

Senator Jake Hoffman

District 15

Legislative Biography



AZ Sen. Jake Hoffman is a Senator in the Arizona State Legislature who represents the 15th district and received 64.8% of the vote in his last election. He is the Chair of the Director Nominations and Government committees, the Ranking Member of the Appropriations committee, and a member of the Transportation, Capital Review, and Budget committees.

He works most frequently on Law (86 bills), Crime and Law Enforcement (81 bills), Education (54 bills), Economics and Public Finance (50 bills), and Taxation (22 bills). He has sponsored 81 bills in his last three year(s) in office, voting with his party 74.3% of the time, getting 87.65% of his bills out of committee, and 13.58% of his sponsored bills enacted.

Sen. Hoffman most frequently works on legislation with Jacqueline Parker (R-AZ-15) (114 bills), Joseph Chaplik (R-AZ-3) (110 bills), and John Kavanagh (R-AZ-3) (93 bills). He most frequently votes with Justine Wadsack (R-AZ-17) (90.99%), Anthony Kern (R-AZ-27) (89.97%), and David Farnsworth (R-AZ-10) (86.94%).

Before entering politics, Sen. Hoffman was involved in business. He received his undergraduate degree from Arizona State University and a professional degree from Northwest Christian University.

About

Assumed Office - 2022

Next Election - 2026

Residence - Queen Creek, AZ

Term - 2nd term

Previous Experience

Representative, Arizona House of Representatives 2021-2022

Director, Anthem at Merrill Ranch 2008-2013

Director of Client Relations, Associa 2013-2015

Executive Director, E3 Africa (EENU USA, Inc.) 2016-2018

Undermining American Democracy

Activity	Description	Category	Role
HB 2794	Bans election officials from altering voting deadlines	Voter Suppression	Sponsored
HCR 2023	Resolution opposing “For the People” Act	Voter Suppression	Sponsored, Voted Yes in committee
HB 2905	Restricts mail ballot from being sent to all voters	Voter Suppression	Sponsored, Voted Yes
SB 1485	Allows purging voters from Permanent Early Voting List	Voter Suppression	Voted Yes
HB 2596	Eliminates early voting, allows legislature to reject election results	Voter Suppression	Co-Sponsored
HB 2238	Ban Ballot Drop Boxes	Voter Suppression	Voted Yes
HB 2289	Eliminates Mall Voting/Early Voting/Vote Center and requires hand counting ballots	Voter Suppression	Voted Yes in Committee; Voted Yes
HB 2492	Proof of citizenship required for voting	Voter Suppression	Sponsor; Voted Yes in Committee; Voted Yes
HB 2319	“Transparency in elections”	Voter Suppression	Voted Yes
SB 1011	Makes municipal elections partisan	Voter Suppression	Voted Yes
HB 2415	Easier removal from voter lists	Voter Suppression	Voted Yes
SB 1021	Attorney General is required to defend all bills passed by legislature unless granted permission by legislature	Voter Suppression	Voted Yes
SB 1268	Imposes onerous red tape on unions	Anti-Labor	Voted Yes
SB 1377	Grants immunity from COVID-19-related liability	Anti-Labor	Co-sponsored, Voted Yes
HCR 2031	Preempts local wage and benefit ordinances	Anti-Labor	Voted Yes
HB 2001	Prohibits local ordinances on labor productivity	Anti-Labor	Voted Yes
SB 1278	Onerous paperwork for labor unions	Anti-Labor	Voted Yes
SB 1108	Penalize localities for passing living wage ordinances.	Anti-Labor	Voted Yes
HB 2309	Criminalizes protests of seven or more people	Anti-First Amendment	Co-sponsored, Voted Yes
SB 1532	Prohibits teachers from discussing so-called “divisive issues” such as racism, sexism, bias and other social issues	Anti-First Amendment	Voted Yes
SB 1456	Suppresses teaching of sex ed and gender identity	Anti-First Amendment	Voted Yes
SB 1074	Bans public sector trainings on race, sex discrimination	Anti-First Amendment	Voted Yes
SB 1165	Bans transgender students from participating on girls sports teams	Anti-First Amendment	Voted Yes
SB 1138	Bans medical care for transgender youth	Anti-First Amendment	Voted Yes
HB 2161	Requires teachers to report LGBTQ student to parents	Anti-First Amendment	Voted Yes
HB 2112	Bans instruction on race, ethnicity, or sex, threatening teachers with fines and losing their licenses	Anti-First Amendment	Co-sponsored, Voted Yes

