

Legislative Link Update

March 4, 2020

Hello and welcome to the 2020 Glendale Legislative Link Program.

Today is the 52nd day of session and there have been over 1,707 bills, memorials, and resolutions introduced. With the deadline for committees to hear bills in their chamber of origin officially behind us, House and Senate Committees are now beginning to take action on the other chamber's bills. There is no guarantee that a bill from the chamber of origin will be heard in the opposite chamber. This makes for very interesting dynamics as legislators are seen meeting with members in the opposite chamber in an attempt to get their bills through the legislative process and onto the Governor's desk.

Of the 130 bills on our tracking list, a total of 61 bills have cleared their assigned committee, 55 have cleared the House or Senate Rules Committee and 35 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 in Western Maricopa County; 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, cleared the Senate Rules Committee on February 11, and passed out of the Senate 27-3. SB 1283 will now be considered in the current state budget negotiations between the House, Senate and Governor.

HB 2826 Tobacco; Vaping; Penalties; Legal Age

HB 2826 makes it unlawful for a person to knowingly sell, give or furnish a tobacco product, vapor product or any instrument or paraphernalia solely designed for smoking or ingesting tobacco or shisha to a person who is under the minimum age (21 years of age) of sale for tobacco products as set by the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, instead of to minors (18 years of age or younger). The bill establishes penalties for violations, including mandatory attendance at a court-approved tobacco retailer educational course and graduated fines. In addition to the fines, if a person commits a second or subsequent violation, the Department of Revenue is required to suspend the person's use of the transaction privilege tax class code for the retail sale of tobacco products and vapor products for a specified period based on the number of violations. HB 2826 passed out of the House 59-1 and is currently awaiting a committee hearing from the Senate Commerce Committee.

HB 2055 Civil Traffic Violations; Community Restitution

HB 2055 allows a person who violates traffic and vehicle regulation statutes to perform court-approved community restitution in lieu of paying a civil penalty, surcharge, assessment or fee. On the person's request, the court may order the person to perform community restitution in lieu of the payment of all or part of the remaining monetary obligation. The court shall credit any community restitution

performed at a rate of \$10 per hour. HB 2055 passed out of the House 33-27, passed out of the Senate Transportation and Public Safety Committee on March 4 and is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Judiciary Committee on March 5 at 9:30 a.m. in Senate Rm. 109.

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.

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