

ARIZONA 2008 LEGISLATION

HB 2766

Omnibus Energy Act Of 2008

Creates energy-efficiency standards for residential and commercial construction, state buildings, and schools. Would help encourage solar power through energy efficiency standards in construction. Would also require, by 2013, all state agencies, universities and school districts receive at least 10% of their energy from renewable sources, and mandate that by 2030, public buildings reduce energy use 30% from 2001 levels.

Sponsors : Representatives Lucy Mason (R - Prescott), Chad Campbell (D Phoenix) and Marian McClure (R-Tucson)

HB 2738

Establishes a state grants program that would fund installation of solar technology at schools.

Sponsors - Representative Steve Farley (D - Tucson)

HB 2615

Standardizes building-permit fees that municipalities and counties charge for home solar systems.

Sponsors: Representatives Lucy Mason (R - Prescott), Ed Ableser (D - Tempe), and Michele Reagan (R - Scottsdale)

HB 2614

Allows renewable energy equipment to be taxed at 20% of its normal depreciated value until 2040.

Sponsors: Representative Lucy Mason (R - Prescott), and Senators Richard Miranda (D - Phoenix), and Senator Tom O'Halleran (R- Sedona)

HB 2613

Creates a property tax break for all power plants generating 2 or more megawatts of electricity from renewable resources, and for manufacturers of renewable energy equipment.

Sponsors - Representatives Lucy Mason (R - Prescott); Tom Prezelski (D - Tucson) and Senator Richard Miranda (D - Phoenix)

HB 2538

Requires all state parks to install shower facilities powered by solar energy within a decade

Sponsors: Representatives Krysten Sinema (D - Phoenix); Ed Ableser (D - Tempe)

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