

## AZ Legislature Passes Bill Preempting Energy Use Disclosure Requirements



A bill approved by the Arizona State Legislature removes local governments' ability to require commercial or multifamily housing units to report energy usage and consumption. Senate Bill 1241 establishes a statewide standard to prevent cities and counties from implementing policies that would tax or measure the use of energy in commercial buildings and multifamily housing.

BOMA/Greater Phoenix and BOMA/Greater Tucson supported the bill. It was opposed by cities and towns that believe it preempts local decision-making and local control.

Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey has signed the bill into law.

The City of Phoenix had been considering an energy disclosure ordinance modeled after ones passed in New York City, Seattle, San Francisco, Philadelphia, and other large cities. In Phoenix, such a law would apply to approximately 1,500 commercial buildings 50,000 square feet or larger.

BOMA/Greater Phoenix, BOMA/Greater Tucson and other real estate and business groups are opposed to the ordinance and believe implementation would be costly and unnecessary. BOMA encourages voluntary energy benchmarking programs, but does not support public disclosure.