HCR 2001	Bans Critical Race Theory Through Constitutional Amendment	Anti-First Amendment	Voted Yes
SB 1305	Ban on critical race theory	Culture War	Voted Yes
SB 1001	Pronoun bill	Culture War	Voted Yes
SB 1040	Anti-trans bathroom bill	Culture War	Voted Yes
SB 1005	Eliminates penalties for parents suing teachers over curriculum and losing	Culture War	Voted Yes

Other

Hoffman sought court intervention to block an executive order protecting LGBTQ workers from discrimination. In 2023, Hoffman and other members of the Arizona Freedom Caucus held a news conference to announce plans for a lawsuit against Gov. Katie Hobbs, alleging that Hobbs's executive order reinforcing nondiscrimination laws in state agencies protecting LGBTQ workers is unconstitutional. The executive order was similar to those issued by Republican governors, but caucus members claimed that didn't matter and that Hobbs was attempting to usurp legislative power. Arizona Freedom Caucus Chairman, state Sen. Jake Hoffman accused Hobbs of attempting to legislate via "executive fiat." [AZ Mirror, [1/10/2023](#)]

Hoffman led the controversial, obstructionist effort to block Governor Hobbs' cabinet appointees. According to the Arizona Mirror, "The Committee on Director Nominations, a first of its kind, was created solely to consider the people Hobbs appointed to lead dozens of state agencies. The committee is led by Sen. Jake Hoffman, R-Queen Creek, a close ally of Petersen's and the leader of the far-right Arizona Freedom Caucus." Arizona law states that the Senate consents to gubernatorial nominees; normally, the nominees are vetted by the respective committees and then the full Senate. The Republicans created this committee to stall Hobbs's appointees, led by Hoffman. "[Hoffman] has contacted nominees to imply that their confirmation hinged on the rescission of long-standing agency policies which he has no authority over," Hobbs wrote. "This is not the lawful role of the Senate, and is not a process in which I or my nominees will continue to participate." In total, 13 nominees were withdrawn from consideration because of the Senate committee's opposition, with contentious hearings with far-right legislators accusing them of wrongdoings. The former nominees were left in place as "executive deputy directors" to continue to lead their agencies. [AZ Mirror, [9/25/2023](#); Axios, [9/25/2023](#)]

Hoffman sponsored a bill to split Maricopa County into four counties after the county certified the 2020 election. Hoffman's HB 2787 would carve Maricopa County into four counties that would likely lean Republican. According to the Phoenix New Times, "HB 2787 has been branded by Democrats, some Republicans, and many in the media as a thinly veiled punishment for Maricopa County's Board of Supervisors, which certified the 2020 Presidential Election in favor of Joe Biden and resisted efforts by state GOP lawmakers to force a now-discredited audit of the results. The stalled bill would dilute the power of current supervisors." HB 2787 died in the House. [[AZ HB 2787](#), House minority caucus: Do pass, 2/21/2022; Phoenix New Times, [3/11/2022](#)]

Hoffman claims Satanism is an "escalating" threat and sponsored a bill to ban Satanic displays. Hoffman's SB 1279, named the RESPECT Act, short for Reject Escalating Satanism by

Preserving Essential Core Traditions, would ban Satanic displays on public property. Hoffman claims that Satanism is not a real religion to avoid the unconstitutionality of the bill violating religious freedom. "Satan is antithetical to religion," Hoffman said. "The antithesis of religion is Satan." Hemant Mehta, editor of The Friendly Atheist, told the Arizona Mirror, "It's the blatant unconstitutionality of it. It just violates every intention of the First Amendment of the Constitution." The bill failed to pass the House. [[AZ SB 1279](#), Senate majority caucus: Do pass, 2/20/2024; AZ Mirror, [2/7/2024](#)]

