

Backyard Chicken Policy Comparison

Arizona (2024 Law) vs. Idaho S1342

Arizona (2024 State Law)	Idaho S1342 (Proposed)
Allows up to six (6) hens statewide	Allows up to four (4) hens statewide
Protects the right to keep backyard chickens	Protects the right to limited household egg production
Applies to residential properties statewide	Applies only to single-family residences
Prevents cities from completely banning backyard chickens	Prevents cities from completely prohibiting household egg production
Prevents HOAs from completely prohibiting backyard chickens	Prevents HOAs from adopting rules that eliminate limited egg production
Preserves local authority over sanitation, setbacks, coop placement, noise, and nuisance	Preserves local authority over sanitation, enclosure, location, noise, odor, pest control, and nuisance
Intended for backyard, non-commercial use	Not a commercial farming bill; incidental egg sales allowed under existing Idaho cottage food laws
Passed in 2024 in a state with large urban centers	More limited and narrowly tailored than Arizona's approach

Key Takeaways

- Arizona allows more hens (6) than Idaho proposes (4).
- Arizona prevents both municipal bans and HOA bans.
- Idaho's bill is narrower, egg-focused, and limited to single-family residences.
- Both laws preserve local nuisance, sanitation, and health enforcement.
- Neither law authorizes commercial poultry facilities in residential neighborhoods.

Committee Talking Point

Arizona passed a 2024 law allowing up to six hens statewide and preventing both city and HOA bans. Idaho's proposal is more limited — allowing four hens at single-family residences while preserving reasonable local regulation and nuisance enforcement.