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**ADVOCACY ALERT – SB1270 (to fund
the State Parks Heritage Fund) will
now be heard by the
Senate Appropriations Committee**

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Dear Friends of the Heritage Fund

On behalf of the entire Alliance Board, I am pleased to let you know that **Senate Bill 1270** (SB1270 state parks; lottery; heritage fund; to fund the Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund is on the **Senate Appropriations Committee agenda and will be heard on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 2:00 PM in Room SHR109**. [Click here](#) to access a livestream of the meeting.

If you have already communicated your support for SB1270 when it was being heard by the House, then you do not need to register your support again on the RTS system. If you have NOT communicated your position through the Legislature's **Request to Speak** (RTS) system for SB1270, you still can.

You can also call or email the 2022 Senate Appropriations Committee members directly and let them know you want them to **SUPPORT SB1270**.

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The importance of Arizona's local, regional, and state parks; trails; and open spaces has also become more evident as we work to overcome the social and economic hardships caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Our public parks and open spaces provide Arizonans the space for socially distanced recreation and respite during these challenging times. Increased usage and foot traffic warrants increased maintenance and upkeep to meet the demand.

This demand has demonstrated that investing in our trails, parks, cultural sites, and open spaces – which contribute billions of dollars each year to the state's economy – is key to the economic recovery of our urban and rural economies. It is therefore imperative that we look toward a funding mechanism such as the Heritage Fund to invest in the physical, social, and civic structures that many of our communities, especially in rural and tribal

areas, depend upon for generating tourism-related economic activities that in turn create jobs and support local business.

Not only do they protect and preserve Arizona's heritage, but as the past year has shown that they have been critical to our state's response to the pandemic. Our outdoor recreation and tourism-based jobs and businesses they support will be key to stimulate Arizona's economy and aid our economic recovery.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact us at mail@azheritage.org or call 602-528-7500.

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- Protect the integrity and voter intent of the Arizona Game & Fish Heritage Fund
- Pursue sustainable and dedicated funding sources for Arizona's historic, cultural, and natural initiatives, programs, and activities
- Educate Arizonans on the benefits of our state's wildlife, open space, parks, and historic and cultural resources
- Monitor state legislative and agency activity



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