



City of Glendale Legislative Link Update March 28th, 2025



We're now 74 days into the legislative session, and things are really moving—1,802 bills, memorials, and resolutions have already been introduced. As we head into the last week for bills to be heard in the opposite chamber, the session is starting to shift gears. Committee meetings are stretching into the evenings, and the classic “hurry up and wait” vibe is definitely making a comeback. Budget talks are picking up, with leadership from both chambers meeting often. But there are still some big differences between the legislature and the executive branch, so talk of wrapping things up by Memorial Day

might be a bit too hopeful. That said, one thing's for sure: the Arizona Constitution requires a budget to be passed by June 30th at 11:59 p.m. With that deadline on the horizon and most of the policy work wrapping up, the focus is now clearly shifting toward the final budget negotiations.

SB1234 Animal cruelty; failure to treat

SB1234 adds to the definition of "cruelty to animals" a person that intentionally or through neglect fails to provide medical attention to prevent unreasonable suffering to any domestic animal under the person's custody or control. Modifies the definition of "Cruel Neglect" and list the criteria that would apply to that definition. Includes birds, reptiles, or amphibians, under the definition of domestic animal. The bill passed out of the Senate last Monday 22-4. It was then transmitted to the House and was scheduled to be heard in the House Judiciary Committee but was ultimately held.

SB1350 Unmanned aircraft; critical infrastructure; prohibition

SB1350 adopted an amendment that starting December 31, 2028, Arizona state agencies, their contractors, and others in the state will not be allowed to use Chinese-made drones to collect data about designated sensitive infrastructure, unless those drones use approved U.S. security software that meets strict cybersecurity standards to prevent data from being accessed by Chinese companies. There are exceptions for law enforcement and certain public safety agencies, which are still allowed to use these drones. The amendment also requires the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Public Safety in Arizona to define what infrastructure is considered "restricted" and to annually verify the cybersecurity protections in place. The amendment was adopted in the House Land, Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee on Monday and passed 6-3. Now the bill awaits a Rules Committee hearing to determine if the proposed text is constitutional before the bill is debated and voted on by the entire body.

SB1555 Psilocybin services; regulation; licensure

SB1555 establishes the Arizona Psilocybin Advisory Board to research and evaluate the medical and therapeutic use of psilocybin (the psychedelic compound found in certain mushrooms), particularly for mental health conditions like depression, anxiety, addiction, and end-of-life distress. The bill outlines who should serve on the board, when they should meet, and requires the board to publish annual reports with findings and policy recommendations. The amendment adds a provision that, if the FDA approves and the DEA reschedules a specific pharmaceutical version of psilocybin (called crystalline polymorph psilocybin) by January 1st, 2031, then Arizona law will permit it to be prescribed in the state. The amendment also ensures this medication would be included in the state's-controlled substance schedules and expresses the legislature's intent to allow patients rapid access to it if federally approved. The bill passed 23-4 on the 4th out the Senate and was transmitted to the House. It was heard in the House Health & Human Services Committee on Monday and passed 9-2. Now the bill awaits a Rules Committee hearing to determine if the proposed text is constitutional before the bill is debated and voted on by the entire body.

SB1556 Adult hemp beverages; policies; procedures

SB1556 establishes a regulatory framework in Arizona for adult hemp beverages, which are drinks made from industrial hemp and contain less than 30 milligrams of THC per liter. The bill creates new licensing requirements for the manufacturing, sale, and distribution of these beverages and amends existing alcohol laws to include adult hemp beverages under similar rules and restrictions. This includes guidelines for who can apply for a license, age limits for purchase and consumption (21 and over), packaging and labeling standards, and procedures for retail sales and delivery. The bill also clarifies that manufacturers of adult hemp beverages are not subject to industrial hemp farming regulations unless they are also engaged in growing, harvesting, or processing hemp. Overall, the bill provides a legal and regulated path for the production and sale of hemp-derived THC beverages in the state. The bill passed 23-6 out of the Senate on the 5th and was

transmitted to the House. It was originally scheduled to be heard in the House Commerce Committee, but was ultimately held.

SB1660 Sex offender management board; fund

SB1660 extends the statutory life of the Arizona Department of Public Safety (ADPS) for five months to January 1st, 2031. It also appropriates \$200,000 from the Arizona State General Fund in FY 2025-2026 to the ADPS for the Sex Offender Management Board (Board). It requires a court to order a person convicted of a violation of any Arizona criminal law pertaining to sexual offenses or sexual offenses against children, to pay an assessment and lists the amounts the convicted person will owe per felony and misdemeanor class. Requires the court to collect the assessments and transfer the assessment amounts to the Arizona State Treasurer who is required to deposit the funds in the Sex Offender Surcharge Fund. Stipulates that the Board is established within the ADPS. Defines members of the Board and who is to appoint them. Establishes that the Board shall elect a Chair and stipulates that members serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. Requires the Arizona Attorney General and County Attorneys to provide support to the Board to allow the Board to fulfill its duties. Establishes the Sex Offender Surcharge Fund, administered by the ADPS, consisting of assessments defined in this legislation and legislative appropriations, which are to be utilized to defray the costs related to the Board. The bill passed 27-0 out of the Senate on the 13th and was transmitted to the House. The bill was heard in the House in the House Government Committee yesterday and passed 7-0. Now the bill awaits a Rules Committee hearing to determine if the proposed text is constitutional before the bill is debated and voted on by the entire body.

HB2542 State contracts; foreign adversary; prohibition

HB2542 would prohibit a foreign adversary company from bidding on, submitting a proposal, or entering into a contract with an Arizona agency or political subdivision for goods or services, and requires each company that submits a bid or a proposal for a state contract for goods or services, to submit a certification letter to the Arizona Department of Administration (ADA) stipulating that the company is not owned, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, by a foreign adversary. It outlines actions the ADA must take when it discovers a company has submitted a certification letter that is false or misleading, and the penalties to the company for doing so. Lists exclusions to the prohibition of doing business with a foreign adversary. It entitles this legislation the "Protection Procurement Act." The bill passed 32-26 out of the House on the 18th and was transmitted to the Senate. It was heard in the Senate Government Committee on Wednesday and passed 4-3. Now the bill awaits a Rules Committee hearing to determine if the proposed text is constitutional before the bill is debated and voted on by the entire body.

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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