

Legislative Link Update

March 10, 2017

Today is the 61st day of session and at this point in the legislative process bills continue to be heard and debated in the opposite chamber. This will continue over the next couple of weeks as many bills on our tracking list that cleared their chamber of origin still have not received a committee reference or hearing in the opposite chamber. The next anticipated deadline is March 24th which is the last day for bills to be considered in committee in the opposite chamber. To date, 19 bills have passed the Legislature. The Governor has already signed 3 of those bills and the remaining 16 await either his signature or veto.

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

SB 1038 Teachers; Professional Development; Pilot Program

SB 1038 requires the Department of Education to establish a high-quality teacher professional development program by issuing scholarships or grants on a competitive basis to qualified applicants attending a participating postsecondary institution. Scholarship or grant recipients must agree to teach in an Arizona public school for at least three additional years after completing the coursework or program. SB 1038 passed out of the Senate with a vote of 30-0 and was assigned to the House Education committee who is scheduled to hear the bill on Monday, March 13, at 2:00 PM in House Room 1. The bill was also assigned to the House Appropriations committee who is scheduled to hear the bill on Wednesday, March 15, at 2:00 PM in House Room 1.

SB 1147 County Elections; Motor Fuel Taxes

SB 1147 would authorize a county or regional transportation authority to levy a county motor fuel tax, at the approval of county voters, to be used exclusively for highway and street purposes. The proposed legislation creates a cap of 10 cents per gallon on the levied rate and establishes a 20 year sunset. SB 1147 passed out of the Senate with a vote of 17-13 and was assigned to the House Transportation & Infrastructure committee who is scheduled to hear the bill on Wednesday, March 15, at 2:00 PM in House Room 3.

HB 2304 Voter Guide; Publicity Pamphlet; E-Mail

HB 2304 would allow voter guides on statewide and legislative candidates and publicity pamphlets on ballot measures to be delivered to a household with a registered voter by e-mail, at the option of the voter. Due to voter protection, this legislation requires the affirmative vote of at least 3/4 of the members of each house of the Legislature for passage. HB 2304 passed out of the House with a vote of 45-14 and was assigned to the Senate Judiciary committee who is scheduled to hear the bill on Thursday, March 16, at 9:00 AM in Senate Room 109.

HB 2411 HOAs; Open Meetings

HB 2411 permits condominium association and homeowners' association 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 passed out of the House with a vote of 60-0 and was assigned to the Senate Government committee who is scheduled to hear the bill on Wednesday, March 15, at 2:00 PM in Senate Room 109.

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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