

Legislative Link Update February 27, 2015

Hello and welcome to the 2015 Glendale Legislative Link Program.

The 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature convened on Monday, January 12th. Today is the 47th day of session and there have been over 1,200 bills, memorials, and resolutions introduced. For comparison, last session there were over 1,200 bills introduced and of those 303 were passed by the Legislature and 278 were ultimately signed into law.

Although it is still early in the session, 8 bills have already been passed by both chambers of the Legislature and 5 of those have been signed by the Governor to date. The most publicized of those new laws, HB 2064, requires that Arizona high school students pass a civics test prior to graduation beginning with the 2016-2017 school year.

The deadline has now passed for bills to be heard in their chamber of origin, which means that bills that have not switched chambers are unlikely to move forward unless they receive a special rule exception or are amended onto another bill.

Governor Ducey released his first Executive Budget Recommendation on Friday, January 16th. Information about the Governor's FY 16 Budget Recommendation can be found here: <http://www.azospb.gov/2016-budget.html> The Legislature has not yet released a public budget proposal, but leaders from both chambers are no doubt meeting with their members to negotiate an initial budget package.

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 will allow our Legislative Link participants to receive the most up to date information on bill status and committee hearing schedules at any time, rather than only receiving information that was current as of the time that the previous PDF tracking reports were sent out.
<http://www.azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=25504&listid=55835&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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