## Legislative Link Update January 24, 2017

Today is the 16<sup>th</sup> day of session and there have been over 600 bills, memorials, and resolutions introduced. To date, we have identified 129 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 number of new bills being introduced will continue for a couple more weeks as Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> marks the bill introduction limit in the Senate and the deadline in the House is the following Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.

You'll see that there are several bills on our tracking list which are scheduled for committee hearings this week, including SB 1113 (Senate Government), SB 1098 (Senate Education), SB 1073 (Senate Transportation & Technology), and HB 2117 (House Federalism, Property Rights & Public Policy).

Of the 129 bills on our tracking list, a total of five bills have cleared their initial committee: HB 2140 which establishes a nonpartisan panel consisting of Arizona senior citizens to identify and discuss policy issues and annually submit its recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature; HB 2218 which authorizes public schools to use the individual income tax credit contributions for acquiring capital items; SB 1039 which authorizes a school district or charter school to apply to the State Board of Education for authority to approve the alternative certification of teachers; SB 1038 which establish a high-quality teacher professional development program and allocates funding for scholarships or grants of up to \$2,000 on a competitive basis to "qualified applicants;" and SB 1041 which requires K-12 schools to accept the core and elective credits of an accredited online school completed by Arizona students.

We anticipate the number of bills that clear their committee to grow substantially over the next month as Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> marks the last day to hear bills in the chamber of origin.

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. <u>http://www.azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=25823&listid=61088&print=true</u>

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 <u>legislature's website</u> and clicking on the live proceedings hyperlink located in the column on the left side of the page.

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