

Legislative Link Update

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Hello and welcome to the 2021 Glendale Legislative Link Program.

Today is the 138th day of session. The only session to go longer than this year was in 2013 which adjourned at 151 days. To date, 409 bills have passed out of the legislature. Of those 409 bills, 381 have been signed. Earlier today, Governor Ducey issued a statement vetoing 22 bills. The governor indicated that the Legislature needs to focus on first passing a budget given that the end of the fiscal year is near. Until a budget is passed, the governor will not be signing any additional bills into law. With today's announcement, a total of 27 bills were vetoed. In recent years, bills vetoed by the governor due to delayed budget negotiations are often revoted on in the final days before the legislature adjourns Sine Die.

State Budget

It was an eventful week at the Legislature as both chambers attempted to move forward and pass a budget. On Monday, both the House and Senate introduced 11 mirror budget bills, and on Tuesday, each chamber's Appropriations committee passed the measures. The effort to fast-track the budget was ultimately unsuccessful as many lawmakers could not agree on the FY 22 budget terms. Outstanding concerns remain as key legislators expressed unease over the impact of a flat tax rate on local governments. Another area of debate among Republicans is spending for the FY 22 budget, with several conservative legislators urging for less spending overall.

Though the Senate hoped to pass a budget on Thursday, at approximately 2:30 pm, they announced they would be following the House and take a prolonged recess. The House and Senate have adjourned until June 10th but may reconvene sooner if an agreement is reached before then. As of today, the House has indicated they intend to tentatively return on Tuesday to continue negotiations with the Senate and the governor.

Below are updates on a few bills that we believe may be of interest to you:

HB 2359 Election Equipment; Access; Locks

HB 2359 mandates that any port, plug, door or other method of physical or electronic access to a voting machine or to any electronic pollbook is required to be secured in a manner to prevent unauthorized access. The county or other officer in charge of elections is required to document and verify security procedures regarding access before a voting machine or electronic pollbook is placed into service for an election. **HB 2359 passed out of both chambers and was signed into law by Governor Ducey on April 28.**

HB 2098 Missing Children; Mandatory Reporting

HB 2098 requires a law enforcement agency that opens a case for a missing child to submit a report of the missing child to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. **HB 2098 passed out of both chambers and was signed into law by Governor Ducey on May 19.**

HB 2168 Use of Force; Reports; Analysis

HB 2168 requires law enforcement agencies to report data to the national use-of-force data collection on use-of-force incidents involving public officers at least annually. The reported data cannot include any identifying information on a public officer. Law enforcement agencies are required to submit the report through the law enforcement enterprise portal that is administered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Law enforcement agencies are also required to report the data collected to the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission by January 1, 2023 and by January 1 of each year after. The Commission is required to develop procedures governing the collection and reporting of use-of-force incident data. The data reported under these requirements is a public record. By January 1, 2025, and at least once every five years after, the Commission is required to conduct a comprehensive analysis of law enforcement agency use-of-force rates and release the analysis to the public. **HB 2098 passed out of both chambers and was signed into law by Governor Ducey on April 28.**

2310 Executive Orders; Review; Attorney General

HB 2310 reforms the Governor’s power it issue Executive Orders. HB 2310 allows the Legislative Council to review presidential executive orders and recommend to the Attorney General (AG) to further review an executive order to determine the legality of the order. HB 2310 requires the AG to file a declaratory judgment action in federal district court if the AG determines the order is illegal. **HB 2310 passed out of both chambers and was signed into law on April 20.**

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.

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