

Legislative Link Update

May 26, 2020

Hello and welcome to the 2020 Glendale Legislative Link Program.

The 54th Legislature, Second Regular Session adjourned *Sine Die* today, May 26, 2020 at 11:22 a.m. The legislative session officially lasted 135 days, though the last 60 days or so were stalled by the COVID-19 pandemic. Governor Ducey now has 31 bills sitting on his desk awaiting action. He has 10 business days following the end of a session to take action on those bills. In a few weeks Glendale Government Relations staff will provide you the annual End of Session Report which provides a comprehensive overview of the session and every bill that was introduced that will or would have had an impact on municipal operations.

This brings an end to one of the most unique legislative sessions any of us have witnessed. After recessing on March 20th, the House, Senate, and Governor's Office had significant behind-the-scenes debate about when and if they should return to the legislative session. Ultimately, on Monday, May 18th the House returned for business. They executed four days of committee meetings and floor votes until adjourning last Thursday evening, May 21st. The Senate returned to work this morning with the intent of passing out several "non-controversial" bills. However, immediately upon reconvening floor session a motion was made to adjourn sine die; the vote ultimately prevailed 16-14 to adjourn.

Finally, we expect the Governor to call a special session in June to seek legislative input and to appropriate federal funds in response to COVID-19. At this time, we would anticipate the reintroduction of a business liability protections bill and various appropriation bills to come forward for debate and action. We will of course provide you with announcements and summaries of those special sessions once they have been call by the Governor.

Similar to previous years, 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. <https://azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=26403&listid=68786&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.

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