

Legislative Link Update

February 27, 2017

Today is the 50th 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 resolution that were introduced in 2016.

A number of bills on our tracking list cleared their chamber of origin and are now awaiting committee hearings in the opposite chamber. To date, 159 bills on our tracking list have cleared the House of which 34 have been assigned to a Senate committee. For the Senate, 103 bills on our tracking list have cleared the chamber of which 51 have been assigned to a House committee. It is anticipated that the number of bills assigned to a committee in the opposite chamber will continue to grow this week.

One bill has already passed both chambers and has been signed by the Governor. This bill, HB 2088, requires the county board of supervisors to take action on the petition to incorporate an area as a municipality without a resolution approving the incorporation from the nearby municipalities if the area has a population of 15,000 or more persons and that population is more than the population of any adjacent municipality that opposes the proposed incorporation.

Below are updates on a few bills we think might be of interest to you:

SB 1149 & the Arizona Coyotes

The Coyotes bill, SB 1149 was approved last week by the Senate Rules committee. The Rules committee is a procedural committee who simply rules whether bills that passed out of committee are in proper form and are constitutional. They do not debate or vote on the merits of the bill. The next step for the bill after Rules committee is a floor debate in the Senate called the Committee of the Whole or (COW) where the Senators debate the merits of the bill. Bills in the COW are moved forward by a voice vote. If it passes out of COW, the bill would then have a final "Third Read" bill where they vote up and down on the bills as a roll call without debate. SB 1149 has been scheduled to be heard in COW tomorrow, February 28th.

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.

SB 1111 Vehicle Liability Insurance; Minimum Limits

SB 1111 increases the minimum coverage requirements for motor vehicle liability insurance policies. These adjustments would go into effect beginning on June 1, 2018. SB 1111 was approved in the Senate with a vote of 18-12 and is now awaiting a House committee reference.

HB 2218 School Tax Credit; Capital Outlay

HB 2218 expands how public schools can use individual income tax credit contributions by allowing the funds to be used for acquiring capital items. Under the bill, individual income tax credit for contributions to public schools could also be used for "community school meal programs" and "consumable student health care supplies." The site council of a public school would also be authorized to transfer undesignated contributions to any other district school where at least 50 percent of the students meet the eligibility requirements for free or reduced-price lunches. HB 2218 was approved in the House with a vote of 39-20 and has been referred to the Senate Appropriations committee and the Senate Finance committee.

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.

To determine who your state legislators are, [click here](#).

You can also visit the Intergovernmental Programs Department's webpage for additional information by [clicking here](#).

Please note that the bills included on the Legislative Link tracking list are those that we believe might be of interest to you and your neighborhood. The Legislative Link tracking list does not include every bill being monitored by the City and the City does not have a formal position on all of the bills included on the list.

The information being emailed to you is a result of your subscription to the City of Glendale Legislative Link Program. We hope to grow this email distribution list to ensure that our neighbors and friends can be aware of the important issues being discussed at the legislature. To add an additional user or to unsubscribe, please email dburt@glendaleaz.com.

Best regards,

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