

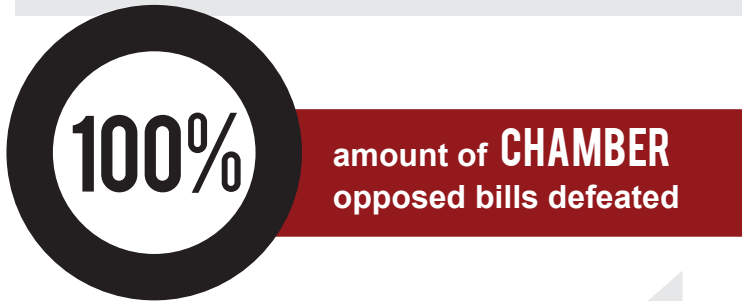
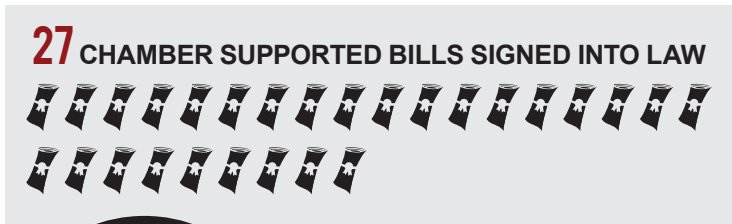
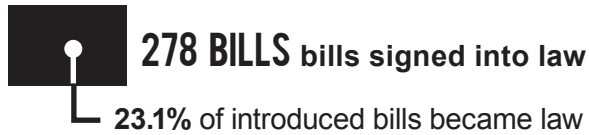


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# ARIZONA'S 51<sup>ST</sup> LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2014

Laws and regulations impact **YOUR business** every day. The Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce works with elected officials at the local and state levels to ensure the voice of business is heard on important policy decisions. Here is a look at how your Chamber membership influenced those decisions during the 2014 legislative session.



"The Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce provides a vital forum for businesses to come together and speak with one voice on important policy issues affecting the business community and Arizona's future economic prosperity."

**PETER HAYES**  
Associate General Manager & Chief Public Affairs Executive, SRP

## KEY SUCCESSES

- Defeated attempts to undermine accountability in K-12 education
- Defeated attempts to place personal taxpayer information up for public scrutiny
- Defeated attempts to place the burden of healthcare for the poor on the backs of business owners
- Supported funding for a K-12 academic assessment
- Supported industry growth through tax reform
- Supported reforms to streamline government permitting processes
- Improved Arizona's Workers Comp system through reforms proven to lower premiums businesses pay while strengthening the system for employees
- Improved the reliability of the sales tax system to protect businesses in the case of audit



## BILL SPOTLIGHT

### SENATE BILL 1413

removal of energy taxation in manufacturing

- The Greater Phoenix Chamber worked to pass Senate Bill 1413, aligning Arizona's method of energy taxation in manufacturing to that of a majority of competing states. This change removes a barrier to our economic development potential by placing Arizona on a more level playing field in the area of taxation on energy sources used in manufacturing.

## ENSURING ARIZONA IS A COMPETITOR FOR MANUFACTURING FACILITIES

- Manufacturing in the United States is making a comeback, and about 4,500 manufacturers call Arizona home. Ensuring Arizona is a competitor for manufacturing facilities will further diversify our economy and provide new, higher wage jobs for Arizonans. This passage of Senate Bill 1413 provides an opportunity for us to strengthen the Arizona Comeback.



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manufacturers in Arizona



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