

Legislative Link Update January 17, 2017

Hello and welcome to the 2017 Glendale Legislative Link Program.

The 1st Regular Session of the 53rd Legislature convened on Monday, January 9th. Today is the 9th day of session and there have been over 440 bills, memorials, and resolutions introduced. For comparison, last session there were over 1,200 bills introduced and of those 388 were passed by the Legislature and 374 were ultimately signed into law. We are in the process of reading through those bills and the hundreds more that will be introduced in the coming weeks. So far, we have identified 63 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 session began with Governor Ducey giving his third State of the State address. You can watch his speech here: <http://azgovernor.gov/news/2017/01/watch-arizona-state-state-address>. On Friday, Governor Ducey released his Executive Budget Recommendation for FY 2018. Information about the Governor's Budget Recommendation can be found here: <http://www.azospb.gov/2018-budget.html>. The recommendation includes total state General Fund spending of \$9.7 billion, including increased spending on K-12 and higher education, Department of Child Safety (DCS), Adult Protective Services, public safety, and an investment in efforts to reduce substance abuse and prison recidivism. The Governor's budget proposal also includes a modest adjustment to the state income tax which will reduce state revenue by approximately \$3 million annually.

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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