

The Role of Legislators in Determining the Management of Arizona's Water

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Goal: Understand the role of legislators in the fate of AZ's water

This project is aimed specifically at following the course of House Bill 2326 and Senate Bill 1478 through the legislative process. It becomes apparent when studying the process of passing a bill that legislation can actively and consistently transform the way water is handled in Arizona. With the involvement of competing interests, finances, tedious passing procedures, and the obvious physical details of water distribution and volume, the process is nothing short of complex.

House Bill 2326: Authority to purchase long-term storage credits



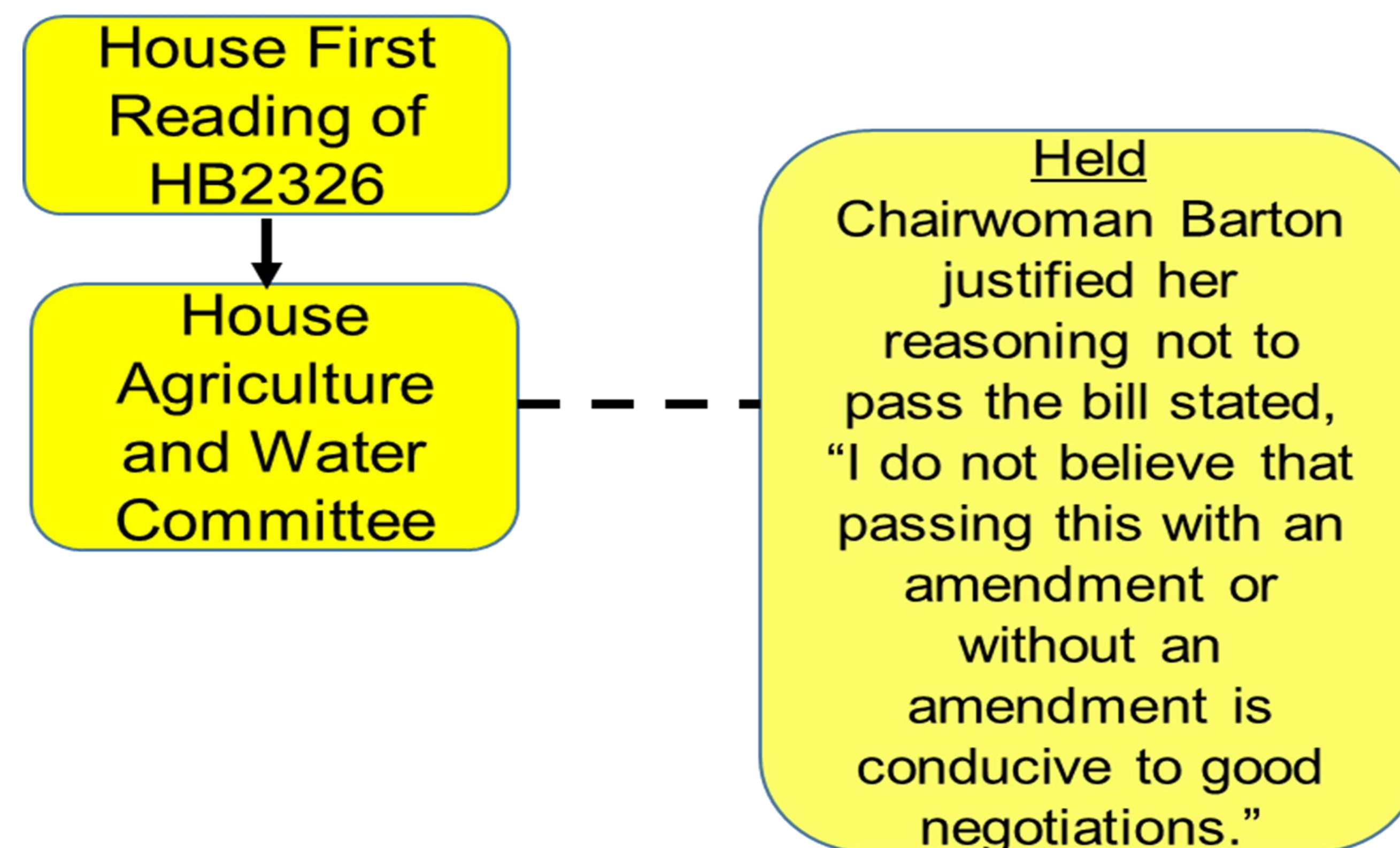
HB 2326 grants the Arizona Water Banking Authority (AWBA) the authority to purchase long-term storage credits. AWBA stores unused Colorado River water to secure water supplies for Arizona.

