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KATIE HOBBS  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE

April 2, 2024

The Honorable Ben Toma  
Speaker of the House  
Arizona State Senate  
1700 W. Washington Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

RE: House Bill 2019: Groundwater model; public inspection; challenge

Speaker Toma,

Today, I vetoed House Bill 2019. The Arizona Department of Water Resources publishes its hydrologic models and related information to the Department's website, and this information is readily available to the public. ADWR engages in robust stakeholder engagement on all of its model releases, and this bill would create unnecessary bureaucratic processes that would delay further updates and release of information.

I have consistently stated that water policy needs to be addressed in a holistic manner that provides real solutions for the challenges we face throughout the state. I look forward to continuing to work with both the House and the Senate to craft a package of proposals that does exactly this.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katie Hobbs", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Katie Hobbs  
Governor  
State of Arizona

cc:

The Honorable Warren Petersen  
The Honorable Gail Griffin  
The Honorable Adrian Fontes