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Arizona's 2019 Legislative Session Wrap:

Public Health Wins, Losses & Missed Opportunities (but Mostly Wins)

September 5th, 2019

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Learning Objectives

- Be able to describe 3 bills that passed and were signed during the 2019 Legislative Session that will be good for public health in Arizona
- Be able to describe 3 bills that were heard but didn't pass that would have been good for public health in Arizona
- Be able to identify 3 bills that were heard and failed that would have been bad for public health

Public Health Wins

Access to Care



- Kids Care Reauthorization
- Additional \$750,000 for the State Loan Repayment Program (in addition to the current \$1M/year)
- \$1.6M for rural Graduate Medical Education (\$5.5M w fed match) and \$1.3M for urban GME (\$4.4M w fed match)
- \$750,000 for North Country Graduate Medical Education
- \$700K for Colorado City primary care clinic
- \$1.5M for Benson and Northern Cochise critical access hospitals
- [SB 1089](#) Telemedicine



Public Health Wins

• Injury Prevention

- [HB 2318](#) Hands Free Cell Requirement
- [SB 1468](#) Suicide Prevention Training
- [HB 2488](#) Veteran Suicide Annual Report
- \$1.6M for Veteran's Suicide Prevention (includes \$450K for trauma training)



Public Health Wins

Assurance & Licensure

- [SB 1247](#) Residential Care Institutions
- [SB 1211](#) Intermediate Care Facilities
- [HB 1494](#) Medical Marijuana Testing

Maternal & Child Health

- [SB 1040](#) Maternal Mortality Report
- [SB 1456](#) Vision Screening
- \$1M for Rural Prenatal Equipment (Budget)

Public Health Win: Access to Care



Kids Care (CHIP) Reauthorization

- Final State Budget fully funded KidsCare and reduced the risk of a future enrollment freeze
- Pays next year's increased state match requirements
- Eliminates the former trigger language that would have frozen KidsCare when the federal match requirement changes again in FY 2021
- Secures quality health insurance coverage for more than 30,000 Arizona kids



Public Health Wins: Access to Care

Budget Items

- \$750,000 for the State Loan Repayment Program (in addition to the current \$1M/year)
- \$12.5M more for Graduate Medical Education (\$7M rural and \$4.5M urban)
- \$750,000 for North Country Graduate Medical Education
- \$700K for Colorado City primary care clinic
- \$1.5M for Benson and Northern Cochise hospitals
- \$10M to the Housing Trust Fund for programs related to homelessness
- \$15M for an ADE school safety grant program for School Resource Officers, or behavioral health counselors and social workers



Public Health Win: Access to Care



SB 1089 Telemedicine

- Any healthcare service covered in-person by a commercial insurer will also be covered when provided through telemedicine
- Formerly, AZ law limited telemedicine coverage to a handful of medical services



Public Health Win: Injury Prevention



SB 1165 (2318) Texting and Driving Prohibition

- Prohibits using a hand-held cell phone while driving
- Common-sense exemptions for example if the person is using it hands free etc.
- Penalties are a civil penalty (no driving points) with the first offense being between \$75- \$150 and the 2nd offense between \$150 and \$250
- Money penalties begin January 1, 2021
- Is Primary Enforcement: law enforcement can act in the absence of another moving violation

Public Health Win: Injury Prevention



[HB 2488](#) Veteran Suicide Annual Report

- Requires ADHS (starting this year) to complete an annual report on veteran suicides in Arizona
- The report will create the surveillance and data linkages to inform suicide prevention strategies based upon risk factors that correlate to suicide
- The report will analyze patterns of drugs, or combinations of drugs, that were used by Arizona's resident veterans when drug poisoning was the mechanism of suicide

Public Health Win: Injury Prevention



SB 1468 **Suicide Prevention Training**

- Requires public schools and Arizona teacher training programs to include suicide prevention training in their continuing education curricula
- Requires AHCCCS to make suicide training available (some evidence-based tools curricula already exist)
- Starts in the 2020 school year
- Applies to grades 6 to 12
- Specifies evidenced-based training materials

