

# Legislative Link Update

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Today is the 26th day of session and there have been over 1,000 bills, memorials, and resolutions introduced. To date, we have identified 225 bills that we have added to our Legislative Link Tracking List because we believe they may be of interest to you and your neighborhood. The Senate deadline to introduce a bill has officially passed and the deadline in the House is next Friday, February 10th.

Of the 225 bills on our tracking list, a total of 28 bills have cleared their assigned committee and currently await a Rules Committee hearing; 4 bills have cleared the Rules Committee and await a vote from the Committee as a Whole (COW); 6 bills have cleared COW and await a floor vote; and 3 bills have passed their chamber of origin. One bill that garnered much attention at the capital this week was HB 2287 which would permit the discharge of a firearm a minimum of 1/4 mile from an occupied structure. This is a decrease from the 1 mile standard currently set by law. The bill was approved in the House Judiciary & Public Safety Committee on January 25th with a 5-4 decision and was stricken from the House consent calendar this week. The bill now awaits action on the House floor.

## BUDGET UPDATE

We previously provided an analysis of the Executive Budget Recommendation and its potential impact on cities and towns. The Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) has now released their Baseline Budget which includes annual spending increases due to caseload growth and inflation, but not new programs or initiatives. A comparison of the Executive Recommendation and Baseline Budget can be found here: <http://www.azleg.gov/jlbc/18baseline-execcomparison011717rev.pdf>.

## TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

The Executive Budget Recommendation did not continue a one-time appropriation from last year's budget that provided \$14.4 million to cities and towns statewide for needed transportation projects. This funding is critically important and is used by cities to construct new roadways as well as for ongoing maintenance of existing roadways. We are hearing that infrastructure funding is a priority for legislative leadership and we are hopeful that this will be a point of negotiation during the budget process.

On Tuesday, the Senate Transportation & Technology Committee will consider a strike everything amendment to SB 1146 which would create a dedicated funding source for Department of Public Safety (DPS) Highway Patrol costs. The state has previously swept transportation monies to fund DPS and the creation of a dedicated funding source for that purpose has the potential to reduce sweeps of critical transportation funds.

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.

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