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KATIE HOBBS GOVERNOR

> Representative Ben Toma Speaker of the House 1700 W. Washington Street Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: HB2444

Speaker Toma,

I have vetoed HB2444.

When Natural Resource Conservation Districts focus on preventing soil erosion, promoting soil health, and eradicating invasive species, they make our state a better place. However this bill would create a new Commission, requiring substantial administrative support from the State Land Department, without providing any funding to this agency.

Sincerely

Katie Hobbs Governor State of Arizona

Cc: President Petersen Representative Griffin Secretary of the Senate Chief Clerk of the House Secretary Fontes