Public Health Win: Licensure



SB 1247 Residential Care Institutions

- Requires more robust staffing background checks for facilities that provide services for children
- Removes the “deemed status” designation for child residential behavioral health facilities
- Under the old law, facilities in this category (e.g. Southwest Key) can be accredited by a 3rd party (e.g. Council on Accreditation) and avoid annual surprise inspections by the ADHS
- New law provides more oversight to ensure background checks and that facilities are compliant with state regulations

Public Health Win: Licensure



SB 1211 Intermediate Care Facilities

- Closes a licensing loophole by requiring more robust staffing background checks for facilities that provide services to people with disabilities at intermediate care facilities
- These facilities will now require a license to operate from the Arizona Department of Health Services beginning on January 1, 2020
- Under current law these facilities (Hacienda de los Angeles and similar facilities run by the ADES were exempt from state licensing requirements)

Public Health Win: Vital Records



SB 1245 Vital Records- Death Certificates

- This bill will make it clear that both state and county Registrars can provide certified copies of death certificates to licensed funeral home directors upon request
- There's been some confusion about this authority and this bill will clear that up

Public Health Win: Licensure



HB 1494 Medical Marijuana Testing

- Requires medical marijuana dispensaries to test their product for potency and contaminants
- Will also require the ADHS to develop testing standards and laboratory certification criteria
- Improves ADHS' dispensary enforcement authority
- MM data can now be used for research purposes
- MM Cards valid for 2 years (effectively cuts card fees in half)



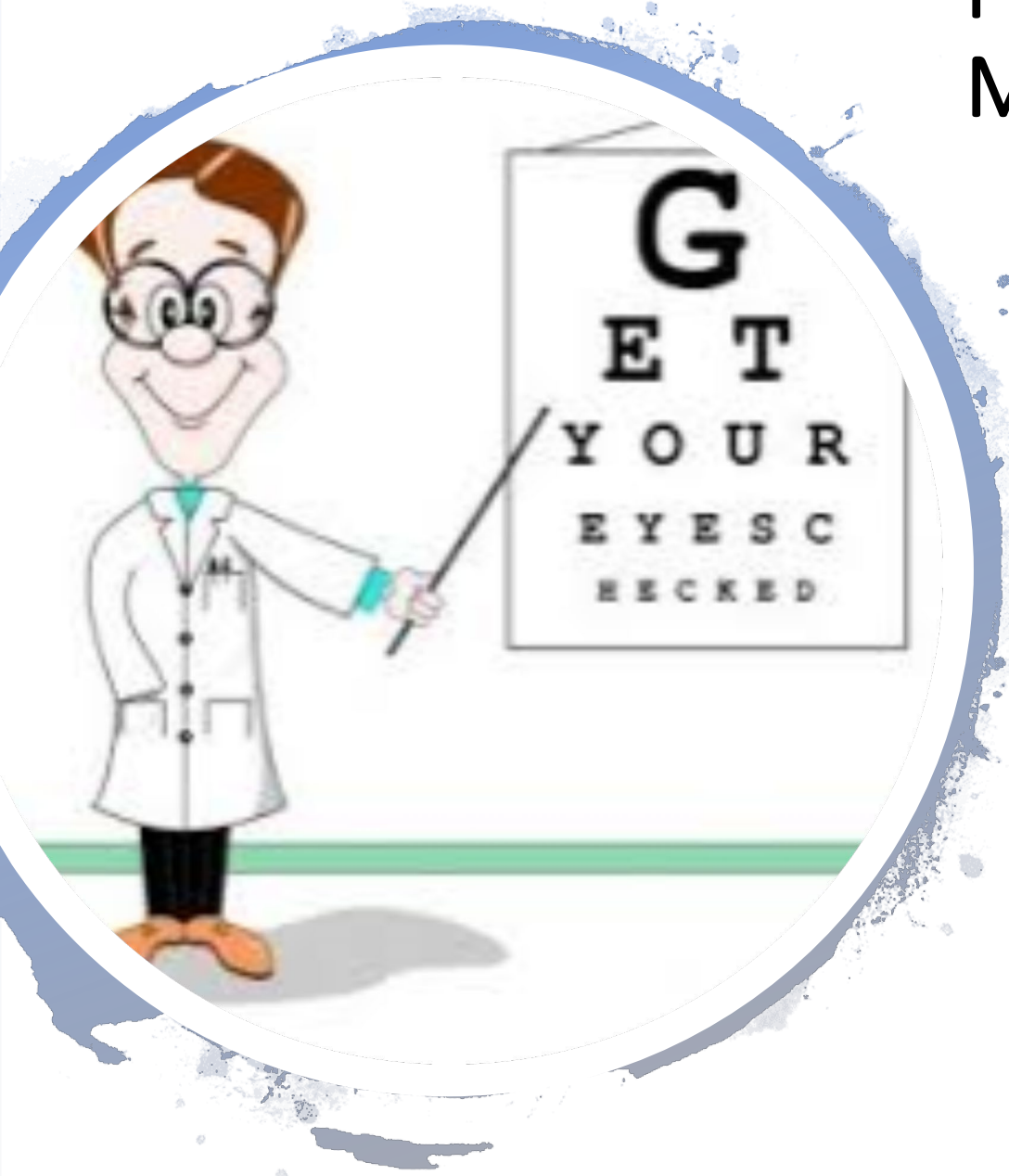
Public Health Win: Maternal & Child Health



