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# MEMORANDUM

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Date: March 8, 2021

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry  
County Administrator 

Re: **Legislative Policy Report**

Please see the attached report regarding active bills under consideration in the Legislature.

If you have any questions regarding any of the information, please contact me or the County's Lobbyist, Michael Racy.

CHH/anc

Attachments

c: Jan Leshar, Chief Deputy County Administrator  
Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator for Public Works  
Francisco Garcia, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator & Chief Medical Officer,  
Health and Community Services

## March 5, 2021 Annotated LPC Report

High priority issues are in bold.

All election bills are high priority but are not all bold faced due to the number of bills and rapidly evolving action on these bills.

Budget items, transportation funding, emergency authority, coVid response items are all high priority and are generally not included on the list but are some of the most critical issues.

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Bills	Committee Actions	COW Action	3rd Read & Votes	Final Read & Votes	Committee Actions	COW Action	3rd Read & Votes	Final Read & Votes
<b>HB2048</b> 1st Read: 02/18 <b>APPROP</b> None <b>RULES</b> None <b>PIMA COUNTY PRIORITY ITEM, also included in House and Senate Budgets</b> Comments: This bill would repeal the ADJC annual assessment of the committed youth confinement cost sharing fee to each county and the DJC local cost sharing fund. Unexpended monies would be appropriated to ADOA to distribute proportionally using U.S. decennial census data.			2nd Read: 02/22		1st Read: 01/12 <b>APPROP</b> 02/03 - DP 13-0-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 02/08 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0 Maj Caucus: 02/09 Min Caucus: 02/09	CON CAL - 02/08 Object: No	2nd Read: 01/13 02/11 - PASSED 58-1-1-0-0-0	SPONSORS: WENINGER
HB2181 write-ins; residency; filing deadline 1st Read: 03/02 <b>GOV</b> None <b>RULES</b> None			2nd Read: 03/03		1st Read: 01/20 <b>GE</b> 01/27 - DPA 13-0-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 02/23 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0 Maj Caucus: 02/23 Min Caucus: 02/23	02/24 - DPA	2nd Read: 01/21 02/24 - PASSED 57-0-3-0-0-0	SPONSORS: KAVANAGH
Comments: A write in candidate for an elective office in any election is required to have lived in the county, city, town, or district for 120 days before the date of the election. Nomination papers for write in candidates must be submitted 76 days before the election instead of the previous 40.  Committee Amendment: Allows county election officials to begin counting mail-in ballots right after they're received, rather than waiting to begin until 14 days before the election.								

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HB2297	military leaves of absence; duration				SPONSORS: PAYNE			
	1st Read: 02/24		2nd Read: 02/25		1st Read: 01/20		2nd Read: 01/21	
	<b>JUD</b> 03/04 - DPA 8-0-0-0-0-0				<b>MAPS</b> 01/25 - DP 14-0-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 02/01 Object: No	<b>02/23 - PASSED</b>	
	<b>RULES</b> None				<b>RULES</b> 02/01 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0		<b>59-0-1-0-0-0</b>	
					Maj Caucus: 02/09 Min Caucus: 02/02			

Comments: A military leave period would now be based on the total average of regularly scheduled hours worked in a biweekly period. Officers or employees working 2,080 hours can receive 12 hours of leave per year. Those who work more than 2,080 hours can receive 15 days of military leave each fiscal year.

HB2334	<b>dangerous; incompetent person; evaluation; commitment</b>				SPONSORS: PRATT			
	1st Read: 03/04				1st Read: 01/26		2nd Read: 01/27	
	<b>JUD</b> None			<b>JUD</b> 02/03 - DP 6-4-0-0-0-0	02/23 - RET ON CAL	<b>03/03 - PASSED</b>		
	<b>RULES</b> None			<b>RULES</b> 02/08 - C&P 5-3-0-0-0-0	02/24 - DPA	<b>45-14-1-0-0-0</b>		
	<b>Priority policy but always concerns with cost shifts.</b>				Maj Caucus: 02/09 Min Caucus: 02/09			

Comments: Requires a biannual review of examination reports that indicate a committed person is no longer dangerous and incompetent. Establishes requirements for detention and commitment and for revocation of conditional release.

HB2401	<b>juvenile dependency; state aid; appropriation</b>				SPONSORS: BIASIUCCI			
	1st Read: 03/02		2nd Read: 03/03		1st Read: 01/27		2nd Read: 01/28	
	<b>APPROP</b> None			<b>JUD</b> 02/10 - DP 10-0-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 02/22 Object: No	<b>02/24 - PASSED</b>		
	<b>RULES</b> None			<b>APPROP</b> 02/17 - DP 13-0-0-0-0-0		<b>54-5-1-0-0-0</b>		
				<b>RULES</b> 02/22 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0				
				Maj Caucus: 02/22 Min Caucus: 02/22				

Comments: Establishes the State Aid for Juvenile Dependency Proceedings Fund (SAJDP Fund) to provide state aid to county public defenders, legal defenders, and contract indigent defense counsel for the processing of juvenile dependency cases.

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HB2595	subsequent irrigation non-expansion areas; procedures..				SPONSORS: COBB			
					1st Read: 02/03 NREW None RULES None		2nd Read: 02/04	
	Comments: The Director of the Department of Water Resources can now designate an area with insufficient groundwater as an irrigation non-expansion area. Note: The director can consider credible evidence that indicates future changes to rates of withdrawal.							
HB2607	county recreation improvement districts				SPONSORS: BLACKMAN			
					1st Read: 02/02 WM None RULES None		2nd Read: 02/03	
	Comments: The County BOS would be authorized to create a county recreation improvement district. The BOS will select the original board members of the district and establish the duties of a district board of directors. The county BOS can also revoke the authority of the elected board of directors. Note: Subsequent board members must be elected.							
HB2801	rural counties; transient lodging tax				SPONSORS: BARTON, BLACKMAN, et al			
					1st Read: 02/10 WM None RULES None		2nd Read: 02/11	
	Comments: Provide counties with a population of 500,000 or less the authority to levy a transient lodging tax in unincorporated areas of the county.							

### LPC 3.05.21 Bills for Discussion

### Senate Information

### House Information

Bills	Committee Actions	COW Action	3rd Read & Votes	Final Read & Votes	Committee Actions	COW Action	3rd Read & Votes	Final Read & Votes
HB2108	telecommunications; public highways; use; fees				SPONSORS: WENINGER			
					1st Read: 01/14 COM 01/19 - DP 6-4-0-0-0-0 RULES 01/25 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0		2nd Read: 01/20 02/23 - RET ON CAL 03/03 - RET ON CAL	
	<b>Potential minor revenue impact</b>							
	Comments: 3/5: Staff noted that there are concerns that there are companies that want to install miles and miles of dark fiber optic runs at little or no cost to them and then lease it out to the							

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actual telecommunication and data providers counties would not know who will be lighting the fiber optic facilities once they are installed, and the installation only companies will be able to rent/lease/sell the use of the fiber lines to anyone without having to pay like any other established telecommunications utility company that hold the necessary licenses. The LPC did not take a position.

Summary: Prohibits a political subdivision from requiring a telecommunications corporation to pay an annual fee for underground facilities that are used for a small wireless facility.

<b>HB2618</b>	<b>public nuisance; noise; evidence.</b>	SPONSORS: PARKER, PAYNE, et al						
					1st Read: 01/28		2nd Read: 02/01	
					<b>JUD</b> 02/10 - DP 7-3-0-0-0-0	02/23 - RET ON CAL	03/04 - PASSED	
					<b>RULES</b> 02/15 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0	02/24 - DPA	31-28-1-0-0-0	
	<b>Enforcement Concerns</b>				Maj Caucus: 02/16 Min Caucus: 02/16			
	Comments: 3/5: Staff noted the recent floor amendment modified the language to now also say that is only a public nuisance if the nuisance is intentional ultimately making public nuisance complaints unenforceable and goes well beyond noise complaints. The LPC noted this would limit ability to resolve nuisance complaints and voted to OPPOSE the bill.							
	Summary: Requires a prosecution for a public nuisance violation that involves noise to include an accurate recording and measurement of the noise made by a peace officer or code enforcement officer. Additionally requires any public nuisance violator to have intent to cause a nuisance in order to prosecute.							

<b>SB1502</b>	<b>public nuisance; noise; evidence</b>	SPONSORS: TOWNSEND						
				2nd Read: 02/02				
		1st Read: 02/01						
		<b>JUD</b> 02/11 - DP 5-3-0-0-0-0	02/24 - RETAINED	03/03 - FAILED				
		<b>RULES</b> 02/15 - PFC	03/01 - DPA	14-16-0-0-0-0				
		Rep Caucus: 02/16 Dem Caucus: 02/16						
	Comments: 3/5: Staff noted the bill sponsor voted against the bill on the floor to allow HB 2618 to move forward instead of passing the bill in its current form.							
	Summary: Requires a prosecution for a public nuisance violation that involves noise to include an accurate recording and measurement of the noise made by a peace officer or code enforcement officer. Additionally requires any public nuisance violator to have intent to cause a nuisance in order to prosecute.							

<b>SB1659</b>	fire district annual budget; summary	SPONSORS: LEACH						
				2nd Read: 02/04		1st Read: 03/02		2nd Read: 03/03
		1st Read: 02/03						
		<b>FIN</b> 02/10 - DPA 9-0-1-0-0-0	02/17 - DPA	02/18 - PASSED				
		<b>RULES</b> 02/15 - PFC		30-0-0-0-0-0				
		Rep Caucus: 02/16 Dem Caucus: 02/16						
	Comments: 3/5: Staff noted the proponents agreed to remove the language allowing a Fire District from posting on the counties website. The LPC voted to change their position to NEUTRAL.							

2/18: Staff noted that counties find the bill burdensome and confusing for constituents. Taxpayers already struggle to differentiate between the fire district and role of the county, and this will add

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to the confusion. Additionally, counties don't want to be held liable in the event a report is not posted as requested and feel fire districts should utilize their own website or that of the Fire District Association. The Board voted to OPPOSE the bill.

Summary: Allows a fire district to request the county or counties it resides in to post fire district budgets, audits, reports, or reviews on the county's website.

SCR1027	property tax exemption; veterans; disabilities 1st Read: 01/28 <b>FIN</b> 02/17 - DP 5-3-2-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 02/22 - PFC	03/01 - DP	2nd Read: 02/01 03/03 - PASSED 21-9-0-0-0-0					SPONSORS: ROGERS
Rep Caucus: 02/22 Dem Caucus: 02/22 Comments: 3/5: Staff noted the bill corrects an unconstitutional provision in the state constitution providing property tax exemption for disabled veterans. The LPC voted to SUPPORT the bill.								

Summary: Puts the question to the ballot of repealing and replacing the disabled veterans property tax exemption.

### Running LPC/Board Bills

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HB2025	delinquent property tax; interest; waiver 1st Read: 02/18 <b>FIN</b> 03/03 - DP 7-1-2-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> None		2nd Read: 02/22		1st Read: 01/12 <b>WM</b> 01/20 - DP 9-1-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 01/25 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0	02/04 - DPA	2nd Read: 01/13 02/04 - PASSED 59-0-0-0-0-0	SPONSORS: KAVANAGH
Maj Caucus: 01/26 Min Caucus: 01/26								

Comments: 2/5: Staff noted the sponsor has agreed to an amendment that would require any waiver of property tax interest by a county treasurer to first be approved by the board of supervisors. With the adoption of the amendment, it was noted the bill is good policy that will help county taxpayers. The LPC voted to SUPPORT the bill.

Comments: 1/15: Staff explained there are concerns with granting a county treasurer the authority to waive penalties without approval of the board of supervisors. Staff also noted that there was an amendment being offered last year to add in oversight of the board of supervisors, but that the amendment was not included in this year's version. The LPC voted to OPPOSE HB 2025 in its current form.

