

BILL # HB 2084

TITLE: Arizona pioneers' home cemetery

SPONSOR: Binder

STATUS: As Introduced

REQUESTED BY: House

PREPARED BY: Indya Kincannon

FISCAL YEAR

	2001	2002	2003
REVENUES			
Arizona Pioneers' Home Fund ^{1/}	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-

^{1/} Any future lease revenue would be deposited into this fund

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Description

This bill pertains to state-owned land currently used by the Arizona Pioneers' Home (the Home) as a cemetery for the burial of its residents. Residents may use a plot there for free, but must pay an outside provider for burial costs. There are about 10-12 burials there each year. The state owns the 6.78-acre parcel, but it is operated and maintained by the Home and has been for decades. The bill formalizes the current arrangement by authorizing the superintendent of the Home to manage the parcel. More than half of the parcel is currently unused and this bill also authorizes the Home to lease portions of the land. Additionally, the bill changes the name of the Special Donations Fund to the Arizona Pioneers' Home Fund and divides the fund into two separate accounts, one for donations and one for lease proceeds. The bill also authorizes the Arizona Pioneers' Home to request a separate appropriation for maintenance of the cemetery.

Estimated Impact

This bill has no fiscal impact on expenditures or revenues for the foreseeable future. The bill would potentially generate revenue to the Arizona Pioneers' Home Fund. Although it authorizes the Arizona Pioneers' Home to lease part of the land and collect lease proceeds in a special account, the Home is not aware of any potential lessors at this time.

Assumptions

The above estimates assume that the Home will not lease any portion of the parcel in the next few years. At one time an adjacent landowner offered to pay approximately \$12,000 per year to lease an acre of the land for a parking lot. Lease negotiations never got specific since the Home did not have authority to lease the land. If there is future interest in leasing a portion of the land the Home would have the land appraised to determine its rental value. The bill also authorizes the Home to request a separate appropriation for the cemetery. The Home is currently paying approximately \$20,000 per year to operate and maintain the cemetery and the Home does not anticipate any increased costs relating to this bill. The Home will segregate its cemetery budget requests in the future, but does not intend to ask for any increase in its current expenditures as a result of this bill.

Local Government Impact

None.