Senate Bill 1478: Authority to address noxious vegetation

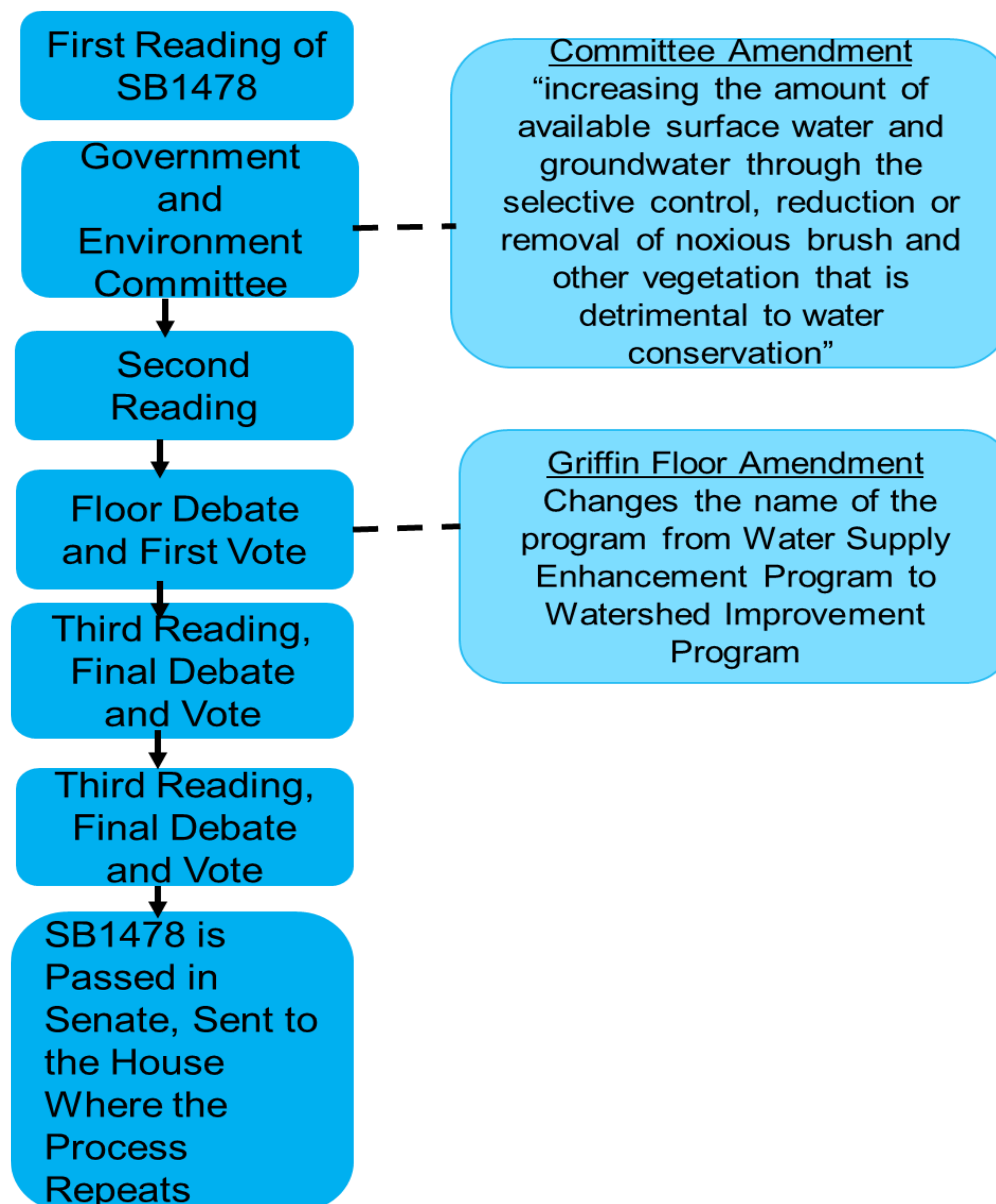


SB 1478 establishes the Watershed Improvement Program for the purpose of selective control, reduction or removal of noxious brush and other vegetation and for the revegetation of land on which brush and vegetation has been controlled, reduced or removed

