



City of Glendale Legislative Link Update May 1st, 2025



It's day 109 of the legislative session, and so far, 1,805 bills, memorials, and resolutions have been introduced. As we flip the calendar to a new month, the buzz around the Capitol is growing—this might just be the month the budget finally drops. Rumors are swirling, and all eyes are on legislative staff, waiting for that telltale sign: leaked budget spreadsheets. Once those start circulating, it usually means we're about one to two weeks out from those marathon floor sessions that run late into the night and (hopefully) end in Sine Die. But as of now, no one's seen a draft, and there's still a lot of uncertainty about what the numbers will look like.

With next year's economic outlook looking rough, the budget may be tighter and more contentious than usual. For now, it's a waiting game—and everyone under the dome knows that once the spreadsheets start flying, things move fast.

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 and passed 42-10. It was signed into law on April 18th.

HB2068 Assistance animals; landlord tenant

HB2068 amends the landlord-tenant statutes to clarify legal protections and responsibilities regarding assistance animals. Specifically, the bill defines “assistance animal” as any trained or untrained animal that provides assistance, performs tasks, or offers emotional or therapeutic support to individuals with disabilities. Defines “service animal” as a dog or miniature horse that is individually trained (or in training) to perform tasks for someone with a disability—excluding all other species, trained or not. It adds legal protection for landlords by stating that landlords are not liable for any injuries or damages caused by a purported assistance or service animal if the animal was allowed as a reasonable accommodation under fair housing laws. The bill aims to balance disability rights with landlord liability, ensuring that while accommodations must still be made under fair housing laws, landlords are shielded from legal exposure if a support animal causes harm. The bill passed out of the House 37-23 and was transmitted to the Senate Regulatory Affairs & Government Efficiency Committee and passed 4-2. It was then debated on the Senate floor and it expected to be voted on shortly.

HB2112 Internet pornography; minors; age verification

HB2112 requires commercial websites that host pornography or other sexual content harmful to minors (if such content makes up more than one-third of the site) to implement age verification systems to ensure users are at least 18 years old, prohibits the storage or sharing of identifying user data, and allows parents to sue for violations, with civil penalties of up to \$250,000 per incident. The bill passed out of the House 44-15 and was transmitted to the Senate Judiciary & Elections Committee and passed 5-2. It was then debated on the Senate floor and it expected to be voted on shortly.

SB1590 Mental health; autism; insurance coverage

SB1590 strikes from the description of mandatory coverage for “autism spectrum disorder” for a hospital service corporation or medical service corporation, healthcare services organization, group disability insurer, and blanket disability insurer, coverage limits for behavioral therapy. The bill passed out of the Senate 24-3 and was transmitted to the House Health & Human Services Committee and passed 12-0. It then was debate on the House floor and passed 43-12. It is expected to be on the Governor's desk by next week awaiting a decision.

SB1198 Animal cruelty; felony classification

SB1198 expands Arizona's animal cruelty laws by increasing penalties for harming service or working animals, clarifying definitions, and establishing stricter prohibitions on animal ownership for individuals convicted of certain offenses, including bestiality, animal fighting, and repeated cruelty violations. The bill passed out of the Senate 18-9 and was transmitted to the House Appropriations

committee and passed 11-5. It currently awaits to be debated on the House floor before being shortly.

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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