SB 1040 Maternal Mortality Report

- Establishes an ADHS Advisory Committee on Maternal Fatalities and Morbidity
- Committee objectives are to develop a report with recommendations to improve maternal health birth outcomes by December 31, 2019
- State Budget included \$1M for Rural Prenatal Equipment

Public Health Win: Maternal & Child Health



• [SB 1456](#) Vision Screening

- Requires schools to provide vision screening services to students in grades prescribed by future ADHS rules
- Applies to kids being considered for special education services, and students who are not reading at grade level by the third grade
- Appropriates \$100,000 from the state General Fund to the ADHS for tracking and follow up

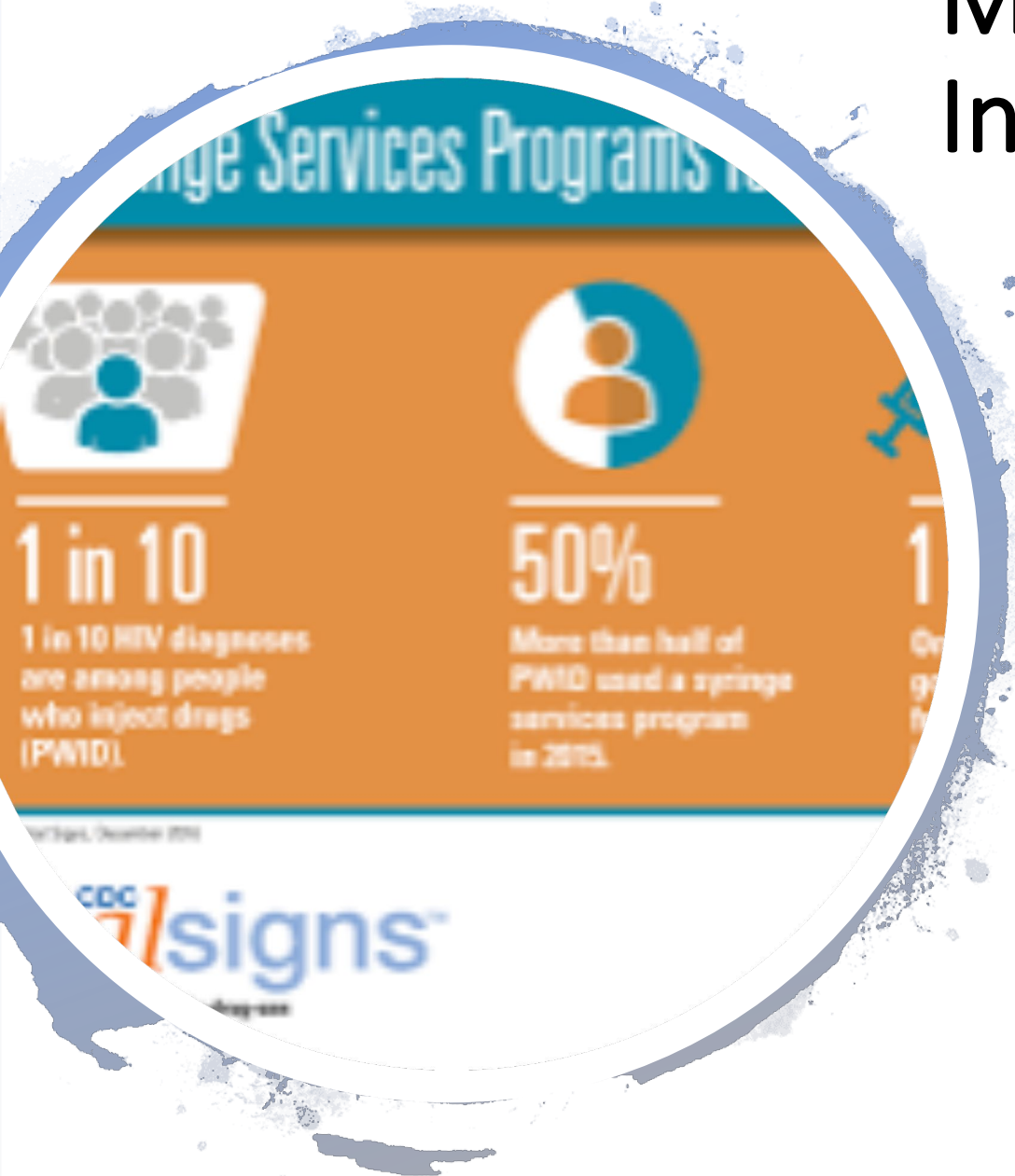
Missed Opportunity: Oral Health



SB 1088 Dental Care During Pregnancy

- Would have expanded AHCCCS covered services to include preventative dental coverage during pregnancy
- Good oral health improves birth outcomes including reducing pre-term birth while also preventing the transmission of caries from mom to infant after birth
- Periodontal disease costs the state \$29M in the first year from low birth weight births because of periodontal disease compared with only \$2.6M for a similar number of non pre-term birth

Missed Opportunity: Injury Prevention



HB 2718 Syringe Services Programs

- This bill would have decriminalized syringe access programs, currently a class 6 felony
- To qualify, programs would have needed to list their services including disposal of used needles, injection supplies, and access to kits that contain an opioid antagonist
- We'll try again next year

Missed Opportunity: Access to Care



• [SB 1354](#) Graduate Medical Education & Loan Repayment

