



## City of Glendale Legislative Link- March 1st, 2024

### The Thorns Have Started to Poke



Today is the 53<sup>rd</sup> day of session and there have been 1629 bills, memorials, and resolutions introduced. This week was full steam ahead at the Legislature with lengthy floors calendars taking up much of their time. Bills that passed out of the original chamber have now crossed over and started the process in the opposing chamber.

The House sent over a motion yesterday for the Senate to also pause floor action from March 4-12, when 17 representatives are set to leave the Capitol for Israel. A Senator called for a roll call vote and the motion failed 24-4. As of now, committee hearings for bills are still slated on the agenda to take place in the House, despite being down over a quarter of their body being absent.

#### **HB2117: Workers' Compensation; Occupational Disease; Presumption**

If passed, HB2117, would codify in state statute that firefighters with reoccurring cancer diagnoses tied to the line of duty are covered under

section 23-901.09. The bill passed out of the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee on Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> on a 14-0 vote. HB2117 was brought back to the table for more air out concerns by the last remaining opposition. The bill was debated on the House floor and the amendment was adopted. It was then voted on today and passed 56-0. With success in the House, the process will continue in the Senate with hopefully a similar outcome before heading to the Governor's office.

### **HB2570/SB1112 Planning; home design; restrictions; prohibition**

If passed, HB2570 and SB1112 with the new floor amendments, would require a municipality from interfering with a home buyer's right to choose features, amenities, structure, floor plan and interior and exterior design of a home. It would also prohibit a city above 70,000 in population the ability to adopt any code, ordinance, regulation, standard or stipulation for the lot size minimum or maximum size of a single home, a minimum square footage for a single-family home, a minimum or maximum lot coverage for a single-family home and accessory structure. HB2570 was debated on the House floor and an amendment was included that changed that a minimum lot size that is greater than 1,500 square feet for new developments that are five or more acres in size and will be platted and located in an area zoned for single-family homes. HB2570 bill was voted on the House floor on 02/22 and passed 33-26. SB1112 was debated on the Senate Floor and the identical amendment was included. The Senate is now trying to gather enough votes to pass SB1112 which would then send the bill to the Governor's office for a final decision. Glendale has our residents over the past couple days and will continue to do so to ensure that it **does not pass**.

### **HB2297 Adaptive reuse; commercial buildings; zoning**

If passed, HB2297 would require a municipality to allow Adaptive Reuse Development of any commercial building into residential or mixed use without an application for rezoning if the development converts at least 50% of the existing gross floor area into residential or mixed use. It would require the residential density cap in the adaptive reuse development to be the maximum allowed under the rezoning ordinance. It would also require the adaptive reuse development to have access to public sewer and water or adequate water for the entire development. It permits existing building setback requirements and prohibits additional encroachments unless already permitted or the municipalities grant the encroachment. It would also permit the height of the structure to remain even if it violates existing height restrictions and includes rooftop construction in this exemption. HB2297 was scheduled to be heard and debated on the House floor, but with some potential amendments still being worked out by stakeholders, the bill most likely will be heard and voted on next week.

### **HB2584 Residential building materials; requirements; prohibition**

If passed HB2584 would prohibit a municipality the ability to adopt or enforce any code, ordinance, regulation, standard or stipulation that prohibits or limits the use or installation of a building material in the construction, renovation, or maintenance of a residential building. The bill passed out of the House 46-11. The bill sponsor has agreed to discuss an amendment that may address the City of Glendale's concerns.

### **SB1361 Sober Living Homes**

If passed, SB1361 would enhance the regulation and oversight of sober living homes to directly address vital concerns related to public health, safety, and welfare. The bill aims to institute transparent licensure requirements, standards, and penalties for violation, thus ensuring the well-being of individuals in recover and fostering safer communities. It also equips municipalities and ADHS with essential tools for informed decision-making ultimately contributing to the creation of secure, supportive, and accountable environments for those on the path to recovery. SB1361 is still having ongoing negotiations with the Governor's office and ADHS involving concerns shared by their office. Yesterday, several Senators expressed concerns with the stakeholder process of this bill and ultimately will need to

be included moving forward to ensure its passage.

### **HB2030 Cities; Towns; water service; audit**

If passed, HB2030 would require a municipality to contract for an independent rate audit and cost of service study that would evaluate various aspects of our finances and operations. This evaluation would need to be completed by 2025. There is no appropriation on this bill in its current form. The audit/study is an unfunded mandate that would force the city's water provider to contract for an outside review of our finances which is a duplicated level of government review when the information requested is already publicly available. HB2030 was debated on the House floor and passed out yesterday, 31-28.

Intergovernmental staff will continue reviewing all 1659 bills introduced so far, and with the help of our different departments, we will begin monitoring those bills that, if voted on and signed into law, would impact our city. If you have any questions about a specific bill, please feel free to contact the City.

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Thank you again for your participation in Glendale's Legislative Link Program.

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