

## Legislative Link Update

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Today is the 82<sup>nd</sup> day of session and there have been over 1,300 bills, memorials, and resolutions introduced which is an increase above the 1,200 bills, memorials, and resolution that were introduced in 2015. Almost all activity was on the floor this week, as only a few committees heard executive nominations or had presentations.

As work on the remaining viable bills begins to dwindle, there will be increased pressure for the Legislature to address the largest outstanding item – the state budget. A legislative budget proposal has not yet been released publicly and is likely still being negotiated between legislative leaders and their membership. With primary elections approaching in August, lawmakers are anxious to pass a budget and adjourn the session in order to return to their districts for campaigning. It is likely a proposal will be released publicly in the next week or two.

A total of 106 bills have passed through both chambers and to date 89 of those have been signed by Governor Ducey. The Governor has vetoed 1 bill, SB 1197 which would have mandated that cursive be taught in public schools. According to his veto message, the Governor believes there is “already a process in place to ensure this happens” as a result of his March 2015 directive that the state’s academic standards be reviewed and revised. The full veto letter can be found here: <http://www.azleg.gov/govletttr/52leg/2R/SB1197.pdf> The other 16 bills are still awaiting action by the Governor.

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=25627&listid=57425&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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Arizona State Legislature Website: [www.azleg.gov](http://www.azleg.gov)

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You can also visit the Intergovernmental Programs Department’s webpage for additional information by [clicking here](#)

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Please note that the bills included on the Legislative Link tracking list are those that we believe might be of interest to you and your neighborhood. The Legislative Link tracking list does not include every bill being monitored by the City and the City does not have a formal position on all of the bills included on the list.

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