

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENT EXPLANATION



Bill Number: **HCR 2044**

Griffin Floor Amendment

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- Adds zinc, manganese and silver to the list of abundant metals and minerals in Arizona.
 - Outlines that the resolution be sent by the Arizona Secretary of State to the President of the US Senate, Speaker of the US House of Representatives and each member of Congress from Arizona.

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GRIFFIN FLOOR AMENDMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO H.C.R. 2044
(Reference to printed resolution)

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<<Green carets>> indicate a section added to the bill.
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1 The resolution as proposed to be amended is reprinted as follows:

2 Whereas, Arizona is endowed with a rich abundance of metal and
3 mineral resources, such as copper, lithium, molybdenum and uranium, that
4 are essential to the economy and national security of the United States.
5 The large amount of available natural resources has led to a large mining
6 industry that has been a cornerstone of this state's economy. Hard rock
7 mining alone in Arizona contributes approximately \$21.2 billion to the
8 Arizona economy each year and provides just under 59,000 direct and
9 indirect jobs within this state; and

10 Whereas, Arizona contains seven of the top ten open-pit hard rock
11 copper mines in the United States and produces over 74% of the nation's
12 copper, earning the nickname the "Copper State". In addition to copper,
13 Arizona contains rich deposits of other minerals and metals, like uranium,
14 that are essential to America's supply chain; and

15 Whereas, Northern Arizona contains some of the nation's best uranium
16 deposits. Known as breccia pipes, these uranium deposits are high-grade,
17 close to the surface and require very little land area to mine, making
18 them among the lowest-cost and lowest-impact sources of uranium. These
19 sites are less than 20-acres in size and contain enough uranium to supply
20 the entire state with carbon-free energy for one to two years; and

21 Whereas, green energy technologies, such as solar panels, wind
22 turbines, electric vehicles and nuclear power, all rely heavily on metals

1 and minerals that are abundant in this state, especially copper[.] [~~and~~]
2 uranium[. ZINC. MANGANESE AND SILVER]; and

3 Whereas, in December 2024, China banned the export of metals and
4 minerals to the United States that are critical in the production of
5 computer chips, military technologies and other parts of the economy of
6 the United States; and

7 Whereas, BHP, a leading mining company, forecasts a 72% increase in
8 global copper demand. The National Mining Association projects that copper
9 demand will double by 2030 and surge even higher by 2050, causing the
10 United States to face a supply crisis that could stifle its economic
11 growth; and

12 Whereas, with a lack of foreign imports of critical resources and a
13 growing demand globally and domestically, the United States must develop a
14 robust domestic supply chain for these minerals and metals to ensure the
15 availability of these resources for domestic industries, continual
16 economic growth and a sustainable energy future; and

17 Whereas, Arizona has the unique position, due to its abundance of
18 critical metals and minerals, to become a large supplier of these key
19 resources.

20 Therefore

21 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona,
22 the senate concurring:

23 1. That the Members of the Legislature recognize and affirm the
24 critical importance of Arizona's mineral resources and mining industry to
25 the state, national and global economies.

26 2. That the Members of the Legislature support policies and
27 initiatives that promote domestic production, refining and recycling of
28 critical and strategic resources to reduce reliance on foreign imports.

29 3. That the Members of the Legislature beseech federal, state and
30 local governments to streamline the mining permitting process to expedite
31 the responsible development of Arizona's resources.

32 4. That the Members of the Legislature commit to fostering a
33 business-friendly environment that encourages mining investment in
34 Arizona, to sustaining Arizona's leadership in the mining sector and to
35 aiding in the establishment of a domestic supply chain for resources that
36 are critical to this nation's economy and national security.

37 5. That the Members of the Legislature request that the federal
38 government develop a comprehensive and strategic critical minerals policy
39 that prioritizes national security, economic stability and environmental
40 sustainability.

1 [6. THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA TRANSMIT A
2 COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE, THE
3 SPEAKER OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND EACH MEMBER OF
4 CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF ARIZONA.]

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6 Amend title to conform

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