Summary: Authorizes county treasurers to waive interest accrued on a delinquent property tax or other penalties during the one-year period after a mortgage or deed of trust is satisfied or released on the property. A taxpayer may only receive this waiver once per property. In 2020 the LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill unless an amendment was put in to require approval by the Board of Supervisors.

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HB2053	superior court clerk; salary NOW: salary; superior court clerk 1st Read: 03/02		2nd Read: 03/03		1st Read: 01/12		2nd Read: 01/13	SPONSORS: KAVANAGH	
	<b>APPROP</b> None <b>RULES</b> None				<b>JUD</b> 01/27 - DPA/SE 9-1-0-0-0-0 <b>APPROP</b> 02/10 - DPA/SE 12-0-0-0-1-0 <b>RULES</b> 02/22 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0	02/24 - DPA	02/24 - PASSED 42-16-2-0-0-0		
					Maj Caucus: 02/22 Min Caucus: 02/22				

Comments: Comments: 1/15: Staff noted that the bill will be amended in committee next week to provide the clerks a straight \$20,000 pay raise to all 15 Superior Court Clerks after the next election and will go into effect in 2023. The bill will have no ties or escalators increasing the salary over time, if they want to seek another increase it would require legislation. The LPC decided to monitor the bill. 1/29: Staff shared that the bill was stricken with the \$20,000 pay increase for each of the Superior Court Clerks, staff also noted that AACo has voted to support the bill and has dropped HB 2700 to provide the other elected officials a \$20,000 increase starting after the 2024 election. The LPC voted to take a NEUTRAL position.

Summary: The bill was stricken in committee and now provides a \$20,000 raise to each Supreme Court Clerk beginning the term immediately following the 2022 election.

HB2057	<b>land divisions; county regulation; surveys</b> 1st Read: 03/04				1st Read: 01/12		2nd Read: 01/13	SPONSORS: GRIFFIN	
	<b>GOV</b> None <b>RULES</b> None				<b>LARA</b> W/D <b>NREW</b> 01/19 - DP 6-4-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 01/25 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0	02/15 - RET ON CAL 02/23 - RET ON CAL 03/03 - DPA	03/03 - PASSED 31-28-1-0-0-0		
					Maj Caucus: 01/26 Min Caucus: 01/26				

Comments: Comments: 1/15: Staff noted the bill prohibits counties from requiring an applicant for a land division to conduct a survey as a condition of approving the land division or conveyance or issuance of a building permit. It also reduces consumer protections and opens the county to potential liability issues and places professional staff in the middle of trying to resolve neighbor disputes on property lines. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.

Summary: Prohibits counties from requiring an applicant for a land division to conduct a survey as a condition of approving the land division or conveyance or issuance of a building permit. It also removes the requirement for acceptable evidence regarding if the property has physical access that is traversable by a vehicle prior to a lot split approval. In 2020 the LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.

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HB2058	library; historic names; archeology; establishment NOW: library; historic names; establishment 1st Read: 02/18		2nd Read: 02/22		1st Read: 01/14		2nd Read: 01/20	SPONSORS: KAVANAGH
	<b>GOV</b> None <b>RULES</b> None				<b>GE</b> 01/20 - DP 8-5-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 02/08 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0	02/11 - DPA	02/11 - PASSED 59-0-1-0-0-0	

Comments: 1/21: Staff noted that this was for informational purposes and reinstates statutory language that lapsed and noted that the Secretary of State and Arizona Library Association support the bill.

Summary: The Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records and Board of Library Examiners sunset date has lapsed and all the associated statute was automatically repealed. The bill restores the original statute with some technical and changes.

HB2075	sentencing; judgment of guilt; fingerprints 1st Read: 02/18		2nd Read: 02/22		1st Read: 01/14		2nd Read: 01/20	SPONSORS: PRATT
	<b>JUD</b> 03/04 - DP 8-0-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> None				<b>JUD</b> 01/27 - DP 10-0-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 02/01 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 02/01 Object: No	02/04 - PASSED 58-0-1-0-0-0	

Comments: 2/18: Staff noted this is an AACo bill and technical fix that came up during COVID and will create consistency across all 15 counties confirming that fingerprints may be completed remotely. The Board voted to SUPPORT the bill.

Summary: Currently under statute and rules interpretation, some superior courts in Arizona require the defendant to be physical present to take fingerprints at the sentencing hearing. COVID brought up a number of situations where it was challenging to have defendants in person with remote testimony. This would allow for the fingerprints to be taken remotely, if they can be secured before being released to the next phase either physically rolling the fingerprint in ink or taking an electronic fingerprint. This is an AACo bill.

HB2077	state lake improvement fund; appropriations 1st Read: 02/18		2nd Read: 02/22		1st Read: 01/14		2nd Read: 01/20	SPONSORS: BIASIUCCI, COBB, et al
	<b>APPROP</b> None <b>RULES</b> None				<b>NREW</b> 01/19 - DP 10-0-0-0-0-0 <b>APPROP</b> 01/20 - DP 13-0-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 01/25 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 01/25 Object: No	01/28 - PASSED 51-8-1-0-0-0	

Comments: 1/21: Supervisors noted this was something that the counties used to get and no longer do, but that there is a great need for this in lake communities. The Board voted to SUPPORT the bill.

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Summary: Caps expenditures from State Lake Improvement Fund (SLIF) money may be used for administration to 10% of monies that are annually deposited, allows the SLIF funds to be used for water rescue operations, and appropriates \$3 million in general fund and \$2 million from the State Parks Revenue Fund to the State Parks Board for their operating costs.

HB2127	appropriation; state parks; heritage fund							
	1st Read: 02/18		2nd Read: 02/22		1st Read: 01/20		2nd Read: 01/21	SPONSORS: OSBORNE, BLACKMAN, et al
	<b>APPROP</b> None				<b>LARA</b> 02/01 - DP 11-0-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 02/08 Object: No	02/11 - PASSED	
	<b>RULES</b> None				<b>APPROP</b> 02/03 - DP 12-1-0-0-0-0		47-12-1-0-0-0	
					<b>RULES</b> 02/08 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0			
					Maj Caucus: 02/09			
					Min Caucus: 02/09			

Comments: 2/5: Staff mentioned this was a previous Board priority and that it would provide additional resources to the State Parks Board. The LPC voted to SUPPORT the bill.

Summary: Appropriates \$10M from the state General Fund to the Arizona Stake Parks Heritage Fund in FY 2022.

HB2138	ABOR; optional retirement programs							
					1st Read: 01/21		2nd Read: 01/25	SPONSORS: KAVANAGH
					<b>GE</b> None			
					<b>RULES</b> None			

Comments: 1/29: Staff noted that this would expand the population of University staff that can participate in an optional retirement outside of ASRS, overtime increasing the unfunded liability that all employers and employees in ASRS would have to fund due to the pooled nature of the plan. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.

Summary: Employees enrolled in the ABOR optional retirement program may have their employer contributions forfeited if they do not continue their service under the jurisdiction of ABOR for at least 5 years. The employee contributions, including interest, will be used by the institution to make future employer contributions instead of refunded to the state.

HB2141	<b>appropriations; alternative prosecution; diversion programs.</b>							
	1st Read: 02/24		2nd Read: 02/25		1st Read: 01/25		2nd Read: 01/26	SPONSORS: PRATT
	<b>JUD</b> None				<b>JUD</b> 02/03 - DP 10-0-0-0-0-0	02/18 - DPA	02/23 - PASSED	
	<b>APPROP</b> None				<b>APPROP</b> 02/10 - DPA 11-1-0-0-1-0		56-4-0-0-0-0	
	<b>RULES</b> None				<b>RULES</b> 02/15 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0			
					Maj Caucus: 02/16			
					Min Caucus: 02/16			

Comments: 1/21: Staff noted these pre-trial diversion programs provide participants an alternative to prosecution and ultimately allow to avoid having a felony charge on their record. The Board voted to SUPPORT the bill

Summary: Appropriates \$11.2 million dollars over 3 years to establish a statewide diversion programs in all 15 counties.

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**HB2162 undesignated offenses; misdemeanor status; exceptions**

SPONSORS: BLACKMAN

1st Read: 02/18

2nd Read: 02/22

**JUD** None

**RULES** None

1st Read: 01/14

**CJR** 01/20 - DPA  
9-0-0-0-0-0

**RULES** 01/25 - C&P  
8-0-0-0-0-0

01/28 - RET ON  
CAL

02/03 - DPA

2nd Read: 01/20

02/03 - PASSED

55-4-0-0-0-0

Maj Caucus: 01/26

Min Caucus: 01/26

Comments: 2/18: Staff noted this is an AACo bill that helps individuals who are charged with a class 6 felony, it allows the charge to remain undesignated until probation is complete and restitution has been paid, while still allowing treatment funds to be pulled down. The Board voted to SUPPORT the bill.

Summary: Many county Attorneys currently allow for individuals to participate in what is referred to as a Class 6 Open designation, if they successfully completes their probation, their charge will be dropped from a Class 6 felony to a misdemeanor. However, the person will still be on record as a felon while they are completing their mandated treatment, this bill allows for the sentencing to be deferred until the conclusion of probation so they don't end up having the felony on their record. AACo bill.

**HB2164 coordinated reentry planning services programs**

SPONSORS: BLACKMAN

1st Read: 01/20

2nd Read: 01/21

**CJR** 02/03 - HELD

**APPROP** None

**RULES** None

Comments: 1/21: Staff noted that this will allow Sheriff's offices to apply to grants that will provide funding for establish a reentry planning program focused on reducing recidivism and assisting in long-term recovery of individuals within the county jail system. The Board voted to SUPPORT the bill.

Summary: Appropriates \$8 million dollars in FY 21-22 and \$7 million dollars in FY's 22-24 to establish coordinated reentry planning services programs for jail systems in counties with populations of less than 1.5 million.

**HB2189 coordinated reentry planning services programs.**

SPONSORS: PRATT

**1st Read: 02/24**

2nd Read: 02/25

**JUD** 03/04 - DP  
8-0-0-0-0-0

**APPROP** None

**RULES** None

1st Read: 01/25

**JUD** 02/03 - DP  
10-0-0-0-0-0

**APPROP** 02/10 - DP  
11-0-0-0-2-0

**RULES** 02/15 - C&P  
8-0-0-0-0-0

CON CAL - 02/15  
Object: No

2nd Read: 01/26

02/23 - PASSED

58-1-1-0-0-0

Maj Caucus: 02/16

Min Caucus: 02/16

Comments: Summary: Appropriates \$8 million dollars in FY 21-22 and \$7 million dollars in FY's 22-24 to establish coordinated reentry planning services programs for jail systems in counties with populations of less than 1.5 million.

1/21: Staff noted that this will allow Sheriff's offices to apply to grants that will provide funding for establish a reentry planning program focused on reducing recidivism and assisting in long-term

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recovery of individuals within the county jail system. The Board voted to SUPPORT the bill identical bill HB 2164.

<b>HB2190</b>	<b>criminal justice case information; reporting</b>							
	<b>NOW: reporting; criminal justice case information</b>							
	1st Read: 03/02		2nd Read: 03/03		1st Read: 01/25		2nd Read: 01/26	
	<b>JUD</b> None				<b>CJR</b> 02/17 - DPA/SE 9-0-0-0-0-0	02/24 - DPA	02/24 - PASSED	
	<b>RULES</b> None				<b>RULES</b> 02/22 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0		59-0-1-0-0-0	
					Maj Caucus: 02/22 Min Caucus: 02/22			

SPONSORS: ROBERTS, BLACKMAN

Comments: 2/26: Staff noted that the bill is an unfunded mandate, leaving counties to bear the full burden of costs associated with the additional reporting required by the bill. Staff also mentioned that efforts are being made to include financial assistance in the bill. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.

Summary: Requires Attorney General and each county attorney from counties with a population of 200,000 or more to provide reporting regarding felony and misdemeanor cases every six months starting in November 2022. The new reporting includes specifics on the result on how each case was resolved, trial decisions and sentence. AACo estimates approximately 2 FTE to complete the reporting requirements.

<b>HB2260</b>	Arizona criminal justice commission; membership.							
	1st Read: 02/18		2nd Read: 02/22		1st Read: 01/21		2nd Read: 01/25	
	<b>JUD</b> 03/04 - DP 8-0-0-0-0-0				<b>CJR</b> 01/27 - DP 9-0-0-0-0-0	02/04 - DPA	02/04 - PASSED	
	<b>RULES</b> None				<b>RULES</b> 02/01 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0		59-0-0-0-0-0	
					Maj Caucus: 02/02 Min Caucus: 02/02			

SPONSORS: BLACKMAN, BOLICK

Comments: 2/5/21: Staff noted the bill is aimed at making the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission being representative of the states criminal justice system by adding a public defender and a victim advocate to the commission. The LPC voted to Support the bill.

Summary: Increases the number of members of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission to 16 members by adding one public defender and one victim advocate, both of whom are appointed by the Governor.

<b>HB2306</b>	right to redeem; lien sale							
					1st Read: 01/26		2nd Read: 01/27	
					<b>WM</b> 02/17 - HELD			
					<b>RULES</b> None			

SPONSORS: KAVANAGH

Comments: 1/29: Staff raised concerns that this would be a significant burden and cost to the county in terms of taking possession of delinquent property and selling it. Additionally, counties would lose significant interest in purchasing liens, monies we rely on, because lien investors would not ever be able to acquire the property. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.

Summary: Makes various modifications to the tax lien process, including: Moves all administrative authorities surrounding the sale of the property from the BOS to the county treasurer. Removes the ability of the lien investor to obtain the property in the event the taxpayer fails to pay the back taxes, instead, granting the investor only the debts and agreed upon interest rate. The county treasurer then sells the property at auction, providing any profit back to the taxpayer. Authorizes the Treasurer to utilize a 3rd party in the sale of the property. Allocates a 3% profit to the 3rd party if the property is sold above and beyond the amount needed.

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The Board voted to oppose this bill last year.

HB2307	voting equipment; overvote notice 1st Read: 03/03		2nd Read: 03/04		1st Read: 01/21 <b>GE</b> 01/27 - DP 12-0-0-0-1-0 <b>RULES</b> 02/23 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0	03/01 - DP	2nd Read: 01/25 03/01 - PASSED  52-0-8-0-0-0	SPONSORS: KAVANAGH
	<b>GOV</b> None							
	<b>RULES</b> None							
					Maj Caucus: 02/23 Min Caucus: 02/23			

Comments: 1/29: Staff noted this bill addresses the same issue as SB 1025 regarding how voters are notified of the impact on an overvote but does so in a way that is consistent with existing practices within the procedures manual. The LPC voted to be NEUTRAL on the bill.

Summary: This bill addresses the same issue trying to be accomplished in Townsend's SB 1025 (notifying voters of the impact of an overvote) but in a way that can be accomplished. It requires written posting of notifications near or on the voting equipment that tells voters if they have an overvote for an office or measure it will not be tallied. AACo voted to be neutral on the bill, the goal is to get a meeting with Senator Townsend to encourage her to adopt this language on her SB 1025. Staff recommends going neutral while we feel it is already something that is happening at polling places the language is workable. – passed out of committee 12-0

HB2310	municipalities; counties; law enforcement budgets NOW: executive orders; review; attorney general 1st Read: 03/02		2nd Read: 03/03		1st Read: 01/26 <b>MAPS</b> 02/15 - DPA/SE 8-6-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 02/22 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0	02/23 - DPA	2nd Read: 01/27 02/24 - PASSED  31-29-0-0-0-0	SPONSORS: ROBERTS, BARTON, et al
	<b>GOV</b> None							
	<b>RULES</b> None							
					Maj Caucus: 02/22 Min Caucus: 02/22			

Comments: 1/29: Staff noted that law enforcement budgets can fluctuate significantly from year to year based on pension costs, capital projects, grants, etc. and inserts the legislature into the budgeting and fiduciary responsibility of the board. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill noting that this is crippling, sets bad a precedent, and that it is the job of supervisors to set county budgets.

Summary: Requires the Attorney General (AG) upon request of any member of the Legislature to investigate any official action taken by a political subdivision to reduce a law enforcement agencies budget by 10% less than the pervious year.

The AG's office has 30 days to determine if a reduction of 10 percent or more has occurred and notify the political subdivision. The political subdivision has 30 days to restore the budget or the AG's office is required to notify the State Treasurer to withhold and redistribute state shared monies equal to the amount of the law enforcement budget reduction and restores funding allocation if the law enforcement budget is restored.

This does not apply if a political subdivision reduces their overall budget by at least 10 percent over the previous year.

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HB2331	property tax; mobile homes; delinquency 1st Read: 02/11		02/11 - PASSED 29-0-1-0-0-0		1st Read: 01/21	CON CAL - 02/01 Object: No	2nd Read: 01/25	SPONSORS: GRIFFIN
					<b>WM</b> 01/27 - DP 10-0-0-0-0-0		02/04 - PASSED	
					<b>RULES</b> 02/01 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0		59-0-0-0-0-0	
					Maj Caucus: 02/02 Min Caucus: 02/02			Transmitted to Governor: 02/12 Signed: 02/18 Chapter: 28

Comments: 1/29: Staff noted the allows someone whose primary residence is a mobile home to have a year to become current on the delinquent tax before action is taken on the property. The LPC voted to SUPPORT the bill.

Summary: States that a mobile home (1) without a recorded affidavit of affixture, (2) that is not placed on the real property roll, and (3) that is used as the owner's primary residence, shall have the county treasurer secure payment of its owner's unpaid delinquent taxes by (a) selling tax liens on the mobile home and (2) foreclosing the right to redeem. Specifies that insubstantial failure to comply with the statutes governing the sale of tax liens and foreclosure does not affect the validity of the assessment and levy of the taxes or the sale of a tax lien.

It modifies the mobile home lien sale process to mirror the real property tax lien sale process.

HB2381	PSPRS; CORP; local boards; consolidation 1st Read: 02/15		02/16 - PASSED 30-0-0-0-0-0		1st Read: 01/27	02/11 - DPA	2nd Read: 01/28	SPONSORS: BLACKMAN
					<b>GE</b> 02/03 - DPA 13-0-0-0-0-0		02/11 - PASSED	
					<b>RULES</b> 02/08 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0		60-0-0-0-0-0	
					Maj Caucus: 02/09 Min Caucus: 02/09			Transmitted to Governor: 02/18 Signed: 02/24

Comments: 1/29: Staff noted this was introduced by the system last year, as the result of about a year of stakeholder discussions on the best path forward for changes that needed to be made to the PSPRS local board system. The LPC voted to SUPPORT the bill

Summary: Makes a number of changes to the PSPRS and CORP statutes governing the local boards and disability claims process. Allows local boards to voluntarily consolidate through intergovernmental agreements. Gives the PSPRS Board of Trustees the authority to: audit local board and employer records, bring local boards into compliance with statute and uniform rules, determine eligibility for service credits and standard retirement benefits, review and bring through a judicial review process any disability or line of duty death determinations a local board makes if the Board of Trustees disagrees with the local board findings. Requires that local board members attend training outlined by the PSPRS Board of Trustees and comply with uniform rules established by PSPRS.

HB2391	county property tax information; worksheet 1st Read: 02/18		2nd Read: 02/22		1st Read: 01/27	02/11 - DPA	2nd Read: 01/28	SPONSORS: KAISER, BOLICK
					<b>FIN</b> 03/03 - DP 9-0-1-0-0-0		02/11 - PASSED	
					<b>RULES</b> None		60-0-0-0-0-0	
					Maj Caucus: 02/09 Min Caucus: 02/09			

Comments: 1/29: Staff noted the bill is intended to increase transparency for taxpayers and that ATRA would like counties to play a role in the design and processing of the document. The LPC did not take a position on the bill.

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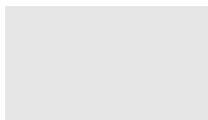
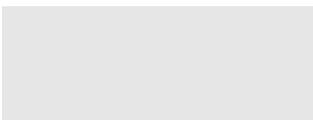
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Summary: Requires DOR to create a uniform document in which all 15 counties would input their tax rates and jurisdictions into and make available to the public. Requires counties to complete this task within 7 days of adopting the rates.

Note: ATRA has told us they would like counties and DOR to determine the document format.

**HB2420 law enforcement budget; reduction; certification  
NOW: law enforcement; prosecution; grants; acceptance**

SPONSORS: CARROLL, WILMETH



1st Read: 01/26

**MAPS** 02/19 - DPA/SE  
8-6-0-0-0-0

03/03 - DPA

**RULES** 02/23 - C&P  
7-0-0-0-1-0

2nd Read: 01/27

03/03 - FAILED

27-33-0-0-0-0

**Stone Garden Bill**

Maj Caucus: 02/23

Min Caucus: 02/23

Comments: 2/26: Staff noted the strike-everything amendment stems from a disagreement over the Operation Stonegarden grant and that it erodes sound budget policy and transparency statewide in order to referee a local political battle in one county. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.

Update: The bill received a strike-everything amendment that allows county sheriffs and county attorneys to accept any grants or other monies without approval by the board of supervisors.

1/29: Staff noted the bill inserts the legislature into the county budgeting process and does not contemplate the various ways in which a Sheriff departments budget fluctuates. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.

Summary: Requires political subdivisions to certify in writing by October 15th to each state agency that the political subdivision receives state monies that there has not been a disproportionate reduction in the political subdivisions law enforcement agencies budget. Specifies that it is considered proportionate if the portion of the total law enforcement budget remains within 3 percentage points of the previous year.

Certifications must include a statement that any reduction in the law enforcement agencies budget (or proposed budget) is a result of reduced revenue collection, proportionate to the reduction to revenue.

Withholds state shred revenue until the funding is restored.

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HB2437	fuel; electric cars; hybrids; taxes						SPONSORS: CARROLL, WILMETH	
					1st Read: 02/02 <b>TRANS</b> 02/10 - HELD  <b>WM</b> None  <b>RULES</b> None		2nd Read: 02/03	
Comments: 2/12: Staff noted the bill increases taxes on hybrid and electric vehicle owners, aligning with the Transportation resolution adopted by the CSA Board of Directors at the 2020 Summit. This would serve as a direct increase in HURF revenues. The LPC voted to SUPPORT the bill.								
Summary: Imposes an additional annual tax on electric and hybrid vehicles at the following rates:								
Electric vehicles: -\$111 in FY 2022 -\$139 in FY 2023 -\$166 in FY 2024 -Adjusted for inflation annually thereafter								
Electric vehicles: -\$45 in FY 2022 -\$56 in FY 2023 -\$67 in FY 2024 -Adjusted for inflation annually thereafter								

HB2447	ADOT; ports of entry; reporting						SPONSORS: FILLMORE	
					1st Read: 01/27 <b>MAPS</b> 02/15 - DP 8-6-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 02/22 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0  Maj Caucus: 02/22 Min Caucus: 02/22	CON CAL - 02/22 Object: No	2nd Read: 01/28 02/24 - FAILED  28-32-0-0-0-0	

Comments: 2/26: Staff mentioned there were a number of concerns with the bill, but that the bill died in the House thanks to strong advocacy by Arizona's southern counties. The LPC did not take a position on the bill.

Summary: Limits the Arizona Department of Transportation director and designated officers, agents and employee's ability to enforce motor vehicle laws to within five miles of an Arizona port of entry and within one mile of a port of entry on the border between Arizona and Mexico.

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HB2481	short-term rentals; enforcement; penalties				1st Read: 01/27 <b>GE</b> 02/10 - DPA 8-5-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 02/22 - HELD		SPONSORS: KAVANAGH, BUTLER, et al 2nd Read: 01/28	
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Comments: 2/5/2021: Staff noted bill aligns with resolution 06-20 regarding regulating short-term vacation rentals (STR) and seeks balance between local governments availability to have restrictions on STR, maintain the feel of residential communities, and improve access to long-term housing in communities. The LPC voted to SUPPORT the bill.

Summary: This is identical to last years SB 1554 sponsored by Senator Brophy McGee which was a CSA priority and is in line with the Short-Term vacation rental proclamation passed at the 2020 CSA Summit.

- Requirement that residential use and zoning apply to short-term rentals is removed.
- Allows zoning related to occupancy and caps at either the local ordinance amount or two persons per bedrooms (up to 4) plus two adults per 1000 sq. feet of living space in excess of 3000 sq feet.
- Limits multifamily housing property from using more than 25% of their housing units for short-term rentals
- Modifies enforcement for failure to follow rules

<b>HB2551</b>	<b>misconduct involving weapons; public places</b>		2nd Read: 03/03		1st Read: 01/28 <b>JUD</b> 02/01 - W/D 02/23 - DPA  <b>GE</b> 02/10 - DPA 7-6-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 02/15 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0 Maj Caucus: 02/16 Min Caucus: 02/16		SPONSORS: KAVANAGH, BARTON, et al 2nd Read: 02/01 02/24 - PASSED  31-29-0-0-0-0	
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Comments: 2/5/2021: Staff noted the bill exempts a person who possesses a valid concealed carry permit from being required to remove their weapon at a public establishment or event. Unless the public place or event establishes a secured facility. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill noting it would be expensive to implement and the decisions should be kept at the local level.

Summary: Exempts a person with a valid concealed weapons permit from the prohibition on carrying a concealed weapon in a public establishment or at a public event, with specific exceptions.

HB2570	licenses; pandemics; revocation prohibition				1st Read: 01/28 <b>GE</b> 02/18 - DP 7-6-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 02/23 - C&P 7-0-0-0-1-0 Maj Caucus: 02/23 Min Caucus: 02/23	03/04 - DP	SPONSORS: HOFFMAN, BARTON, et al 2nd Read: 02/01 03/04 - FAILED  28-32-0-0-0-0	
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Comments: 1/29: Staff noted the bill reduces a counties ability address issues with businesses that are not complying with public health and safety requirements. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.

Summary: Prohibits state agencies, counties and municipalities from revoking any license required to do business for not complying with a Governor's executive order issued during a pandemic or epidemic unless the agency, county, or municipality can provide clear and convincing evidence that the business caused the transmission of the disease.

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HB2596	ADOT; telecommunication facilities installation 1st Read: 03/03 <b>TAT</b> None <b>RULES</b> None		2nd Read: 03/04		1st Read: 01/28 <b>TRANS</b> 02/10 - DP 12-0-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 02/15 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0  Maj Caucus: 02/16 Min Caucus: 02/16	02/18 - RET ON CAL  02/23 - RET ON CAL  03/01 - DPA	2nd Read: 02/01 03/01 - PASSED  52-0-8-0-0-0	SPONSORS: COBB

Comments: 2/12: Staff stated this bill is a Governor's initiative to allow for the establishment of smart highway corridors to increase broadband infrastructure and access for rural Arizona. The LPC voted to SUPPORT the bill.

Summary: Authorizes telecommunication companies to install broadband fiber and access conduit along Arizona's state highways. If ADOT must expand the use of an existing easement or other property right and the expanded use reduces the fair market value of the property, the property owner is entitled to just compensation from ADOT or the provider. Establishes a process for assessing the diminution in value. Establishes notice requirements.

HB2602	tobacco; retail; licensing				1st Read: 02/03 <b>HHS</b> None  <b>COM</b> None  <b>RULES</b> None		2nd Read: 02/04	SPONSORS: BLACKMAN
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Comments: 2/5/21: Staff noted HB 2602 and SB1402 are identical bills brought forth by Blackman and Boyer on behalf of public health advocacy groups. They don't have any sort of preemption on cities or counties and they establish a license structure that includes compliance checks. The LPC noted that this is supported by Public Health Districts and voted to SUPPORT the bills.

Summary: Establishes a retail tobacco vender license through the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control (DLLC). Sets minimum penalties for violations, including attendance at an education class and graduated fines ranging from \$500 to \$3,000. For a second or subsequent violation, the court is required to prohibit the vendor from distributing tobacco products for a specified time period. DLLC is required to adopt rules to carry out retail tobacco vendor regulations, and is authorized to delegate the enforcement and compliance inspections to any county that accepts the delegation. Establishes the Tobacco Retail Sales Licensing Fund, consisting of licensing fees collected, to be administered by DLLC. DLLC is required to deposit 90 percent of all licensing fees in the Fund to be used for enforcement of the requirements and the remaining 10 percent in the general fund. Raises the legal age to sell tobacco to 21 years old.

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HB2623	fireworks; use; overnight hours; prohibition 1st Read: 03/02		2nd Read: 03/03		1st Read: 01/27		SPONSORS: SHAH, BOWERS, et al	
	<b>COM</b> None				<b>MAPS</b> 02/15 - DP 13-1-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 02/22 Object: No	2nd Read: 01/28	
	<b>RULES</b> None				<b>RULES</b> 02/22 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0		02/24 - PASSED	
					Maj Caucus: 02/22 Min Caucus: 02/22		35-24-1-0-0-0	

Comments: 2/5: Staff noted the bill provides permissive authority to counties to prohibit use of fireworks late at night or early in the morning and that the bill appears to have bipartisan support. The LPC voted to SUPPORT the bill

Summary: Permits counties and municipalities to prohibit the use of permissible consumer fireworks between the hours of 10PM and 8AM.

HB2701	polling places; identification; early voting				1st Read: 02/02		2nd Read: 02/03	SPONSORS: FILLMORE
					<b>GE</b> None			
					<b>RULES</b> None			

Comments: 2/12/2012: Consent oppose bill, staff noted the county recorders and election directors are opposed to the bills. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.

Summary: Removes the ability to return early ballot by mail with the exception of a qualified elector is physically unable to cast a ballot within the period for early voting, or has a physical disability, is confined to a nursing home or other similar facility, is on military duty or is temporarily residing outside Arizona.

Vote centers are limited to a maximum of 4 centers - in a county with a population of 200,000 persons or less, a maximum of 8 vote centers if between 200K and 1 million persons and 15 vote centers for populations over 1 million persons

Election precinct lines are required to be drawn to include as a priority public elementary, middle and high schools within an election precinct. School principals are no longer authorized to deny a request to provide space for use as a polling place.

HB2720	ballots; election contests; certificates							SPONSORS: BOLICK
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Comments: 2/12/2012: Consent oppose bill, staff noted the county recorders and election directors are opposed to the bills. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.

Summary: Any disruption in live video coverage of the custody of all ballots while the ballots are present in a tabulation room in the counting center will result in the members of the Board of Supervisors and the County Recorder being deemed ineligible for reelection and barred from holding any public office in Arizona for 10 years after the expiration of the term of office in which the disruption in video coverage occurred.

Requires the county to maintain a count of the number of physical ballots printed and the number of ballots generated including: early ballots, regular ballots, provisional ballots, federal-only ballots, and ballots generated in an electronic form within one day after election day. The county would also be required to create digitized images of ballots and to keep the digitized images and the physical ballots as public records. At least ten persons from the general public who are registered voters in the county are allowed to observe the proceedings at the counting center at any time throughout the day. All observers must be allowed to observe each essential part of the proceedings at the counting center.

Any damaged or defective ballots cannot be counted by the automatic tabulating equipment, the images that are made of a duplicate of those ballots must be posted to the county's website within 24 hours after duplication along with the determination by the election board as to that voter's intent for each contest adjudicated.

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HB2722	emergency voting; manual; photographs; electioneering							SPONSORS: BOLICK
					1st Read: 02/01 <b>GE</b> None <b>RULES</b> None		2nd Read: 02/02	

Comments: 2/12/2012: Consent oppose bill, staff noted the county recorders and election directors are opposed to the bills. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.

Summary: Prohibits vote centers and only allows emergency voting centers in war/natural disasters. SOS is required to provide transparency and election security within the elections instructions and procedures manual. If there are any conflicts with the instructions or procedures manual with any statute, then they are unenforceable and statute prevails. In addition to the Secretary of State, the Legislature is required to provide personnel who are experts in electronic voting systems and procedures and in electronic voting system security to field check and review electronic voting systems and recommend needed statutory and procedural changes, including changes in the instructions and procedures manual.

Allows individuals to take photographs or videos of himself, his/her own ballot and any election worker.

HB2747	broadband; fiber optic services; committee		2nd Read: 03/03					SPONSORS: ANDRADE, BUTLER, et al
	1st Read: 03/02 <b>TAT</b> None <b>RULES</b> None				1st Read: 02/02 <b>COM</b> 02/16 - DPA 02/24 - DPA 9-1-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 02/22 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0		2nd Read: 02/03 02/24 - PASSED 38-20-2-0-0-0	
					Maj Caucus: 02/22 Min Caucus: 02/22			

Comments: 2/18: Staff noted this bill creates a legislative study committee to explore existing hurdles and options for expanding broadband access across Arizona, with advice from industry experts. The Board voted to SUPPORT the bill.

Summary: Establishes the legislative Broadband and Fiber Optic Services Study Committee to study broadband access issues, communities with insufficient services, and the impact both socially and economically.

HB2804	public meetings; executive sessions							SPONSORS: PINGERELLI, BIASIUCCI, et al
					1st Read: 02/10 <b>GE</b> 02/18 - DP 03/04 - DP 7-6-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 02/23 - C&P 7-0-0-0-1-0		2nd Read: 02/11 03/04 - PASSED 31-29-0-0-0-0	
					Maj Caucus: 02/23 Min Caucus: 02/23			

Comments: 2/26: Staff noted this bill amends the section of statute allowing public bodies to receive legal advice in from their attorney during executive session, limiting it to the only the other 8 areas outlined. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.

Summary: Requires executive sessions to include statutory reference and may only be for the purposes of advice set in statute. Requires discussions on goals and objectives that will be used for evaluating performance must be conducted in a public meeting. As drafted the bill may limit the ability of a BOS to obtain legal advice on matters that are not specifically listed.

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HB2808	appropriation; rural broadband grants 1st Read: 03/02 <b>APPROP</b> None <b>RULES</b> None		2nd Read: 03/03		1st Read: 02/10 <b>APPROP</b> 02/17 - DP 12-1-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 02/22 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0 Maj Caucus: 02/22 Min Caucus: 02/22	CON CAL - 02/22 Object: No	SPONSORS: OSBORNE, BARTON, et al 2nd Read: 02/11 02/24 - PASSED 56-3-1-0-0-0	
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Comments: 2/12: Staff noted this bill is a Governor's initiative to expand broadband in underserved areas of the state by making available an additional \$10M in rural broadband development grants. The LPC voted to SUPPORT the bill.

Summary: Appropriates \$10M from the state General Fund to the Arizona Commerce Authority to award as rural broadband development grants.

HB2844	wineries; microbreweries; distilled spirits 1st Read: 03/02 <b>COM</b> None <b>RULES</b> None		2nd Read: 03/03		1st Read: 02/10 <b>COM</b> 02/16 - DP 10-0-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 02/22 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0 Maj Caucus: 02/22 Min Caucus: 02/22	02/24 - DPA	SPONSORS: WENINGER, GRIFFIN, et al 2nd Read: 02/11 02/24 - PASSED 56-2-2-0-0-0	
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Comments: 2/12: Staff noted the proponents of the bills feel that they already have enough public health and safety regulation by the FDA and they do not want to state or county. However, the FDA has confirmed they have only completed 1 health inspection on wineries in Arizona and this currently falls to county public health departments, and this bill would eliminate all health inspections. The LPC did not take a position on the bill.

Summary: Exempts the production of liquor from public health inspections and allows service of commercially prepackaged food for consumption on the premises. Prohibits common use cup for drinking.

HB2876	government contracts; public-private partnerships 1st Read: 03/02 <b>TAT</b> None <b>RULES</b> None		2nd Read: 03/03		1st Read: 02/10 <b>TRANS</b> 02/17 - DP 12-0-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 02/22 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0 Maj Caucus: 02/22 Min Caucus: 02/22	CON CAL - 02/22 Object: No	SPONSORS: CARROLL, CHAPLIK, et al 2nd Read: 02/11 02/24 - PASSED 56-3-1-0-0-0	
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Comments: Summary: Establishes provisions related to recovery of damages for delays in ADOT projects. Modifies the percentage of fees provided to offerors whose bid in a design-build construction project are unsuccessful. The amount is currently 2/10th of a percent the bill is left blank. The proponents of the bill have said they will have a stakeholder meeting to discuss the amount they are looking for additional compensation.

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HB2881	election hand counts; verification committee				SPONSORS: BLACKMAN			
					1st Read: 02/10		2nd Read: 02/11	
					<b>GE</b> None			
					<b>RULES</b> None			
Comments: 2/12/2012: Consent oppose bill, staff noted the county recorders and election directors are opposed to the bills. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.								
Summary: Modifies the percentage of precincts that the county to include a percentage determined and margin of error by the Verification committee based on the number of ballots cast in the county.								

SB1002	early voting envelopes; party affiliation				SPONSORS: UGENTI-RITA			
	1st Read: 01/11		2nd Read: 01/12		1st Read: 02/23		2nd Read: 02/24	
	<b>GOV</b> 02/01 - DP 7-0-1-0-0-0	CON CAL - 02/08 Object: No	02/11 - PASSED		<b>GE</b> 03/03 - DP 8-5-0-0-0-0			
	<b>RULES</b> 02/08 - PFC		20-9-1-0-0-0		<b>RULES</b> None			
	Rep Caucus: 02/09 Dem Caucus: 02/09							
Comments: 1/21: Provided for informational purposes staff noted that AACo has voted to support the bill because they feel they will still be able to properly code envelopes to comply with party primary requirements. The Board did not take a position on the bill.								
Summary: Early ballot return envelopes must not reveal the voter's political party affiliation.								

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SB1010	recount requests; amount; bond; procedure NOW: recounts; requests; procedures; audits 1st Read: 01/11 <b>GOV</b> 01/21 - DPA 5-3-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 02/01 - PFC	03/01 - RETAINED  03/02 - DPA	2nd Read: 01/12 03/03 - PASSED  16-14-0-0-0-0					SPONSORS: MESNARD
<p>Rep Caucus: 02/02 Dem Caucus: 02/02</p> <p>Comments: 2/26: Staff noted that the amendment addresses a significant number of the concerns with the bill, while there are still concerns around timing and getting enough volunteers for the hand count the County Recorders and Election Directors moved to neutral. The LPC noted there are still concerns with the expansion, but voted to move to Neutral.</p> <p>2/12: Staff noted there is an amendment outstanding and in anticipation of that we brought it forward to move to neutral, but the language is not quite ready and staff will bring this back once ready. The LPC did not change their position.</p> <p>1/21: Staff noted we have concerns with the ability of the Attorney General, Secretary of State, and the Legislative Council to request a higher hand-count without a date certain for when the request needs to be received, a cap, and clarification on how to address multiple requests. Clarification is needed on the number of times a request may be requested if an individual bond and requests a recount. The Board voted to OPPOSE the bill.</p> <p>Summary: County precincts randomly selected for a hand count after an election has increased to 5% of precincts or 5 precincts, whichever is larger. Allows the Attorney General, Secretary of State, or the Legislative Council to require a higher percent or number of precincts be hand-counted for a specific county by written request. Any person may file an action for a recount in any election not subject to an automatic recount. If a person files a bond with the Superior Court it must meet the amount determined by the court to fully reimburse the costs of conducting that recount.</p> <p>Pending Amendment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Allows vote centers to counted as precincts for purposes of the hand count.</li> <li>- Instead of 5% with a 99% certainty it will be - the Greater of 99% w/2 interval or 10,000 in Maricopa/Pima &amp; Other Counties – will have a Flat amount of 99% w/3 interval –</li> <li>- The AG/SOS/LEG to be able to request a recount, not a higher hand count percentage and will need to be made within 5 days of the canvass.</li> <li>- The state will pay for any requested recount.</li> <li>- A person who puts up a bond to pay for a recount will be able to request a recount for any race that isn't already being automatically recounted (by precinct or county wide), within 5 days of the canvass, and multiple recounts for the same race will not be allowed.</li> </ul>								
SB1023	elections; county supervisors; ballots; markers 1st Read: 01/11 <b>GOV</b> None  <b>RULES</b> None		2nd Read: 01/12					SPONSORS: TOWNSEND
<p>Comments: 1/21: Staff noted the bill attempts to regulate the type of pens offered by counties for an election. Supervisors were concerned that this may be state government overreach, that it could cause an undue burdens, and that it is unnecessary. The Board voted to OPPOSE the bill.</p> <p>Summary: Specifies in elections overseen by the Board of Supervisors, the board cannot require specific pens to be used on paper ballots and cannot provide any pen that causes a mark that can be seen on the reverse side of the paper ballot, damages, or spoils a ballot.</p>								

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SB1025	elections; polls; override notification 1st Read: 01/11				SPONSORS: TOWNSEND			
	<b>GOV</b> 01/21 - DP 4-3-1-0-0-0	CON CAL - 02/01 Object: Yes	2nd Read: 01/12 02/24 - PASSED					
	<b>RULES</b> 02/01 - PFC	02/22 - DPA	16-14-0-0-0-0					
Rep Caucus: 02/02 Dem Caucus: 02/02								
Comments: 1/21: Staff noted the ballot boxes are used in polling locations that are collecting ballots from citizens after they complete voting, they are all stored and then transported to a central count location. Concern that as written it could result in poll workers having to look at someone's secret ballot to see if they can identify an overvote. The Board voted to OPPOSE the bill.								
Summary: If a voter's ballot is rejected while depositing it in the ballot box due to an overvote or other irregularity, and the voter chooses to override the overvoted office or measure, the election board official must advise the voter that their vote for that office or measure will not be counted.								

SB1043	public safety; cancer insurance; eligibility 1st Read: 01/11				SPONSORS: LIVINGSTON			
	<b>FIN</b> 01/13 - DP 7-2-1-0-0-0	CON CAL - 01/25 Object: Yes	2nd Read: 01/12					
	<b>RULES</b> 01/25 - PFC							
Rep Caucus: 01/26 Dem Caucus: 01/26								
Comments: Comments: 1/15: Staff noted this is a part of the legislative agenda adopted by the PSPRS board of trustees. The legislation would expand eligibility for the PSPRS cancer insurance program (CIP) to all retirees, regardless of prior cancer diagnosis. It was noted that this has historically been an underutilized program, but recent education has caused recent utilization and PSPRS did not provide an analysis demonstrating the need to expand the benefit to all retirees and given the lack of understanding of the reasons why the current benefit utilization is outside of national norms, it may be premature to expand benefits to almost double the current population without more information. The LPC noted this is a special benefit on top of all of the other liabilities that are already underfunded and voted to OPPOSE the bill.								
Summary: Authorizes persons eligible for coverage under the Public Safety Cancer Insurance Program to remain eligible upon retirement, regardless of whether the person has had a cancer diagnosis. Requires the PSPRS Board of Trustees to annually review premiums in the Program.								

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SB1045	defined contribution; health subsidy; disability 1st Read: 01/11		2nd Read: 01/12					SPONSORS: LIVINGSTON
	<b>FIN</b> 01/13 - DP 6-2-2-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 01/25 - PFC	CON CAL - 01/25 Object: Yes 02/10 - RETAINED  02/24 - DPA	03/01 - PASSED  28-1-1-0-0-0			1st Read: 03/03 <b>GE</b> None  <b>RULES</b> None		2nd Read: 03/04

Rep Caucus: 01/26  
Dem Caucus: 01/26

Comments: 2/5: Staff noted that the League-proposed amendment would add language making the health insurance subsidy an "opt-in" benefit for PSPRS and CORP members, but expressed that the policy still seemed misaligned for CORP DC members. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill unless the provisions dealing with CORP are removed.

Comments: 1/15: Staff noted bill would expand the existing health insurance subsidy to all Tier 3, defined contribution PSPRS and CORP employees, and clarify that accidental disability benefits for PSPRS members in Tiers 2 and 3 shall be at least 50% of the members average monthly compensation. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.

Summary: Expands eligibility for the existing health insurance subsidy to PSPRS and CORP Defined Contribution (DC) members. Repeals provision that excludes PSPRS DC members from accessing the health insurance subsidy. Stipulates that the annual contributions to pay for the benefit be split equally between the employer and the member. Requires that DC retirees reach the normal retirement date outlined for Defined Benefit (DB) members to access the health insurance subsidy. Stipulates that for accidental disability benefits for PSPRS members, the minimum benefit shall be at least 50% of the member's average monthly compensation.

SB1057	<b>public works; contracts; payments</b>		2nd Read: 01/12					SPONSORS: GRAY, FANN
	1st Read: 01/11							
	<b>COM</b> None  <b>RULES</b> None							

Comments: Comments: 1/15: Staff noted this is a bill we have been working on over the last two years with the proponents the current version allows for change orders to be worked into the monthly progress payments for contractors and subcontractors while providing financial protections for the county. The LPC voted to take a Neutral position on the bill.

Summary: A contractor directed to perform additional work in writing by a county may submit a reasonable cost estimate within two business days, pending final determination of the total amount to be paid for the additional work the contractor may request payment for work completed on the change during in their monthly pay estimates based on their cost to perform the work, subject to approval. Allows for either party to disagree with the interim determination and assert a claim in accordance with the construction contract.

It also allows a subcontractor that is directed in writing by the contractor to perform additional work the subcontractor may request payment for the completed work in the proceeding monthly pay estimates.

Note: This is a bill CSA has opposed for the last two years and had been working towards an agreed upon amendment prior to the legislature shutting down in 2020 last year (SB 1133). The current version adds the pending amendment that was scheduled to be added in House Commerce.

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SB1059	mental disorders; considerations; involuntary treatment 1st Read: 01/11 <b>HHS</b> 01/20 - DPA 8-0-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 01/25 - PFC	02/10 - DPA	2nd Read: 01/12 02/11 - PASSED 29-0-1-0-0-0		1st Read: 02/23 <b>HHS</b> None <b>RULES</b> None		2nd Read: 02/24	SPONSORS: BARTO
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Rep Caucus: 01/26  
Dem Caucus: 01/26

Comments: 2/12/2021: Staff noted the amendment clarifies existing statute and does not change existing practices. The LPC voted to move to NEUTRAL.

1/21: Staff noted the bill would expand the scope and potentially the length of time needed to complete evaluations for individuals subject to the involuntary commitments. In addition, there are concerns regarding provider capacity, expertise, and increased costs to provide these services. The Board voted to OPPOSE the bill.

Summary: Expands the definition of mental disorder for consideration under the involuntary commitment process to include the following:

- Individuals that present with impairments consistent with both a mental disorder and substance disorder. Individuals must be screened and evaluated for involuntary treatment upon review of the persons history (not specified type of history), provided an appropriate examination (type not specified), and a reasonable period of detoxification (time frame not specified).
- If the impairments of a mental disorder persist or recur, they would be eligible (timing not specified).
- Individuals with an intellectual disability may only be considered for involuntary treatment if they have a mental disorder that would benefit from treatment.
- Individuals with a character or personality disorder including sexual behaviors that are abnormal and statutorily prohibited may be considered if the persona has a mental disorder that would benefit from treatment.

Pending Amendment: with the adopted committee amendment and the pending floor amendment (attached) the bill will now keep the existing definition of mental disorder and the new language was modified to be consistent with existing law. Clarifying that we are ruling out if the primary cause of the alleged behavior is substance abuse or a mental disorder that would benefit from treatment because the person is at risk of harming themselves or others. Based on initial feedback I've received this would make them neutral on the bill.

SB1068	elections manual; legislative council; GRRC NOW: elections manual; legislative council 1st Read: 01/11 <b>GOV</b> 02/01 - DP 5-3-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 02/08 - PFC	CON CAL - 02/08 Object: Yes 02/24 - DPA	2nd Read: 01/12 03/03 - PASSED 16-14-0-0-0-0					SPONSORS: UGENTI-RITA
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Rep Caucus: 02/09  
Dem Caucus: 02/09

Comments: 1/21: Staff noted that the bill requires the Arizona SOS's Elections Procedures Manual to be approved by GRRC and Legislative Council. As GRRC was established to regulate state agency procedures, there was concern that it would not be the proper venue to approve the elections manual and that there is already an established process that provides significant oversight by lawyers with election expertise. The Board voted to OPPOSE the bill.

Summary: Specifies that the Arizona Secretary of State's Elections Procedures Manual must be approved by the Governor's Regulatory Review Council and Legislative Council - instead of the Governor and the Attorney General - before issuance.

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SB1071	voting irregularities; report; legislative review 1st Read: 01/11 <b>GOV</b> None <b>RULES</b> None				SPONSORS: TOWNSEND 2nd Read: 01/11			
Comments: 1/21: Staff mentioned the bill seeks to establish a central database of elections issues, however it is unclear what an irregularity is or how this could be administered. The Board voted to OPPOSE the bill.								
Summary: Requires the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections to maintain a record of all voting irregularities that occur during early voting, emergency voting and election day voting. Directs the county recorder or other officer in charge to provide the record of irregularities to the Legislature within 30 days after election day.								
SB1074	local governments; audits; public meeting 1st Read: 01/20 <b>GOV</b> 02/08 - DPA 5-3-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 02/15 - PFC				SPONSORS: LIVINGSTON 2nd Read: 01/21 02/24 - PASSED 18-12-0-0-0-0 1st Read: 03/02 <b>GE</b> None <b>RULES</b> None			
Rep Caucus: 02/16 Dem Caucus: 02/16								
Comments: 2/12: Staff noted the provision of concern to CSA that required supervisors to accept the results of a financial audit at a board meeting has been amended out of the bill and that the bill in its current form is no longer a real concern. The LPC did not take a position on the bill.								
Update: The bill sponsor agreed to amend the bill, removing the provision requiring supervisors to accept the results of an audit at the hearing required by the bill.								
1/21: Staff mentioned CSA will be reaching out to the sponsor to request an amendment that removes the requirement that the board of supervisors "approve" the audit results, and instead only require the board to vote to acknowledge the receipt of the results. The Board did not take a position on this bill.								
Summary: Requires county boards of supervisors and other government entities to hold a hearing within 90 days of the completion of a financial audit for a presentation of the audit findings and a vote to accept the results.								
Pending Amendment: removes the requirement that the board accept the audit and findings								
SB1083	elections; recount margin 1st Read: 01/20 <b>GOV</b> 01/21 - DP 5-3-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 02/01 - PFC				SPONSORS: UGENTI-RITA 2nd Read: 01/21 CON CAL - 02/01 Object: Yes 02/24 - DPA 03/03 - PASSED 16-14-0-0-0-0			
Rep Caucus: 02/02 Dem Caucus: 02/02								
Comments: 1/21: Staff explained the bill eliminates the existing exceptions and thresholds in place for when an automatic recount is needed. It also increases the voting differential threshold required to trigger an election recount to 0.5%. Counties with vote centers would have to rerun all the ballots because they are not separated out by race even in extremely small races where there are only a few candidates. Supervisors noted this could be considerable cost for particular entities if a race is close. The Board voted to OPPOSE the bill.								
Summary: Increases the voting differential threshold necessary to trigger an automatic election recount from 0.01% to 0.5%.								

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SB1108	tax omnibus 1st Read: 01/20 <b>FIN</b> 02/03 - DP 7-3-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 02/08 - PFC	CON CAL - 02/08 Object: Yes 02/24 - DPA	2nd Read: 01/21 03/03 - PASSED 17-13-0-0-0-0					SPONSORS: MESNARD
<p>Rep Caucus: 02/09 Dem Caucus: 02/09</p> <p>Comments: 1/21: Staff noted this bill is a continuation of the bill run last year, modifying property tax, income tax, vehicle license tax, and more. There is concern that by lowering the class 1 assessment ratio, the caused tax shift will require counties to recalculate and increase taxes on residential property owners. Although the decrease in the state equalization tax rate will offset this, the perceived tax increase from the homeowner's perspective is of concern. The board voted to OPPOSE the bill.</p> <p>Summary: Makes various changes to tax statutes, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Reduces the Class 1 assessment ratio from 18% to 17% over two years, and reduces the state equalization tax rate to offset. Increases the State Equalization Tax Rate to offset the tax class shift.</li> <li>-Increases the dependent tax credit by 20%.</li> <li>-Levies a tax on electric vehicles of \$130 per year and a tax on hybrid vehicles of \$52 per year.</li> <li>-For income tax purposes, allows 50% of net long-term capital gains to be reduced from a taxpayer's taxable income.</li> <li>-Increases the maximum Fire District Assistance Tax Rate from \$3.25 to \$3.50 over two years.</li> </ul> <p>The Board did not take a position on the previous version of this bill, run last year.</p>								

SB1111	centrally assessed property; valuation; pipelines. 1st Read: 01/20 <b>FIN</b> 01/27 - DP 9-1-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 02/01 - PFC	CON CAL - 02/01 Object: No	2nd Read: 01/21					SPONSORS: MESNARD
<p>Rep Caucus: 02/02 Dem Caucus: 02/02</p> <p>Comments: Summary: 1/15: Staff explained this is the attempted fix to the Transwestern Pipeline tax valuation issue that has caused applicable taxing jurisdictions years of damaging tax refunds. Staff also noted that while this bill is the policy fix to the issue, it does not appropriate any monies for the years of refunds, which AACo is pushing for in a separate bill that has not yet dropped. The LPC did not take a position on the bill.</p> <p>Summary: Establishes allowable adjustments to the value of a pipeline property, including: (1) a ruling by a court of competent jurisdiction that the property's full cash value is more than the appraised market value, (2) an agreement between a pipeline company and DOR as a result of a material change to the property, and (3) an agreement between a pipeline company and DOR to correct a material error or omission in the calculation of the base value.</p>								

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SB1121	technical correction; intensive probation; modification 1st Read: 01/12 <b>APPROP</b> 02/23 - DPA/SE 6-4-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 02/24 - PFC  Rep Caucus: 02/24 Dem Caucus: 02/24		2nd Read: 01/13					SPONSORS: GOWAN
Comments: 2/26: Staff noted the Smart and Safe Act required counties to allow medical marijuana dispensaries to expand to adult use, but allowed counties, cities and towns to limit marijuana establishments and testing facilities in their county. This bill would require counties, cities and towns to allow at least one social equity licenses to establish even if marijuana establishments are prohibited. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.								
Summary: Allows at least one social equity marijuana license to be issued in every county, city or town and subject to the same ordinances and rules that apply to a nonprofit medical marijuana dispensary. The bill also sets forth requirements around marijuana product labeling, product tracking, disposal, and additional requirements for social equity licenses.								
SB1128	library; archives; public records; museum 1st Read: 01/12 <b>APPROP</b> 01/19 - DP 5-4-1-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 01/25 - PFC	CON CAL - 01/25 Object: Yes 01/28 - RETAINED  02/04 - DPA	2nd Read: 01/13 02/16 - FAILED  15-15-0-0-0-0					SPONSORS: GOWAN
Comments: 1/21: Staff noted that this was for informational purposes and reinstates statutory language that lapsed. Staff noted that unlike HB 2058 this bill does not reinstate the Board of Library Examiners and transfers the management of the Capital Museum from the Secretary of States office to Legislative Council.								
Summary: The Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records sunset date has lapsed and all the associated statute was automatically repealed. The bill restores the original statute with some technical changes with the exception of it transfers the state capital museum from the Secretary of State to Legislative Council.								
SB1240	hand counts; precincts; procedures manual 1st Read: 01/21 <b>GOV</b> 02/01 - DP 5-3-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 02/08 - PFC	CON CAL - 02/08 Object: Yes 02/24 - DP	2nd Read: 01/25 03/03 - PASSED  16-14-0-0-0-0					SPONSORS: TOWNSEND
Comments: 2/5/2021: Staff noted this would make this could be a significant processing issue for counties that use vote centers. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.								
Summary: Requires counties with voting centers to separate all ballots by precinct before the random selection of precincts for a hand count occurs, with every ballot from a precinct grouped with the other ballots from that precinct. Voting center cannot be counted as precincts. States that if a provision in the elections instructions and procedures manual conflicts with state statute, the state statute prevails.								

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SB1241	voting equipment; ballots; receipt 1st Read: 01/21 <b>GOV</b> 02/08 - DP 5-2-1-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 02/15 - PFC	CON CAL - 02/15 Object: Yes 03/01 - RETAINED 03/02 - DP	2nd Read: 01/25 03/03 - PASSED 16-14-0-0-0-0					SPONSORS: TOWNSEND
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Rep Caucus: 02/16  
 Dem Caucus: 02/16  
 Comments: 2/12/2012: Consent oppose bill, staff noted the county recorders and election directors are opposed to the bills. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.

Summary: The bill requires electronic voting systems to provide a paper receipt to the voter at the time the voter's ballot is received for tabulation. The paper receipt is required to state whether the voter's ballot was tabulated or rejected and, if rejected, the reason for the rejection.

SB1250	overdose; disease prevention; programs 1st Read: 01/21 <b>HHS</b> 01/27 - DP 7-1-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 02/01 - PFC	CON CAL - 02/01 Object: No	2nd Read: 01/25 02/04 - PASSED 27-2-1-0-0-0		1st Read: 03/04 <b>HHS</b> None <b>RULES</b> None			SPONSORS: BARTO, SHOPE, et al
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Rep Caucus: 02/02  
 Dem Caucus: 02/02  
 Comments: 2/5/2021: Staff explained that the program allows injection-drug users to exchange dirty needles for clean ones in a safe space. By decriminalizing needle exchange programs throughout the state it can help reduce the spread of HIV, viral hepatitis, and reduce the spread of communicable and infectious diseases by increasing proper syringe disposal. The LPC voted to SUPPORT the bill.

Summary: Allows counties, municipalities and nongovernmental organizations to operate an overdose and disease prevention program. Sets out the program directives (reducing needle-stick injuries, the spread of viral hepatitis, increasing proper syringe disposal, e.t.c).

Requires the programs to offer (1) needle exchange programs, (2) kits that contain access to naloxone [or referrals to other programs w/ naloxone], and (3) educational materials.

Specifies that a program employee, volunteer, or participant can't be charged or prosecuted for possession of a (1) needle/syringe [only if that needle/syringe is from the program], and (2) a residual amount of controlled substance in a used needle/syringe.

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**SB1258 state of emergency; tolling; permits**

SPONSORS: MESNARD

1st Read: 01/21

2nd Read: 01/25

1st Read: 03/01

2nd Read: 03/02

**COM** 02/03 - DPA  
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02/17 - PASSED

**COM** None

**RULES** 02/08 - PFC

02/16 - DPA

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**RULES** None

Rep Caucus: 02/09

Dem Caucus: 02/09

Comments: 1/29: Staff noted the bill was brought by the home builders who wanted to make sure they do not lose their permits during this pandemic but tolling in every instance of an Emergency may overtime have an impact on county departments budgets that issue permits and have to continue to provide services and inspections. Staff indicated they would work with the Sponsor and proponents to see if we can tighten up the language. The LPC did not take a position on the bill.

Summary: Tolls any permit, license, or approval authorized by a state agency or political subdivision during the state of emergency and for an additional 12 months after the tolled period. Requires within 90 days of the termination of the emergency proclamation the holder of the permit or license must notify of the intent to exercise the tolling and extension in writing. (effective on the signature of the governor) Exempts any permit or license that is outside of the area of the emergency, that requires federal approval, applications determined to be noncompliant prior to the emergency, subject to an expiration date in a court order, TPT licenses, and business licenses. Allows the state and political subdivision to require property to be maintained.

**SB1260** property tax exemptions; statutory conformity

SPONSORS: MESNARD

1st Read: 01/21

2nd Read: 01/25

**FIN** 02/03 - DPA  
8-2-0-0-0-0

02/24 - DPA

03/01 - FAILED

**RULES** 02/08 - PFC

14-15-1-0-0-0  
03/04 - PASSED

16-14-0-0-0-0

Rep Caucus: 02/09

Dem Caucus: 02/09

Comments: 1/29: Staff noted this bill and its companion SCR would reestablish constitutional property tax exemptions that have been unable to be utilized since 1989. Additionally, the bill moves the existing business personal property tax exemption from the constitution into statute, which was a concern for county assessors. The LPC did not take a position on the bill.

Summary: Coinciding with SCR 1019, which puts the question to the ballot of consolidating and reorganizing constitutional provisions relating to property tax exemptions for disabled veterans and widows, in addition to repealing and reinserting the constitutional sections relating to property tax exemptions overall. This bill merely makes statutory changes necessary to implement SCR 1019, if approved by the voters.

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SB1377	civil liability; public health pandemic 1st Read: 01/26 <b>JUD</b> 02/11 - DPA 5-3-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 02/15 - PFC	02/22 - RETAINED  02/24 - DPA	2nd Read: 01/27 02/24 - PASSED  18-12-0-0-0-0		1st Read: 03/02 <b>JUD</b> None  <b>RULES</b> None		2nd Read: 03/03	SPONSORS: LEACH, BARTO, et al
<p>Rep Caucus: 02/16 Dem Caucus: 02/16</p> <p>Comments: 1/29: Staff explained this bill is intended to prevent frivolous lawsuits against employers related to COVID-19, including counties and that the Arizona County Insurance Pool is supportive of the bill. The LPC voted to SUPPORT the bill.</p> <p>Summary: Holds harmless from liability any person or provider, including counties, that acts in good faith to protect a customer, student, tenant, volunteer, guest or neighbor from injury from a public health pandemic, unless there is clear evidence the person or provider failed to act or acted with willful misconduct or gross negligence. The bill additionally offers protection to health professionals and health care institutions.</p>								
SB1402	tobacco; retail; licensing. 1st Read: 01/27 <b>COM</b> 02/17 - HELD  <b>RULES</b> None		2nd Read: 01/28					SPONSORS: BOYER, PACE
<p>Comments: 2/5/21: Staff noted HB 2602 and SB1402 are identical bills brought forth by Blackman and Boyer on behalf of public health advocacy groups. They don't have any sort of preemption on cities or counties and they establish a license structure that includes compliance checks. The LPC noted that this is supported by Public Health Districts and voted to SUPPORT the bills.</p> <p>Summary: Establishes a retail tobacco vender license through the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control (DLLC). Sets minimum penalties for violations, including attendance at an education class and graduated fines ranging from \$500 to \$3,000. For a second or subsequent violation, the court is required to prohibit the vendor from distributing tobacco products for a specified time period. DLLC is required to adopt rules to carry out retail tobacco vendor regulations, and is authorized to delegate the enforcement and compliance inspections to any county that accepts the delegation. Establishes the Tobacco Retail Sales Licensing Fund, consisting of licensing fees collected, to be administered by DLLC. DLLC is required to deposit 90 percent of all licensing fees in the Fund to be used for enforcement of the requirements and the remaining 10 percent in the general fund. Raises the legal age to sell tobacco to 21 years old.</p>								
SB1406	aircraft registration fees; taxation; repeal 1st Read: 01/27 <b>TAT</b> 02/08 - DP 5-4-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 02/15 - PFC	CON CAL - 02/15 Object: Yes	2nd Read: 01/28					SPONSORS: PETERSEN
<p>Rep Caucus: 02/16 Dem Caucus: 02/16</p> <p>Comments: Comments 2/19: Staff explained fiscal impact of the bill on both counties and the state aviation fund. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.</p> <p>Summary: Repeals the license tax and registration fee levied on aircrafts registered in Arizona. The JLBC fiscal note indicated that based on FY 2020 revenue distributions, we estimate the bill will decrease FY 2022 revenues by \$(8.3) million as follows: \$(4.1) million from the General Fund, \$(2.9) million from the State Aviation Fund, and \$(1.2) million from local governments. Local governments receive 15% of aircraft license tax revenues, with 9.5% directed to counties and 5.5% to cities and towns. This bill would result in a loss of \$(785,600) to counties and \$(454,800) to cities and towns starting in FY 2022.</p>								

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<b>SB1408</b>	<b>legislative subpoenas; records; penalties</b>				SPONSORS: PETERSEN			
	<b>NOW: legislative subpoena; records; privilege</b>							
	1st Read: 01/27		2nd Read: 01/28					
	<b>JUD</b> 02/11 - DPA/SE 5-3-0-0-0-0	02/18 - DPA	02/18 - PASSED					
	<b>RULES</b> 02/15 - PFC		16-14-0-0-0-0					
	Rep Caucus: 02/16 Dem Caucus: 02/16							
	Comments: 2/18: Staff noted there are constitutional concerns with the bill as it seems to attempt to eliminate what is considered confidential under state or federal law and give any committee chair unfettered authority with subpoenas. The Board voted to OPPOSE.							

Summary: Strike-Everything Amendment prohibits, retroactive to January 1, 2020, specifies that there is nothing that can infringe on the Legislatures authority to conduct an investigation and can not be infringed on by any other law. Specifies that county election equipment, systems or records may not be deemed privileged. Specifies the court can compel a person to produce records.

<b>SB1431</b>	<b>flood control districts; advisory board</b>				SPONSORS: UGENTI-RITA			
	1st Read: 01/27		2nd Read: 01/28		1st Read: 03/02		2nd Read: 03/03	
	<b>NREW</b> 02/10 - DPA 7-2-0-0-0-0	02/22 - DPA	02/23 - PASSED		<b>NREW</b> None			
	<b>RULES</b> 02/15 - PFCA		16-14-0-0-0-0		<b>RULES</b> None			
	Rep Caucus: 02/16 Dem Caucus: 02/16							
	Comments: 2/5: Supervisors stated they were concerned that this was unnecessary, would take up additional staff time, and increases bureaucracy with no known advantages. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.							

Summary: Requires each flood control district to appoint a citizens' flood control advisory board, consisting of 6 members, with each member to be appointed by a member of the flood district board of directors. Prohibits an advisory board member from being a city or town employee. Requires the advisory board to have access to flood control district budget information and to make budget recommendations.

<b>SB1444</b>	election data; legislative review authority.				SPONSORS: BORRELLI			
	1st Read: 01/27		2nd Read: 01/28					
	<b>GOV</b> None							
	<b>RULES</b> None							
	Comments: 2/5/2021: Staff noted there are serious concerns regarding security, timing, expense, lack of process and creates issues with chain of custody and security of elections and equipment. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.							

Summary: Requires county boards of supervisors and county recorders, after the tabulation of all ballots is completed and before issuance of the official canvass for the county, to provide designated representatives of the Legislature access to or copies of election data, including election results and other election records, and election equipment, systems and facilities, regardless of whether the Legislature is in session. A majority of the members of either house of the Legislature are required to receive access only while the Legislature is in session and on written request.

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SB1467	elected officials' retirement plan; appropriations 1st Read: 01/28				SPONSORS: LIVINGSTON			
	<b>FIN</b> 02/10 - DP 7-1-2-0-0-0 <b>APPROP</b> 02/23 - DP 10-0-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 02/24 - PFC	03/01 - DP	2nd Read: 02/01 03/03 - PASSED					
Rep Caucus: 02/24 Dem Caucus: 02/24 Comments: 2/12: Staff noted by FY 2025, the bill would double the annual contribution of the state for EORP relief from \$5M to \$10M. This would help offset the anticipated increase in required employer contributions to EORP over the next several years. The LPC voted to SUPPORT the bill.  Summary: Amends statute to increase the state's annual \$5 million appropriation to the Elected Officials Retirement Plan (EORP) to \$6 million in FY 2022, \$7 million in FY 2023, \$8 million in FY 2024, \$9 million in FY 2025 and \$10 million in FY 2026 through FY 2043.								

SB1485	elections; voting center tabulation NOW: early voting list; eligibility 1st Read: 01/28				SPONSORS: UGENTI-RITA			
	<b>GOV</b> 02/18 - W/D <b>APPROP</b> 02/23 - DPA/SE 6-4-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 02/24 - PFC	03/01 - RETAINED 03/02 - DPA	2nd Read: 02/01 03/02 - PASSED		1st Read: 03/03 <b>GE</b> None <b>RULES</b> None		2nd Read: 03/04	
Rep Caucus: 02/24 Dem Caucus: 02/24 Comments: Summary: Voting centers are required to be equipped to tabulate the ballots that are cast at that voting center. Eliminates ability for counties to use central count and would require investment in additional tabulation machines.								

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SB1487	private attorney retention; municipalities; counties 1st Read: 01/28 <b>GOV</b> 02/08 - DP 5-3-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 03/01 - PFC  Rep Caucus: 03/02 Dem Caucus: 03/02  Comments: 2/05/2021: Staff noted the current language reflects changes requested last year, and county attorneys will be meeting next week to discuss if additional changes are needed. This was brought forward by the chamber of commerce with the goal of completely removing local discretion to initiate a class action lawsuit and move the authority to the state, but has moved to more of a transparency measure. The LPC did not take a position on the bill.  Summary: Counties and municipalities are prohibited from entering into a contingency fee contract with a private attorney unless the county or municipal attorney makes a written determination before entering into the contract that contingency fee representation is both cost effective and in the public interest. The written determination is required to include specific findings for a list of specified factors. Counties and municipalities are prohibited from entering into a contingency fee contract that provides for the county's or municipality's private attorney to receive a contingency fee from the county's or municipality's portion of the recovery in excess of an aggregate of a list of specified percentages based on the recovery amount. The contingency fee received by the county's or municipality's private attorney cannot exceed \$50 million. Establishes additional requirements for county or municipal contracts for contingency fee attorney services. Does not apply to any contingency fee contract in which a county or municipality hires a private attorney to pursue debt collection cases. By February 1 of each year, the county attorney or municipal attorney is required to submit a report on the use of contingency fee contracts with private attorneys to the Governor and the Legislature. Information that must be included in the report is specified.		2nd Read: 02/01					SPONSORS: LEACH
SB1491	residential property tax; deferral 1st Read: 02/01 <b>FIN</b> 02/17 - HELD  <b>RULES</b> None		2nd Read: 02/02					SPONSORS: SHOPE
	Comments: 2/5: Staff noted this was an AACo bill, supported by the treasurers, that expands the county property tax deferral program to be open to more Arizonans and that this could be a potential alternative to HB2306 which reforms the tax lien process and is opposed by the Board. The LPC voted to SUPPORT SB 1491.  Summary: Reduces the age of eligibility for property tax deferrals from 70 to 65. Allows a person with a total and permanent disability to qualify for deferral regardless of age. Increases the maximum allowable household income eligible for deferral from \$10k to \$20k plus a cost of living adjustment. Allows a property to qualify if the property value is less than \$150k or 75% of the median full cash value of properties within the county, whichever is greater.							
SB1492	election law amendments 1st Read: 02/01 <b>GOV</b> 02/08 - DPA 8-0-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 02/22 - PFC  Rep Caucus: 02/22 Dem Caucus: 02/22  Comments: 2/18: Staff noted this is an AACo bill aimed at cleaning up elections statutes to make efficiencies for election directors and recorders. The Board voted to SUPPORT the bill.  Summary: The bill makes a number of updates to election law including changes to deadlines, including increasing the length of time to canvass a primary, when the BOS can cancel certain elections when the number of write-in candidates is less than the number of petitions to be filled at the election. This is an AACo bill.	02/24 - DPA	2nd Read: 02/02 03/01 - PASSED  29-0-1-0-0-0		1st Read: 03/03 <b>GE</b> None  <b>RULES</b> None		2nd Read: 03/04	SPONSORS: SHOPE

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SB1496	e-liquids; tobacco products; vapor products 1st Read: 02/01 <b>COM</b> 02/17 - HELD  <b>RULES</b> None		2nd Read: 02/02					SPONSORS: LEACH, BARTO, et al
<p>Comments: 2/5/2021: Staff noted the bill was being brought forward by the tobacco industry and preempts local jurisdictions from tobacco regulation of sales and marketing, and zoning of tobacco sellers whose primary business is not the sale of tobacco. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.</p> <p>Summary: Makes the Department of Liquor Licenses and Control (DLLC) responsible for regulating and licensing the sale of tobacco and vapor products in Arizona. Makes the sale of tobacco to a person under the age and investigate the sale of tobacco to a person under the age of 21 years old (requires a 3/4 vote). Establishes a statewide preemption on the sale and marketing of tobacco products, e-liquids, vapor products, and alternative nicotine products, prohibiting counties, cities, and towns from any rule, regulation, code or ordinance. Allows for zoning enforcement and advertising restrictions within an unspecified distance from school, parks, homeless shelters, community centers, or places of worship. Counties would be able to regulate the sale, marketing, and use of tobacco in property that is owned or leased by the county.</p>								
<b>SB1498</b>	<b>board of supervisors; membership</b>							SPONSORS: MESNARD
	1st Read: 02/01  <b>GOV</b> 02/15 - DP 8-0-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 02/22 - PFC	02/23 - DPA	2nd Read: 02/02  02/24 - PASSED  20-10-0-0-0-0					
<p>Rep Caucus: 02/22 Dem Caucus: 02/22</p> <p>Comments: 2/12/20: Staff noted that this would have additional cost and other counties of similar size around the country also have 5 members. The LPC noted that there should be the ability to send these types of requests to the voters, even for counties that currently cant move to 5 members. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.</p> <p>Requires counties with a population between 1M and 3M persons (Pima) to have a board of supervisors consisting of seven members. Requires counties with a population greater than 3M persons (Maricopa) to have a board of supervisors consisting of nine members.</p>								
SB1593	early voting; time limits; envelope							SPONSORS: GOWAN
	1st Read: 02/01  <b>GOV</b> 02/15 - W/D  <b>APPROP</b> 02/23 - DPA 5-4-1-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 02/24 - PFC	03/01 - RETAINED	2nd Read: 02/02					
<p>Rep Caucus: 02/24 Dem Caucus: 02/24</p> <p>Comments: 2/12/2012: Consent oppose bill, staff noted the county recorders and election directors are opposed to the bills. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.</p> <p>Summary: Reduces when early ballots are distributed to 22 days instead of 27 days before the election. Requires a second internal envelop with an affidavit envelope for the voted balloted to be placed. Mailed ballots is valid only if it is postmarked on or before the Thursday before the election and not received later than 7:00 pm on election day.</p>								

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SB1595	elections; ballot adjudication; observers 1st Read: 02/01 <b>GOV</b> None <b>RULES</b> None		2nd Read: 02/02					SPONSORS: GOWAN
Comments: 2/12/2012: Consent oppose bill, staff noted the county recorders and election directors are opposed to the bills. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.								
Summary: Removes the ability to electronically adjudicate ballots observers must be allowed to be physically present for any duplication and adjudication of ballots.								
SB1603	appropriation; refunds; Transwestern Pipeline litigation 1st Read: 02/01 <b>APPROP</b> 02/09 - DP 10-0-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 02/15 - PFC	CON CAL - 02/15 Object: No	2nd Read: 02/02					SPONSORS: GOWAN
Rep Caucus: 02/16 Dem Caucus: 02/16								
Comments: 2/5: Staff noted this bill provides a reimbursement to all jurisdictions affected by the Transwestern Pipeline litigation and will be very helpful for special taxing districts and school districts, in particular. The LPC voted to SUPPORT the bill.								
Summary: Appropriates \$16.1 million from the General Fund in FY 2022 to ADOA to disburse to political subdivisions in Arizona that paid refunds ordered in the Transwestern Pipeline Co. v. Arizona Department of Revenue litigation.								
SB1605	workers' compensation; physicians; public safety 1st Read: 02/01 <b>COM</b> 02/17 - DP 9-0-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 03/01 - PFC		2nd Read: 02/02					SPONSORS: GOWAN, BORRELLI, et al
Rep Caucus: 03/02 Dem Caucus: 03/02								
Comments: 2/26: Staff raised concerns that the bill could result in limitations of specialists, limit availability of treatment in the rural areas, and impact an employee's recovery. However, staff also noted there was a stakeholder process that was working to make the bill applicable to only fire fighters and only for independent medical examinations, alleviating county concerns. The LPC did not take a position on the bill.								
Summary: Establishes a panel of approved physicians, chosen by the Industrial Commission of Arizona, to determine the character and extent of injuries caused by workplace accidents for public safety employees (county law enforcement) and limits the independent medical examinations utilized in workers' compensation cases to the same limited group of providers.								

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SB1615	elections; hand count; legislative auditor 1st Read: 02/01 <b>GOV</b> None <b>RULES</b> None		2nd Read: 02/02					SPONSORS: TOWNSEND
Comments: 2/12/2012: Consent oppose bill, staff noted the county recorders and election directors are opposed to the bills. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.								
Summary: Allows the legislature to require a "complete" hand count to be conducted by an independent auditor, selected by the legislature before the county canvas.								
SB1643	attorney fees; costs; recovery 1st Read: 02/03 <b>JUD</b> 02/11 - DP 5-3-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 02/15 - PFC	CON CAL - 02/15 Object: Yes	2nd Read: 02/04					SPONSORS: LEACH
Rep Caucus: 02/16 Dem Caucus: 02/16								
Comments: 2/18: Staff noted that the bill would allow for lawsuit that is frivolous and without any merit and the opposing party would no longer have to pay the fees of the opposing side. The Board voted to OPPOSE the bill.								
Summary: The bill removes reasonable attorney fees from being awarded to the prevailing party in lawsuits related to: o Contested contracts when a government entity is party to the contract, a provision in the contract is alleged to violate the US constitution, State Constitution, or state law. o Action seeking equitable relief from a government entity. o A civil action brought by a party seeking declaratory or injunctive relief againsts the state or political subdivision for an action that violates the US constitution, State Constitution, or state law.								
SB1659	fire district annual budget; summary 1st Read: 02/03 <b>FIN</b> 02/10 - DPA 9-0-1-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 02/15 - PFC	02/17 - DPA	2nd Read: 02/04 02/18 - PASSED 30-0-0-0-0-0		1st Read: 03/02 <b>WM</b> None <b>RULES</b> None		2nd Read: 03/03	SPONSORS: LEACH
Rep Caucus: 02/16 Dem Caucus: 02/16								
Comments: 3/5: Staff noted the proponents agreed to remove the language allowing a Fire District from posting on the counties website. The LPC voted to change their position to NEUTRAL.								
2/18: Staff noted that counties find the bill burdensome and confusing for constituents. Taxpayers already struggle to differentiate between the fire district and role of the county, and this will add to the confusion. Additionally, counties don't want to be held liable in the event a report is not posted as requested and feel fire districts should utilize their own website or that of the Fire District Association. The Board voted to OPPOSE the bill.								
Summary: Allows a fire district to request the county or counties it resides in to post fire district budgets, audits, reports, or reviews on the county's website.								

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SB1687	<b>governmental entities; social media; prohibition</b> 1st Read: 02/03 <b>TAT</b> 02/15 - DP 5-4-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> None		2nd Read: 02/04					SPONSORS: UGENTI-RITA
<p>Comments: 2/18: Staff noted this would prohibit counties from utilizing social media for county business, including notifications for emergencies such as floods or fires, road or building closures and more. The county would be limited to other methods for notifying the public such as the county website or newspapers. The Board voted to OPPOSE the bill.</p> <p>Summary: Prohibits any governmental entity in Arizona from using social media platforms for any official or governmental purpose and prohibits governmental entities from controlling the social media account for any elected official.</p>								
SB1721	<b>TPT; prime contracting classification</b> 1st Read: 02/03 <b>FIN</b> 02/17 - DP 8-1-1-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 03/01 - PFC		2nd Read: 02/04					SPONSORS: FANN
<p>Rep Caucus: 03/02 Dem Caucus: 03/02</p> <p>Comments: 2/26: Staff noted they are still working to understand the full impact of the bill, but that there weren't any major notable concerns. The thresholds established in the bill are not all that different than the current triggers in statute but the whole process is simplified greatly. Staff additionally noted that President Fann has affirmed horizontal road construction will remain in prime contracting, which was a county concern. The bill moving forward seems to have killed Rep. Cobb's alternative bill, as it is supported by most of the stakeholders, including the League. The LPC did not take a position on the bill and will keep working to analyze the impact.</p> <p>2/12: Staff mentioned CSA is still working with counties to get an understanding of the fiscal impact of this bill to see if this is something that may be palatable to counties or troublesome and that the bill will be brought back to a future meeting with additional information. The LPC did not take a position on the bill.</p> <p>Summary: Reform the prime contracting TPT classification to tax only tax residential projects valued at \$100k or higher, or nonresidential projects valued at \$1M or higher. Residential projects valued below \$100k, or nonresidential projects valued below \$1M will be taxed in the retail classification at point of sale.</p>								
SCR1019	<b>constitutional property tax exemptions</b> 1st Read: 01/21 <b>FIN</b> 02/03 - DP 8-2-0-0-0-0 <b>RULES</b> 02/08 - PFC	CON CAL - 02/08 Object: Yes 03/04 - DP	2nd Read: 01/25					SPONSORS: MESNARD
<p>Rep Caucus: 02/09 Dem Caucus: 02/09</p> <p>Comments: 1/29: Staff noted this SCR and its companion bill would reestablish constitutional property tax exemptions that have been unable to be utilized since 1989. Additionally, it moves the existing business personal property tax exemption from the constitution into statute, which was a concern for county assessors. The LPC did not take a position on the SCR.</p> <p>Summary: Puts the question to the ballot of consolidating and reorganizing constitutional provisions relating to property tax exemptions for disabled veterans and widows, in addition to repealing and reinserting the constitutional sections relating to property tax exemptions overall. Coincides with SB 1575, which makes necessary statutory changes, enacted conditionally upon the voters approving this SCR.</p>								