



## **SB62 Land Use - Public Service Companies – Pollinator-Friendly Vegetation Management**

**Education, Energy and The Environment Committee  
January 31, 2023**

### **Position: Favorable with Amendments**

Thank you Senator Augustine, for sponsoring this legislation to create more habitat for pollinators, birds and wildlife in utility right of ways. We have all heard about the serious plight of these critical species and opening up utility right of ways for more natural habitat can increase safe places for these critters to thrive.

**We urge a favorable report with the sponsor amendments.** These amendments include the very important clarification to protect that very habitat that this bill creates from harm from pesticides and herbicides. It does the world no good if the pollinators, birds, and other wildlife attracted to the habitat are then poisoned by the use of toxic chemicals. The amendments recognize the occasional need to use these products but only as a last resort.

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