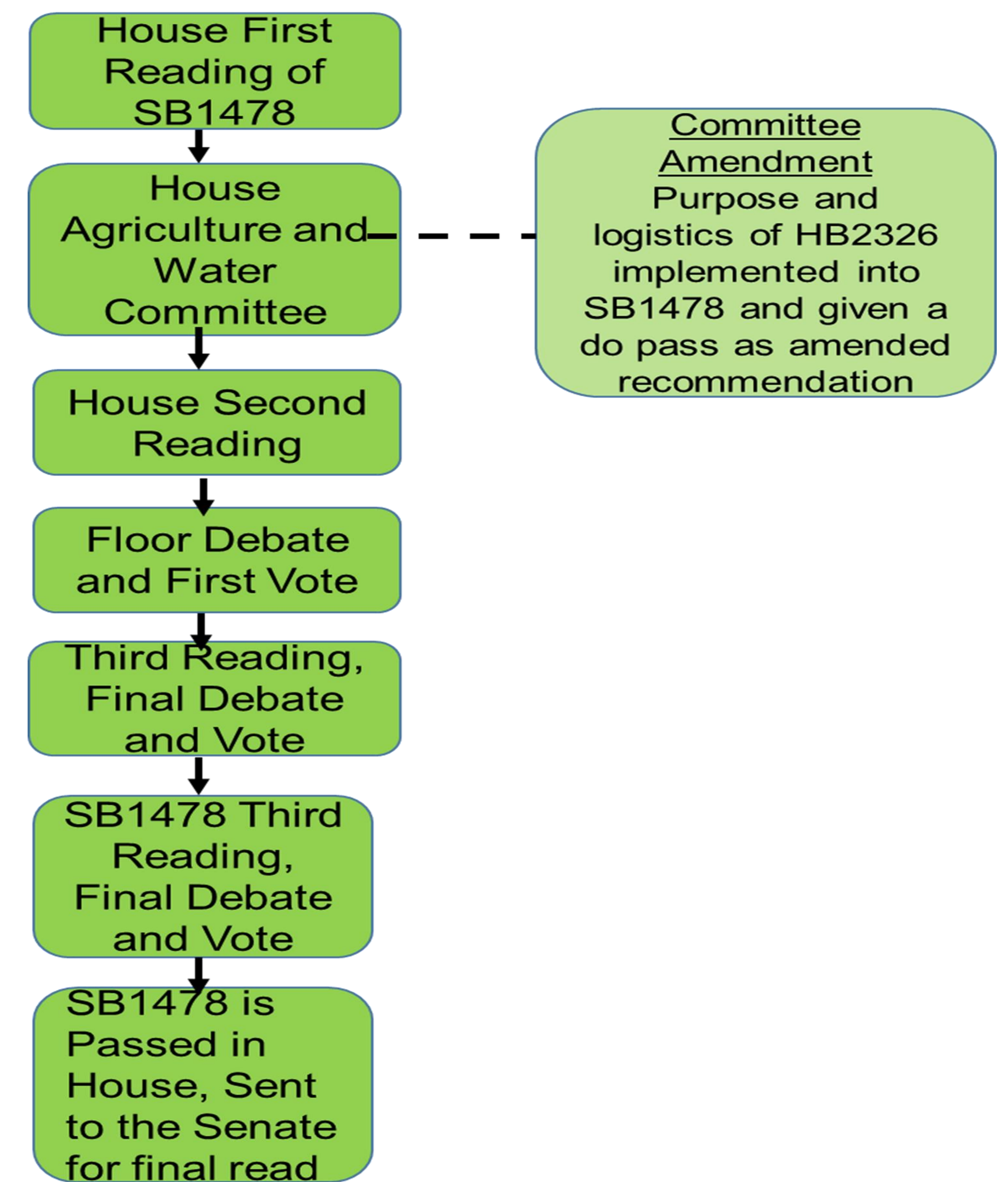
Legislators Hold HB2326 in Committee



Progression of SB1478 through Senate



Concepts of HB2326 amended into SB1478



"Democracy is the worst form of government, with the exception of all others."

-Winston Churchill

Water law and water policy is vital to a desert region like Arizona where the decisions made regarding water policy effect a fragile environment and numerable aspects of future environmental stability.

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