

Legislative Link Update February 10, 2017

Today is the 33rd day of session and there have been over 1,150 bills, memorials, and resolutions introduced which is a decrease below the 1,300 bills, memorials, and resolutions that were introduced in 2016. The House and Senate deadline to introduce a bill has officially passed; however, "new bills" can still be introduced throughout the session in the form of strike everything amendments.

The next upcoming deadline is Friday, February 17th which is the last day for bills to be heard in their chamber of origin. This means that both committee and floor agendas will be very full next week as legislators try to push as many bills through as possible before that deadline. You'll see that there are numerous bills on our tracking list which are scheduled for committee hearings this upcoming week.

There are a total of 19 bills on our tracking list that have already cleared their chamber of origin, an increase of 16 from last week. One bill that garnered much attention at the capital this week was SB 1098 which requires the State Board of Education to adopt and implement a statewide assessment to measure student achievement, which replaces the Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) test. The bill was approved on the Senate floor with a 30-0 vote.

SB 1474 & the Arizona Coyotes

Senator Bob Worsley, an east valley legislator, has introduced a bill that would allow for the formation of a community engagement district to build a new taxpayer funded arena for the Arizona Coyotes. The bill is scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Commerce & Public Safety Committee on Monday February 13 at 2pm.

Glendale is concerned about the public policy implications of using taxpayer funding to build a new arena while taxpayers still owe outstanding debt on the team's current facility. Additionally, a new taxpayer funded arena within the metropolitan area would compete with other existing facilities for concerts, tradeshow and similar events thereby diluting the public's investment in those other facilities as well. Glendale continues to engage with legislators to educate them about this issue.

"Your Legislative Link" - New TV Program

The Glendale Public Affairs Department strives to work collaboratively with our legislative delegation in order to better serve our shared constituents. In an effort to further increase these partnerships and to help keep you informed of legislative issues, this year we are creating a new television show that will air on Glendale Channel 11 called "Your Legislative Link." This 30 minute program will connect you with your legislators, as the interview highlights their background, interests, and legislative priorities, while also addressing current topics that are of interest at the State Capital. "Your Legislative Link" will feature each of your Glendale legislators alphabetically, on a monthly rotation, over the coming months. The first episode, featuring Representative Richard Andrade of District 29, is available on Channel 11 on Cox Cable and Century Link or on Glendale's YouTube channel, [MyGlendale11](#).

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.

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