

AMWUA Monitors HB2744

[HB2744: Bottled Water Surcharge](#)

HB2744 would establish a surcharge for bottled water sold to retail customers in Arizona. The surcharge would be paid at the same time as the TPT and would be levied at the following rates:

- 5 cents per bottle sold individually, regardless of bottle size
- 5% of the retail price for a multiple bottle package
- 5 cents per gallon for water dispensed into a customer's bottle or delivered to a customer

The bill would exclude bottles sold on the premises for consumption at restaurants or facilities operating under a restaurant classification for TPT purposes.

The proposed bill applies to bottles that are five gallons or fewer. HB2744 would define bottled water as water that is noncarbonated, unflavored, and unfortified potable drinking water offered for sale at retail establishments in bottles or dispensed into a customer's bottle or delivered to the customer in bottles. The definition includes products labeled "spring water," "purified water" and "distilled water." The bill specifies that revenue collected through this surcharge is to be distributed as follows:

- the first \$25million to ADWR
- the next \$10 million to ADEQ Water Quality Programs
- the remainder to cities, towns, and counties based on the revenue TPT sharing formula. (42-5029 Subsection D, paragraphs 1, 2 and 3)

The distribution levels are subject to annual adjustment according to the GDP price deflator, as defined in ARS 41-563.

Because the bill would raise revenues, it requires a two-thirds vote for approval, or three-fourths vote to override a veto (Prop 108).

HWE Amendment

HWE Amendment changed the distribution revenues to 60% to ADWR and 40% to ADEQ Recycling

Sponsor: Representative Mason

