

Legislative Link Update

February 17, 2017

Today is the 40th day of session and there have been over 1,150 bills, memorials, and resolutions introduced which is a decrease below the 1,300 bills, memorials, and resolution that were introduced in 2016. Today, February 17th, was the last day for bills to be heard in committee in their chamber of origin. Both committee and floor agendas were very full this week as legislators tried to push as many bills through as possible before that deadline. Bills that have not been heard in committee in their chamber of origin can however still move forward under special permission from the Speaker of the House or the President of the Senate.

A number of bills on our tracking list cleared their chamber of origin and are now awaiting committee hearings in the opposite chamber. It is anticipated that these bills will receive committee assignments in the opposite chamber starting next week. All bills must be approved in the opposite chamber before they can be considered for signature by the Governor.

Below are updates on a few bills we think might be of interest to you:

SB 1149 & the Arizona Coyotes

Senator Bob Worsley, an east valley legislator, has introduced a bill that would allow for the formation of a community engagement district to build a new taxpayer funded arena for the Arizona Coyotes. The bill was approved by the Senate Transportation and Technology Committee, which Senator Worsley chairs, on Tuesday and now awaits a hearing in the Senate Rules Committee.

Glendale is concerned about the public policy implications of using taxpayer funding to build a new arena while taxpayers still owe outstanding debt on the team's current facility. Additionally, a new taxpayer funded arena within the metropolitan area would compete with other existing facilities for concerts, tradeshow and similar events thereby diluting the public's investment in those other facilities as well. Glendale continues to engage with legislators to educate them about this issue.

HB 2411 HOAs; Open Meetings

HB 2411 permits condominium association and homeowners' associations boards of directors, committees and the membership to take action only if there is a quorum present for the board, committee or membership meeting and the meeting is held according to statutory open meeting requirements. For any closed portion of a meeting, the HOA board is required to make available an agenda that includes a description of the specific exemption that provides the basis for that portion of the meeting to be closed. The reasons for which a portion of a meeting may be closed are expanded to include violations of the declaration or assessment delinquencies. HB 2411 cleared the House Local & International Affairs Committee with a 5-2 vote and now awaits a hearing in the House Rules Committee.

SB 1054 Traffic Accidents; Fatality; Implied Consent

SB 1054 requires that if a person that was involved in a traffic accident resulting in death or serious physical injury, and the peace officer has probable cause to believe that the person caused the accident or the person was issued a citation for a traffic violation, the officer must require the person to submit to and successfully complete a test or tests of the person's blood, breath, urine or other bodily substance to determine alcohol concentration or drug content. The bill was approved on the Senate Floor 26-3 and is now ready to be heard in the House.

This year, our bill tracking list will be available through an online report that can be accessed at the following website. The password is "Glendale". Utilizing a dynamic online report allows our Legislative Link participants to receive the most up to date information on bill status and committee hearing schedules at any time.

<http://www.azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=25823&listid=61088&print=true>

Thank you again for your participation in Glendale's Legislative Link Program.

Remember, you can watch committee hearings via the internet by going to the [legislature's website](#) and clicking on the live proceedings hyperlink located in the column on the left side of the page.

Arizona State Legislature Website: www.azleg.gov.

To determine who your state legislators are, [click here](#).

You can also visit the Intergovernmental Programs Department's webpage for additional information by [clicking here](#).

Please note that the bills included on the Legislative Link tracking list are those that we believe might be of interest to you and your neighborhood. The Legislative Link tracking list does not include every bill being monitored by the City and the City does not have a formal position on all of the bills included on the list.

The information being emailed to you is a result of your subscription to the City of Glendale Legislative Link Program. We hope to grow this email distribution list to ensure that our neighbors and friends can be aware of the important issues being discussed at the legislature. To add an additional user or to unsubscribe, please email dburt@glendaleaz.com.

Best regards,

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