies regarding solar energy equipment for residential and commercial applications. If you recall, last year, solar tax legislation failed late in the session. This year, we need your help to push this legislation through the Arizona Legislature and on to the Governor for signature. We do have opposition from Southwest Gas to the solar water heating provisions in the bill. We need to show public support for the bill.

HB 2429 would make the following changes to Arizona tax policy regarding solar energy:

- Raise the cap on the Residential Tax Credit from the current limit of \$1000 to a maximum of \$2000. New language would also allow a homeowner to take a total of \$5000 in solar tax credits per residence. A sunset date of December 31, 2012 is added.
- Create a Commercial Solar Tax Credit that will allow a 10% credit for the installation of solar energy devices for commercial or industrial purposes in a trade or business located in Arizona. The credit is limited to \$25,000 dollars with respect to the same building annually and \$50,000 annually per company. There is an annual cap of \$7 million. This provision shall sunset on December 31, 2012.
- Eliminate any potential property tax increase when adding solar energy systems to a property.
- Remove the \$5000 limit on the solar sales tax exemption.

HB2429 is scheduled for a hearing before the House Environmental Committee on Wednesday, January 25th at 1:30PM in hearing room 5 at the Arizona House of Representatives.

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How can you help?

Please contact your Representative in the House and ask for their support for HB2429 - solar energy tax incentives when it comes to a vote on the floor. If your representative is on the Environmental Committee please call and ask for their support in Committee. If your business is located in their legislative district

please call as well. As noted above, there is opposition to the solar water heating provisions in the bill from Southwest Gas. They have threatened an amendment to strike some of the solar water heating provisions from the tax credit. We need to let our Legislature know that this bill is a comprehensive solar package designed to bring the air quality and economic development benefits of solar energy to Arizona and to limit solar water heating would limit these benefits Arizona. Please contact your Legislators today! Please e-mail your Legislators in the House and follow up with a telephone call to have the greatest impact.

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