- The final budget did make some investments that were included in this bill, but not all
- This bill would have done a great deal both in the short-term by substantially boosting the primary care loan repayment program and really enhancing graduate medical education residencies over the coming years
- Residency location is critical as it influences where practitioners ultimately practice

Missed Opportunity: Native American Health



SB 1174 Tribal Area Health Education Center

- Bill would have added an Area Health Education Center specifically for Native Americans

SB 1355 Native American Dental Care

- This bill would have required AHCCCS to seek federal authorization to reimburse the Indian Health Services and tribal facilities to cover the cost of adult dental services

Missed Opportunity: Physical Activity



SB1399 School Health Pilot Program

- Would have charged the ADE with conducting a 3-year physical and health education professional development pilot program
- Would have improved the ability of physical and health educators in this state to provide high quality physical and health education
- Goal was to improve student health and reducing Arizona health care cost containment 10 system and other health-related costs

Missed Opportunity: Vaping Control



HB 2357 Electronic Cigarettes

- Would have classified vaping products in the same category as tobacco
- Vape pens would be subject to the same laws and rules that govern sales and use (e.g. vaping would be covered under the Smoke Free Arizona Act)
- Would have allowed cities and towns to impose their own stricter regulations.
- Would have kept the sale age at 18 (rather than 21 which would be ideal) but it would still allow communities to adopt and keep their own ordinances

