

Legislative Link Update

February 11, 2020

Hello and welcome to the 2020 Glendale Legislative Link Program.

Today is the 30th day of session and there have been over 1,707 bills, memorials, and resolutions introduced. This is the most we have seen introduced in one legislative session. Yesterday was the last day for House bills to be introduced without special permission by the Speaker of the House. With yesterday's deadline behind us, any new legislation must be introduced as a "strike-everything amendment." Of the 94 bills on our tracking list, a total of 21 bills have cleared their assigned committee, 12 have cleared the House or Senate Rules Committee, and 3 have passed their chamber of origin and await action from the other chamber.

Below are updates on a few bills that we believe may be of interest to you:

SB 1283 Appropriation; Emergency Shelter Beds; Seniors

SB 1283 appropriates \$5 million from the general fund in FY2020-21 to the Department of Economic Security for emergency shelter beds in western Maricopa County to shelter and serve homeless seniors who are at least 55 years of age. This bill addresses a rising issue of senior homelessness and the intent is for a nonprofit organization to partner with the Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care to determine the most appropriate and effective way to use these funds to serve our seniors. SB 1283 passed out of the Senate Appropriations Committee on February 5 and cleared the Senates Rules Committee on February 11.

SB 1461 Legislators; Opt Out; Per Diem

SB 1461 requires that each member of the Legislature whose permanent residence is within Maricopa County must be paid 30 percent of the annual average federal per diem rate for Maricopa County as determined annually by the U.S. General Services Administration, instead of the set daily rate of \$35, for each day for subsistence during a regular or special session or when a member acts on a legislative matter on the prior approval of the presiding officer. Each member of the Legislature whose permanent residence is outside of Maricopa County must be paid 100 percent of the annual average federal per diem rate for Maricopa County as determined annually by the U.S. General Services Administration, instead of the set daily rate of \$60, for each day for subsistence during a regular or special session or when a member acts on a legislative matter on the prior approval of the presiding officer. Subsistence allowed to members of the Legislature during the regular session is no longer reduced after the first 120 days of a regular session. The statutory long-term subsistence allowance limit does not apply to legislators. Each member of the Legislature is permitted to elect to opt out of receiving subsistence payments. Effective January 11, 2021. SB 1461 passed out of the Senate Government Committee on February 11 and is now awaiting a Senate Rules Hearing.

HB 2485 Parked Vehicles Blocking Sidewalk; Prohibition

HB 2485 requires that the prohibition against a person stopping, standing or parking a vehicle on a sidewalk includes stopping, standing or parking a vehicle so that any part of or attachment to the vehicle blocks an area of a sidewalk and impedes continuous pedestrian use of the sidewalk in a manner that is not consistent with the Americans With Disabilities Act. A person who stops, stands or parks a vehicle on a sidewalk is subject to a civil penalty of at least \$500. HB 2485 passed out of the House Transportation Committee on February 6 and is now awaiting a House Rules Hearing.

HB 2627 Timeshares; Public Reports; Purchase Contracts

HB 2627 increases the amount of time after the prospective buyer receives a public report and proposed purchase agreement to enter into a contract to purchase a timeshare interest that the prospective buyer and prospective seller have to enter into the contract to ten business days, from seven business days. The amount of time after execution of a timeshare purchase agreement that a purchaser may cancel is increased to ten calendar days, from seven calendar days. HB 2627 passed out of the House Regulatory Affairs Committee on February 3 and is now awaiting a House Rules Hearing.

Similar to previous years, 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. <https://azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=26403&listid=68786&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.

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