

## Legislative Link Update

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Hello and welcome to the 2020 Glendale Legislative Link Program.

The 2nd Regular Session of the 54<sup>th</sup> Legislature convened on Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. The session began with Governor Ducey giving his 6th State of the State address. Several priorities outlined by Governor Ducey include additional investments in education, infrastructure, health and welfare, tax policy and new policies to support our veterans. You can review Governor Ducey's speech here:

<https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2020/01/watch-governor-duceys-2020-state-state-address-arizona-way>.

Governor Ducey released his Executive Budget for FY2021 on Friday, January 17. The record setting \$12.3 billion state spending plan focuses on one-time spending and avoiding large new ongoing expenses. The budget highlights more than \$400 million in one-time appropriations and includes allocating:

- \$154 million to ADOT for infrastructure improvements.
- \$45 million to fully exempt the income tax on public service pension pay which saves approximately \$840 per veteran pensioner.
- \$164 million investment into the Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry.
- \$54 million invested into children's care including adoption subsidies and increasing the "grandmother stipend."
- \$8 million to provide additional support services for individuals struggling with substance abuse.
- \$13 million for addressing wrong way and impaired drivers.

You can review Governor Ducey's 2021 Budget Here: <https://azgovernor.gov/fy21budget>

Glendale Intergovernmental Programs staff is reviewing all 873 bills introduced so far this session and will begin sharing a summary of those bills later this week.

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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