Other Missed Opportunities: Bills that Sadly Weren't Heard



- [SB 1363](#) Tobacco Product Sales (Tobacco 21) (Carter)
- [HB 2162](#) Vaccine Personal Exemptions (Hernandez)
- [HB 2352](#) School Nurse and Immunization Postings (Butler)
- [HB 2172](#) Rear Facing Car Seats (Bolding)
- [HB 2246](#) Motorcycle Helmets (Frieze)
- [SB 1219](#) Domestic Violence Offenses & Firearm Transfer
- [HB 2247](#) Bump Stocks (Frieze)
- [HB 2248](#) Firearm Sales (Frieze)
- [HB 2161](#) Order of Protection (Hernandez)
- [SB 1119](#) Tanning Studios (Mendez)
- [HB 2347](#) Medicaid Buy-in (Butler)
- [HB 2351](#) Medical Services Study Committee (Butler)

Close Calls: Bills that Would Have Hurt Vaccination Rates



• **HB 2470 Vaccination Religious Exemptions**

- Would have added an additional exemption to the school vaccine requirements into state law

• **HB 2472 Vaccinations- Antibody Titer**

- Would have mandated that doctors inform parents and guardians that antibody titer tests are an option in lieu of receiving a vaccination and that there are exemptions available for the state requirements for attending school

• **HB 2471 Informed Consent**

- Would have added a requirement that physicians provide parents a full vaccine package insert for each vaccine administered (physicians already provide a Vaccine Information Summary to parents)



Close Calls: Bill that Would Have Hurt Future Tobacco Control Efforts



SB 1147 Tobacco and E-Cigarettes

- Would have set the minimum age statewide for tobacco possession at 21 but would have overridden local ordinances
- E-cigs would be in a separate legal category from tobacco meaning - specifically exempting them from the Smoke Free Arizona Act
- Bottom line: the restrictions in the bill weren't worth it. Better to wait for a clear T-21 bill & tobacco/e-cig definition

Bad Bill that Passed: Access to Care



...a **bad health insurance**
...what to do!

• [SB 1109](#) Short Term Limited Health Plans

- This new law authorizes the sale of short-term limited health plans in Arizona for terms up to 3 years. The previous limit was 1 year.
- They don't cover pre-existing conditions and have limited consumer protection because they aren't required to cover the essential health services under the ACA and can drop enrollees
- Caveat Emptor!

