



## City of Glendale Legislative Link Update January 24th, 2025



Today is the 12th day of session and there have been 926 bills, memorials, and resolutions introduced. With the start of the legislative session commencing last week, bills have started to move through the process and being assigned to committees. Last Thursday at 5pm was the first deadline to occur where the House of Representatives may now only introduce up to seven-bills per members. This deadline is every capitol watchdog and lobbyists first milestone since now the work load starts to slow ever so gradually. With an expectation of over a 1000 bills to be introduced before session is over, committees start to gain the most focus. This week being the first "real" week of hearings, agenda's were lengthy with committees taking anywhere from 2 to 5 hours and no signs of slowing. With all the that have been introduced, below are some that may be of interest to our residents.

### **SB1002 Pronouns; biological sex; school policies**

SB1002 would prohibit any employee or contractor of a school district or charter school from addressing, referring or identifying a student under 18 by a pronoun that differs from their biological sex, or a name other than the first or middle name on the student's official school records. Prohibits the same from requiring an employee of the same from addressing, identifying or referring to a student by a pronoun that differs from their biological sex if doing so violates an employee's or contractor's moral or religious

convictions. Directs each school district and charter school to adopt policies to ensure compliance with the above and provides an exclusion for employees or contractors discussing matters of public concern external to their official duties.

### **HB2113 Flags; public property; prohibition**

HB2113 would prohibit all but approved flags from being displayed on public property in Arizona and lists the flags that are permitted on public property. It further stipulates that this legislation applies only to those who are elected, appointed, or employed publicly. This bill was heard in the House Government Committee on Wednesday and passed a 4-3 vote. Now the bill awaits a rules hearing to determine if the proposed text is constitutional before the bill is debated and voted on by the entire body.

### **SB1062 Legal tender; cryptocurrency**

SB1062 would define legal tender as being any medium of exchange authorized by the United States Constitution where the United States Congress for the payment of debts, public charges, taxes and dues, specie, or “cryptocurrency”. It stipulates that any Arizona recognized legal tender may be used for the payment of license fees, other fees, fines, taxes, formulas for taxes or fees, for services rendered and for products to be purchased. This bill is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Finance committee next Monday.

### **HB2012 Emergency use products; employers; prohibition**

HB2012 would prohibit an employer, “government entity” or “health care entity” from requiring the administration of an emergency use product, per the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, and prohibits an employer from requiring the same to the employer’s employees or as a condition of employment. This bill has been first read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services Committee.

### **HB2062 Sex based terms; laws; rules; regulations**

HB2062 would require any policy, rule, program or law prohibiting sex discrimination to also prohibit the unfair treatment of a similarly situated member of the opposite sex. It allows Arizona and its political subdivisions to provide for separate, single-sex environments. It specifies that single-sex environments include athletics, living facilities, locker rooms, bathrooms, domestic violence shelters and sexual assault crisis centers. Instructs this state and its political subdivisions, including public schools and public-school districts, that collect vital sex related statistics, to identify each natural person as either male or female. It specifies that this measure does not require the collection of data regarding sex unless otherwise required by law or prevent the collection of additional data points other than biological sex. It further defines, for the purposes of the Arizona Revised Statutes and any administrative rules, regulations and public policies adopted by the state or its political subdivisions, boy, equal, father, female, girl, male, man, mother and sex. It also entitles this act as the Arizona Sex-based Terms Act. This bill was heard in the House Government Committee on Wednesday and passed a 4-3 vote. Now the bill awaits a rules hearing to determine if the proposed text is constitutional before the bill is debated and voted on by the entire body.

### **HB2364 Antidiscrimination; employment; housing; public accommodations**

HB2364 would add sexual orientation, “gender identity and gender expression” to the criteria the Arizona Civil Rights Division is permitted to include in periodic surveys. It stipulates that discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression is contrary to the policy of Arizona and is unlawful and applies it to all scenarios pertaining to public accommodation. Requires a public entity that constructs a new restroom or renovates a restroom, to designate all single-occupancy restrooms as gender neutral restrooms and include in each building at least one gender neutral restroom. It stipulates that this legislation does not require less qualified

individuals be preferred based on sexual orientation, gender identify or gender expression and that it is unlawful for an employer or labor organization to utilize discriminatory practices based on sexual orientation, gender identify or gender expression in decisions of employment, referral, promotion or discharge. It stipulates that this legislation does not apply to any business or enterprise on or near an Indian Reservation with respect to employment policy or practices or require preferential treatment to any protected individual. It further details how complaints are to be handled and prohibits discrimination in investigating and resolving complaints based on sexual orientation, gender identify or gender expression. The bill has been introduced and has not yet been assigned to a committee.

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

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