Hoffman sponsored a bill to ban diversity, equity, and inclusion programs in universities and the state. Hoffman's SB 1694 would ban public funds for DEI programs while also prohibiting public agencies from requiring workers to engage in those programs, allowing those employees to sue. "This bill seeks to do what MLK Jr. advocated for," Hoffman said. According to KAWC, "SB 1694 has a laundry list of what would be off limits. For example, programs could not describe or expose systems, relations of power, privilege, or subordination on the basis of race, sex, color, gender, ethnicity, gender identity, or sexual orientation. Nor could they describe methods to dismantle or oppose those systems." SB 1694 passed the Senate but failed in a final House vote. [[AZ SB 1694](#), House third reading FAILED, 5/15/2023; KAWC, [3/22/2023](#)]

Hoffman called for first-degree murder charges against women who obtain abortions and their doctors. In 2021, Hoffman co-sponsored one of the most extreme anti-abortion bills in the country, HB2650, to give county attorneys the power to prosecute "homicide by abortion," regardless of conflicting federal laws or court decisions. According to the Arizona Republic, "The legislation, which expands the definition of a 'person' to include 'an unborn child in the womb at any stage of development,' would allow both the state attorney general and county attorneys to prosecute 'homicide by abortion.' It removes existing protections for 'an unborn child's mother' as well as 'the person ... performing an abortion' with the mother's consent. The Arizona bill leaves open the possibility of first-degree murder charges — which can result in the death penalty or a lifetime sentence — and does not protect mothers from prosecution." The bill stalled in committee and was not passed by the legislature. [The Arizona Republic, [1/22/2021](#); HB 2650, [Accessed 10/18/2021](#)]

Hoffman is co-sponsoring legislation to make illegally crossing the border a state crime, copying a controversial Texas law. SB 1231, the Arizona Invasion Act, would make it a state crime for anyone to enter the United States from any foreign nation other than at a port of entry. As this is already a federal crime, it would authorize local or state police to enforce the law. According to KJZZ, "'Texas is defending itself, and this bill will enable Arizona to defend itself at the border,' Rep. Joseph Chaplik (R-Scottsdale) said. He's sponsoring one of three bills that copy parts of a Texas law the U.S. Department of Justice argues is unconstitutional. The Texas law is similar to Arizona's own infamous 2010 immigration policy, SB 1070. Key provisions of that law were thrown out by the U.S. Supreme Court, which ruled that Arizona has no right to enforce federal immigration laws." These cruel immigration bills are intended to intimidate and harm the vulnerable. SB 1231 was vetoed. [[AZ SB 1231](#), Senate Consent, 2/13/24; KAWC, [1/24/2024](#); KJZZ, [2/13/2024](#)]

Hoffman founded and chairs the Arizona Freedom Caucus. The Arizona Freedom Caucus is modeled on its federal counterpart in the U.S. House. According to Axios, “A group of GOP lawmakers announced on Friday that ‘nearly a third’ of the 31 Republicans in the state House had founded the Arizona Freedom Caucus. Rep. Jake Hoffman, the caucus’ chairman, said their goal is to combat both the left and ‘establishment GOP that refuses to answer to the will of the people.’” The Freedom Caucus seeks to move the legislature towards far-right-wing extremism. [Axios, [7/25/2022](#)]

Hoffman runs a digital marketing “troll farm” that was banned from social media for spreading conspiracy theories and disinformation. Rep. Hoffman’s firm, Rally Forge, allegedly paid teenagers to post thousands of copycat propaganda messages undermining the legitimacy of the 2020 election. Additionally, the firm fabricated a politician in 2016 to run as a write-in candidate against a Republican congressional candidate. According to AZ Mirror, “His principal company, Rally Forge, was hired by Turning Point USA to push pro-Republican messages on social media. Hoffman and Rally Forge did that by creating “troll farms” ahead of the 2018 midterms, operating Facebook accounts that appeared to be Democrats but were, in fact, pushing conservative political messaging and disinformation.” Hoffman’s disinformation operation was so blatant that in October 2020, his firm, Rally Forge, was banned from Facebook, and Hoffman himself was permanently suspended from Twitter. After Elon Musk purchased the social media platform, Hoffman’s account was reinstated. [New Yorker Magazine, [08/02/2021](#); AZ Mirror, [5/20/2024](#)]