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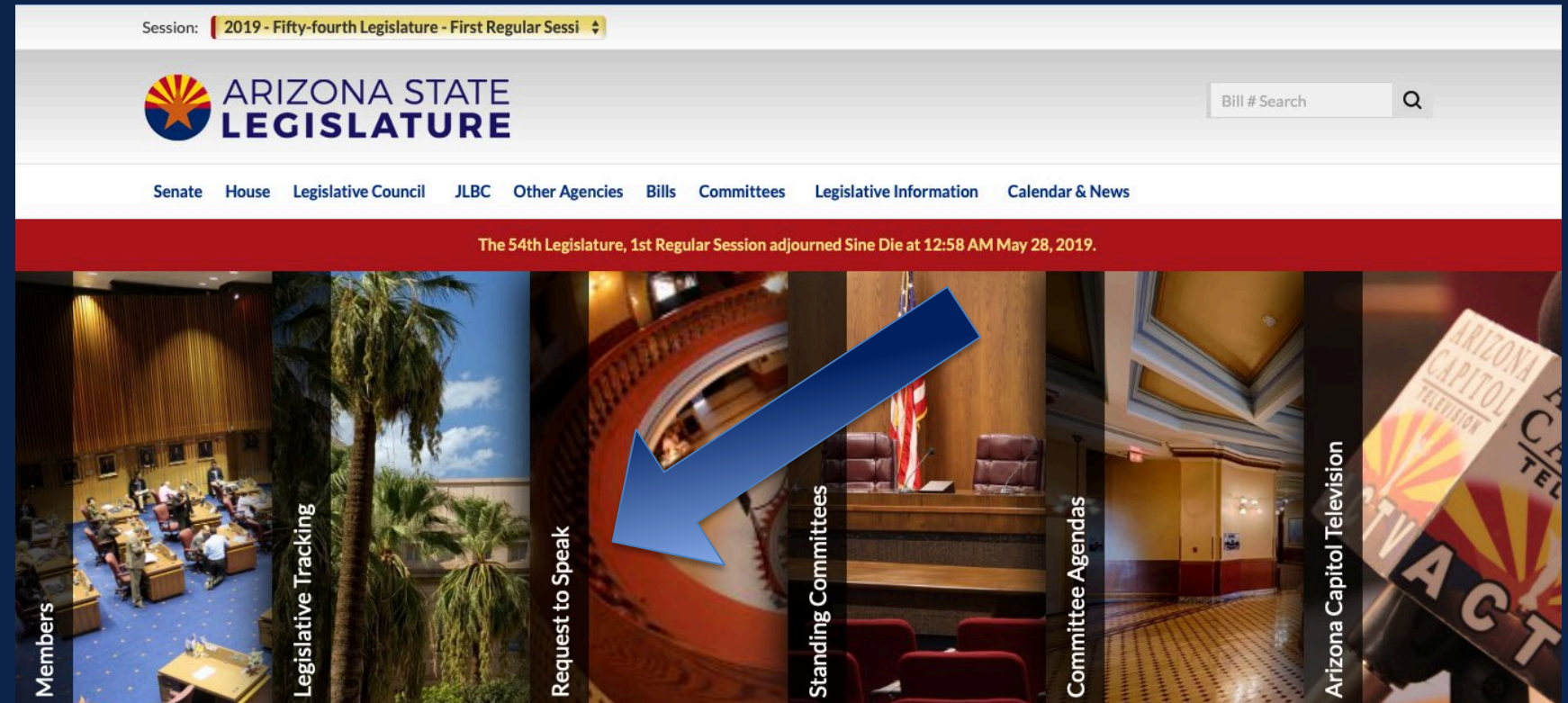


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Assigned Date

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Senate Second Read: 01/15/2019

Consent Calendar: 01/28/2019, 1:10 pm

Object: Yes

Senate Democrat Caucuses: 01/29/2019 Yes

Senate Republican Caucuses: 01/29/2019 Yes

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No	Against	Jason Bezozo	BANNER HEALTH ARIZONA		
No	For	Terrance Traylor	Self		
No	Against	Tara Plese	AZ Alliance For Community Health Centers		
No	Against	Susan Cannata	Arizona Chapter Of The American Academy Of Pediatrics		
No	Against	Jaime Molera	MERCY CARE		
No	Against	Pat VanMaanen	Self		
No	Against	Greg Ensell	AZ HOSPITAL & HEALTHCARE ASSN		
No	Against	Kelly Fine	AZ PHARMACY ASSOCIATION		
No	Against	Kathi Beranek	Blue Cross Blue Shield Of Arizona		
If Necessary	Against	Joan Koerber-Walker	Self		
No	Against	Judith Simons	Self	Unnecessary burden on medical ...	
Yes	Against	Steve Barclay	Arizona Medical Association, Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association, MAYO CLINIC ARIZONA	Adding Mayo Clinic as opposed to ...	
No	Against	Alicia Klassen	Self	Please trust our state's physicians...	
No	Against	Laura Dearing	The Arizona Academy Of Family Physicians		
No	Against	Michael Do, MD	Self	I'm a pediatrician and am this bill...	
Yes	For	Annette Hardman	Self	Why have another vaccine if we are ...	
If Necessary	Against	Mary Ellen Rimsza MD	Self	This bill encourages parents to ...	
If Necessary	Against	Pete Wertheim	Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association		
No	Against	Erika Mach	Self		
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