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Lawmaker receives energy-related award

Arizona Rep. Lucy Mason has been awarded the 2005 Leadership in Energy Efficiency Award by the Southwest Energy Efficiency Project, or SWEEP.

Mason, R-Prescott, was honored for sponsoring a bill that set minimum energy efficiency standards on 12 products sold in Arizona.

SWEEP estimates the standards will save businesses and consumers over \$650 million on their energy bills, and will reduce water consumption in Arizona by 15 billion gallons during 2008-20.

Getting the bill passed into law in Arizona “has influenced the national dialogue on appliance energy efficiency standards,” said Howard Geller, SWEEP’s executive director.

SWEEP is a public interest organization dedicated to advancing energy efficiency in Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming.