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# MEMORANDUM

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Date: June 24, 2022

To: The Honorable Chair and Members  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: Jan Leshner   
County Administrator

Re: **County Supervisors Association (CSA) Preliminary Summary of the Priority Budget and Bills**

The following has been provided by the County Supervisors Association and offers a preliminary summary of the budget and bills that were priorities to the CSA:

Early this morning, the House and Senate passed FY 2023 budget bills with bipartisan support. We will continue to monitor and provide additional updates via email. Additionally, we plan to host a "session wrap-up" sometime next week, so please keep watch for further details as we finalize our plans. We look forward to briefing you!

We have updated our analysis on the county related items  [here](#). While we saw some small changes to these items, many of last night's successful bipartisan amendments focused on additional K-12 and higher education funding. The following is a brief overview of the status of CSA's major priorities in the final budget:

- **ADJC Cost Shift:** Does not repeal cost shift. **\$8.45 million cost to Maricopa and Pima Counties.**
- **Probation Officer Salary Costs:** Continues language added in the FY 2022 budget that requires counties to cover the cost of salary increases for state probation officers that exceed 2.5%. Provides \$1.2M, 2.5% statewide, in funding to the AOC for FY 2023 probation officer salary adjustments. *This results in county general fund exposure for any county that authorizes pay increases above 2.5% in FY 2023 for state funded probation officers.*
- **Justice of the Peace Cost Share:** Restores the county/state cost share to 60/40, from 80.75/19.25 **\$1.4M savings.**
- **State Aid for Juvenile Dependency Fund (SAJDF):** Establishes the SAJDF to for County Public Defenders, Legal Defenders and Contract Indigent Defense Council for processing juvenile dependency cases. The SAJDF shall be administered by the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC) and distributed to counties on or before September 1 of each fiscal year based on based on the three-year average of the total juvenile dependency case filings in the county that exceeds the average for FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015. **\$2 million in ongoing support to counties.**

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- **Restricted Flexibility Language:** Continues to allow counties with under 250,000 persons to use up to \$1.25 million of general flexibility language. Continues reporting requirements.
- **Judicial Salary Increases:** Enacted budget phases-in the proposed change to superior court judges' salaries. The salary for a superior court judge from \$149,400 to \$164,700 in FY 2023 and \$180,000 in FY 2024. Per statute, increases salaries for superior court commissioners and justices of the peace. **Estimated \$10 million cost to counties on full implementation.**
- **ALTCS:** FY 2023 contributions total \$352.7 million for county ALTCS payments. **This is an increase of \$69.5 million from FY 2022** which includes approximately \$19 million for the cost of provider rate increases.
- **Other County Priorities:** Continues other ongoing payments to counties including appropriations to maintain essential county services and to defray the increased cost of EORP contributions for some counties. *HB 2862/SB 1729, Sec. 106*

While the budget may be over, members remain at the Legislature to finish their business. Here's a brief list of the issues and items that are keeping them at the Capitol:

- **SB 1740:** water infrastructure financing; augmentation (*Kerr*) - The Senate and House's scheduled *Natural Resources, Energy, and Water* committees indicate the Legislature's progression on a water deal. The deal, which has changed substantively since the Governor first mentioned it in his *State of the State* speech, currently involves empowering the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA), creating additional funds for it to administer, and providing the Authority with a large – but undetermined – appropriation. Those interested in reviewing the bill in its current form can do so by clicking [here](#). Please note that the bill has not passed through Committee of the Whole (COW) and so its amendments – originating both from the Senate committee and the floor – have not been applied.
- **SB 1356:** transportation tax; election; Maricopa County (*Pace*) – Senator Pace and allies are still working to pass [SB 1356](#), which would permit Maricopa County to ask its voters to continue their countywide half-cent sales tax to fund transportation. This issue has consistently divided members of the majority, who are reticent to approve any tax while anticipating a recession and who have found fault with some of Prop. 400's past investments in items like light rail.
- **HB 2853:** Arizona empowerment scholarship accounts; appropriation (*Toma*) – One part of the Legislature's enduring focus on education, HB 2853 is an expansion of the state's "Empowerment Scholarship Accounts" that passed out of the House yesterday on a party-line vote. It remains to be seen if the bill will pass the Senate, where Sen. Boyer has expressed discomfort with the provisions, or if the voters will defeat the expansion in a referendum. Those interested in the bill can find it [here](#).

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- **HB 2317:** NOW: revenue distribution; border security (*Kavanagh*) – While the Legislature’s majority seemed disconnected on border security spending at the beginning of the year, each chamber passing different levels of appropriations for the same item, their members appeared to have coalesced behind the \$335 million investment outlined in HB 2317. The money can be used to build border fencing, install or purchase border technologies, and pay administrative costs. The legislation’s text can be found [here](#).

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Attachment

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