Hoffman’s troll firm received \$2 million to campaign for Kari Lake. According to the Verge, “Hoffman’s political advertising firm 1TEN has received \$2.1 million to build websites, design digital ads, and purchase cable and broadcast advertising spots to boost Trump-endorsed candidate Kari Lake in her campaign against Karrin Taylor Robson for the GOP candidacy for governor of Arizona.” The source of the money is still a mystery, raising new questions about coordination between the Lake campaign and Turning Point USA, which is forbidden from endorsing candidates (except through its political action wing) and where Jake Hoffman used to work. Hoffman’s troll farm Rally Forge was rebranded under the name 1TEN, after the Galatians 1:10 Bible verse. [The Verge, [7/21/2022](#)]

Hoffman threatened to withhold funding from Arizona State University after wildly claiming “institutionalized racism and neo-segregation” had taken over the campus. After a viral [incident](#) where two white students attempted to troll students of color with a “Police Lives Matter” sticker and claiming that “white” is a culture at ASU’s multicultural center where they were calmly asked to leave, 20 Arizona legislators drafted a letter attacking the University and threatened to withhold vital funding. The letter, written by Rep. Jake Hoffman, criticizes the incident as, “Racially-motivated harassment of two students and their subsequent removal from one of the campus’ study facilities that ASU has allowed a culture of institutionalized racism and neo-segregation to take hold on its campus.” The signers of the letter vowed to take legislative action, including the threat of withholding funding to the university. [Prescott eNews, [10/5/2021](#)]

Hoffman called to withhold funding from school districts that implement mask mandates. The same day that three state universities announced they would implement mask mandates, 17

Arizona legislators wrote a letter to Governor Ducey calling for him to withhold federal funding to schools that implement such policies. The letter highlights preemption saying that local governments cannot make their own policies and the real issues of, “The Arizona legislature, with the governor concurring, very intentionally enacted the laws at hand to protect Arizonans and Arizona children from the threat of government mandating them to wear a mask or be injected with a vaccine.” The letter publicly asks Ducey to withhold funding, provide Empowerment Scholarship Accounts to students, and initiate legal action in those school districts. The following week, Gov. Ducey announced education grants that can only be directed to schools without mask mandates, but the Treasury Department said these grants are “not a permissible use” of federal funding. [Gila Herald, [8/12/2021](#); The Hill, [8/18/2021](#); AP News, [10/5/2021](#)]

Hoffman, a Trump fake elector, operated the website Ginni Thomas used to reach out to 27 Arizona lawmakers asking them to overturn Joe Biden’s 2020 victory. Hoffman, who sent a letter to Vice President Mike Pence asking him on January 5 to not accept the election results and was one of Arizona’s fake Trump electors, operates a website built on FreeRoots and has connections to the old platform’s owner. According to the Arizona Mirror, “FreeRoots doesn’t send out emails like it once did, it just shows you a landing page that states they and their parent company GPX LLC are looking to “secure SaaS (software as a service) offerings. Enter AlignAct.com. The campaign pages for AlignAct and FreeRoots look nearly identical when put side by side.” FreeRoots is another website Hoffman operates, and his financial disclosure documents include AlignAct LLC along with two other “Align” related entities as a controlled business, meaning he owns 50% or more of the company. [[AZ Mirror](#), 6/21/2022]

Hoffman sponsored legislation to ban books with references to sexual activity or conduct. House Bill 2495, sponsored by Hoffman, bans any textual, visual, or auditory classroom materials that include reference to sexual activity or conduct. The bill defines conduct as broadly as any physical contact with “genitals, pubic area, buttocks or, if such a person is a female, breast.” It doesn’t matter if that contact is made with clothed or unclothed body parts. The original bill included homosexuality in the definition of sexual conduct, but the amendment was removed before passing the full House. An amendment by Rep. Michelle Udall ensured that classical and early American literature, as well as books needed for college credit, would be allowed with parental consent, but without parental consent, the books are prohibited. The bill was signed into law by Governor Ducey on July 6th. [[AZ HB 2495](#), signed by Governor, 7/6/2022; [AZ Mirror](#), [2/23/2022](#)]

