

Legislative Link Update

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Hello and welcome to the 2021 Glendale Legislative Link Program.

The 1st Regular Session of the 55th Legislature convened this past Monday, January 11. The session began with Governor Ducey giving his 7th State of the State address. Several priorities outlined by Governor Ducey include a greater focus on the vaccine rollout, COVID-19 liability protection, telemedicine, expanding broadband across the state, and closing the achievement gap in schools. You can review Governor Ducey's speech

here: <https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2021/01/governor-ducey-delivers-state-state-address-outlines-2021-priorities>.

I've also attached the Governor's 2021 Arizona Resilient Policy Book if you want to take a deeper dive into Governor Ducey's policy priorities.

Governor Ducey released his Executive Budget for FY2022 earlier today. The record setting \$12.8 billion state spending plan focuses on one-time spending and avoiding large new ongoing expenses. The budget highlights includes:

- Income tax reduction of \$200 million in 2022 increasing by \$200 million each year to 2024 for a cap of \$600 million.
- \$13.8 million to equip DPS with body cameras and the necessary staff support (29 staff needed)
- \$16 million each year from 2022 through 2024 to update public safety radio networks
- \$64 million for I-17 construction
- \$10 million in rural broadband grants
- \$33.1 million for broadband corridor on I-40 west of Flagstaff to the Arizona border
 - Note: Last year the state allocated funds to install broadband along the I-17 and I-19.
- \$389 million education investment to establish a grant program for high-impact intervention and programming to mitigate learning loss as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic
- \$92.7 million in FY 21 supplemental funding for the stabilization of childcare centers and to further support providers during the pandemic

Intergovernmental staff will begin reviewing all 648 bills introduced so far and will begin providing an analysis of those bills that, if passed, would impact your community.

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=26568&listid=72498&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](#)

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