



City of Glendale Legislative Link Update April 18th, 2025



Today marks the 96th day of the legislative session, and we've already seen 1,805 bills, memorials, and resolutions introduced. As of now, 73 bills have been transmitted to the Governor, with 54 measures signed into law and 19 vetoed. Around 9:00 a.m. yesterday morning, the Governor's Office issued a press release announcing a moratorium on bill signings until the Department of Disability funding backfill has been resolved. This move comes in response to a non-partisan supplemental funding bill that was introduced SB1734/HB2945.

SB1734/HB2945 Developmental Disabilities; Appropriations; Waivers

SB1734 and the identical mirror version HB2945, makes supplemental appropriations to the Department of Economic Security to fund Medicaid services for individuals with developmental disabilities and imposes new requirements for the "Parents as Paid Caregivers" program. Specifically, it mandates a cap of 40 care hours per week per child starting July 1, 2025, and requires a waiver amendment to reduce that limit to 20 hours by October 1, 2025. Additionally, it prohibits the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System from submitting waiver changes to the federal government without legislative approval, and it adds new federal grant reporting obligations for state agencies. The bill includes an emergency clause, allowing it to take effect immediately upon passage. However, the legislative proposal includes things that have drawn strong opposition from the Governor and Democratic

lawmakers, who have called it a non-starter. “It is shameful that members of the legislative majority continue to hold Arizonans with disabilities hostage to their manufactured chaos,” said Governor Katie Hobbs. “While they leverage a crisis of their own creation to engage in political warfare, Arizonans with autism, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy and other disabilities are the ones harmed by their partisan attacks. That’s unacceptable to me, and after meeting with families dependent on these critical services, I know it’s unacceptable to the nearly 60,000 Arizonans who rely on the Division of Developmental Disabilities to live their lives with independence and dignity.”

SB1308 Sober living homes

SB1308, reintroduced from last year with Senator Frank Carroll as the bill sponsor, establishes regulations for sober living homes in Arizona, requiring them to obtain state licensure, follow operational standards, and undergo annual inspections to ensure resident safety and compliance. The bill prohibits unlawful patient brokering, mandates financial transparency, and enforces strict drug and alcohol policies while ensuring access to medication-assisted treatment. It also requires fingerprint background checks for staff, restricts state referrals and funding to licensed homes, and grants authorities the power to impose sanctions or shut down noncompliant facilities. Finally, the Arizona Department of Health Services must submit an annual report on licensed and unlicensed sober living homes, complaints, and enforcement actions. The bill was heard in the Senate Health & Human Services Committee and passed 6-1 and was then passed out of the Senate 20-7. It was transmitted to the House Health & Human Services Committee and passed 12-0. It was debated on the House floor then was voted on Tuesday and passed 42-10. It is sitting on the Governor’s desk with an expected signature sometime early next week.

SB1543 Ancillary use; international headquarters campus

SB1543 would allow a municipality with a population of 200,000 or more persons (shall equals mandatory) a hotel use and multifamily residential housing as an allowed ancillary use in a zoning district that allows light industrial use without requiring any type of application that will require a public hearing if the hotel and multifamily residential housing use meets both of the following criteria: **1.** The hotel and multifamily residential housing use is located within an international headquarters campus that is solely owned by either a single entity or related entities at the time that development of the international headquarters campus commences and, on completion, the international headquarters on the international headquarters campus will employ more than two thousand full-time employees at an average annual compensation of more than one hundred twenty-five percent of the median wage of the county where the international headquarters campus is located. **2.** Multifamily housing on the international headquarters campus must dedicate at least twenty percent of the multifamily residential housing units to individuals employed at the international headquarters and their families.

Rentals within the multifamily units on the international headquarters campus shall only be rented for 90 days or more unless an employee of the company is on official assignment and requires housing for less than 90 days. Essentially, this campus cannot provide short-term rentals to the public. Cities are authorized to require compliances with building and fire codes and development standards. For campuses that include hotel use or multifamily residential housing units as an ancillary use pursuant to this section, a municipality shall allow complementary retail and restaurant use within the international headquarters campus. A municipality may limit the height of the hotel or multifamily building to two stories in an international headquarters campus site that is located directly adjacent to and within one hundred feet of an area that is zoned for single-family residential use. For hotel or multifamily use that is located more than 100 feet from a single-family zoned area, a municipality may not restrict the maximum height of the ancillary use building to less than six stories, not including mechanical screening or rooftop appurtenances. Cities retain authority over setbacks and parking requirements, as well as the Certificate of Occupancy (COO). A

municipality shall consent to amendments to existing development agreements to which the municipality is a signatory that are reasonably necessary to allow for the development of hotel use or multifamily residential use as an ancillary use pursuant to this section. The bill was debated then voted on by the entire Senate body and passed 28-0. It was transmitted to the House and was heard in the House International Trade Committee where the current bill was amended to what is stated above and passed 8-0 on the 26th. The bill was then debated and passed 40-19. It was transmitted back to the Senate for a final vote and passed 17-13 before making its way to the Governor's desk.

HB2201 Wildfire mitigation planning; utilities; approval

HB2201 requires public power entities and electric utilities to develop, submit, and maintain Wildfire Mitigation Plans beginning in 2026, with updates every two years. These plans must outline strategies to reduce wildfire risk, including vegetation management, infrastructure inspections, power shutoff protocols, and community outreach. The bill also limits legal liability for these entities if they substantially comply with their mitigation plans, shielding them from certain damages unless there is willful or reckless misconduct. The bill passed out of the House on February 25th, 35-25 and was transmitted to the Senate Finance Committee. It passed 5-2 and currently awaits to be debated by the entire Senate body before being transmitted back to the House for a final vote.

SB1350 Unmanned aircraft; critical infrastructure prohibition

SB1350 prohibits the use of unmanned aircraft made or assembled by companies domiciled in China to collect data on designated "restricted critical infrastructure" in Arizona starting December 31, 2028, unless the drone is equipped with certified U.S.-compliant security software to prevent data exfiltration. The bill allows exceptions for certain public safety agencies and requires annual third-party verification of the software's compliance with national standards. The bill passed the Senate on March 17th 24-3 and was transmitted to the House Land, Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee. It passed 6-3 and was debated on the House Floor. The bill is expected to be voted on next week before being transmitted back to the Senate for a final vote.

Intergovernmental staff will begin reviewing all 892 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 your community.

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