Hoffman sponsored legislation to give police a bounty for deportations. Hoffman’s bill would pay law enforcement \$2,500 for each undocumented immigrant removed from the US. According to the Arizona Mirror, “Senate Bill 1111 would set up an ‘Arizona Deportations Fund.’” That fund would be used to disburse bounties of \$2,500 to law enforcement agencies every time the arrest of an undocumented person leads to their removal from the country by federal officials. Immigrant rights advocates argue that the effect remains the same: Paying law enforcement agencies to arrest people suspected of being in the country illegally essentially transforms Arizona’s police departments into bounty hunting agencies, incentivizing them to prioritize enforcing federal immigration laws over state laws.” Hoffman invoked the racist Great Replacement theory to support his bill, saying,

“Democratic politicians want illegal aliens to vote, they want illegal aliens to be counted in our census so that the district lines can be drawn in favor of Democratic politicians.” The bill passed out of the Senate's Government Committee. [AZ Mirror, [2/20/2025](#)]

Hoffman is a national committeeman for the Republican National Committee. The Arizona GOP selected state senator Jake Hoffman to represent them at the RNC. Despite being indicted as a fake elector, Hoffman was elected as the National Committeeman to the Republican National Committee. He receives one vote at RNC meetings and votes for RNC Chairmanship. "I'm humbled and honored to have been elected as the next RNC National Committeeman for Arizona," Hoffman wrote on X. He will serve a four-year term on the national committee. [WABE, [7/18/2024](#); Truthout, [4/29/2024](#)]

Hoffman was indicted for his role in trying to overturn the 2020 election. Hoffman faces nine counts of conspiracy, fraud, and forgery for signing an official election document falsely assigning Arizona's 11 electoral votes to Trump in 2020. In addition to being a fake elector, Hoffman, before being officially sworn in as a state legislator, sent a letter to then-Vice President Mike Pence, urging him to illegally disregard the legitimate slate of electors from Arizona within the Electoral College. "It is in this late hour, with urgency, that I respectfully ask that you delay the certification of election results for Arizona during the joint session of Congress on January 6, 2021, and seek clarification from the Arizona state legislature as to which slate of electors are proper and accurate," Hoffman wrote in his letter to Pence." Attorney General Kris Mayes announced a grand jury indicted Hoffman and 17 other individuals for their role in trying to subvert the 2020 election results. Mayes said in a statement announcing the charging decision. "Unwilling to accept this fact, the defendants charged by the state grand jury allegedly schemed to prevent the lawful transfer of the presidency. Whatever their reasoning was, the plot to violate the law must be answered for." Hoffman pleaded not guilty to the nine felony charges, and the case is ongoing. [Truthout, [4/29/2024](#); Courthouse News Service, [11/13/2024](#)]

Hoffman received legislative immunity when he was pulled over for speeding. Hoffman was pulled over on Jan. 22 by an Arizona Highway Patrol State Trooper for allegedly going 89 mph in a 65 mph zone. The officer pulled him over but did not issue a ticket because of legislative immunity. While the legislature is in session, legislative immunity applies except for treason, felony, and breach of the peace. [Fox 10 Phoenix, [2/14/2025](#)]

Hoffman and Petersen allegedly participated in a "quid pro quo". Hoffman moved to Queen Creek, where he began to run for office with the support of Petersen and his family, who helped raise \$13,000 for his election to the Queen Creek Town Council. According to AZ Central, "VIP Homes, Petersen's family home-building company, which bought Hoffman's Gilbert home and sold him a home in Queen Creek. Petersen helped broker the deal. VIP later sold the Gilbert home at market price for an apparent \$25,000 loss and also allowed Hoffman to take possession of the new home in August 2015 rather than after the deal's closing date in September, which allowed Hoffman to meet the town's requirement for council member candidates to have lived in the town for at least one year before the Aug. 30, 2016, primary election." Hoffman could have voted on a pending

lawsuit at the time that VIP Homes had filed against Queen Creek, but the case was thrown out. "Hoffman purchased a VIP Home just like thousands of other people," Petersen said. "He also participated in the trade-in program just like any other customer." [AZ Central, [9/13/2023](#)]