



**COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION
LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**

(Teleconference Made Available)

County Supervisors Association

1905 West Washington

Phoenix, Arizona

MINUTES

February 7, 2020

Call to Order:	Rudy Molera	9:00 a.m.
Present In Person:	Richard Lunt Rudy Molera	Greenlee County Santa Cruz County
Present Telephonically:		
	Alton Joe Shepherd	Apache County
	Ann English	Cochise County
	Liz Archuleta	Coconino County
	Tommie Martin	Gila County
	Duce Minor	La Paz County
	Steve Gallardo	Maricopa County
	Jason Whiting	Navajo County
	Randy Garrison	Yavapai County
	Russell McCloud	Yuma County
Absent:		
	Jim Palmer	Graham County
	Hildy Angius	Mohave County
	Sharon Bronson	Pima County
	Todd House	Pinal County

Others present telephonically: Dustin Welker, Brandi Bateman, Yvonne Ortega

Others present in person: Jennifer St. John, Mark Barnes, Craig Sullivan, Penny Adams, Robin Hillyard, Vanessa Fielder, Michael Madden, Jacob Emnett

President Rudy Molera welcomed everyone. Penny Adams called roll and a quorum was present.

Approval of the Minutes of the January 31, 2020, Legislative Policy Committee meeting

Supervisor Ann English moved to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2020, Legislative Policy Committee meeting. Supervisor Duce Minor seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

CSA Legislative Agenda

- 1) [CSA Legislative Budget Priorities](#). Craig Sullivan reported that with two weeks left to hear bills in committees in the house of origin, the budget could escalate soon after. He said members have been meeting with the Joint Legislative Budget Committee.
 - a) [HB 2350 counties; committed youth contributions; repeal](#). Craig reported the Department of Juvenile Corrections repeal is in the budget negotiations and HB 2350 passed Committee of the Whole.
 - b) [\\$3 million – Presidential Preference Election](#). Craig reported this issue is addressed in all budgets.
 - c) [Contain County ALTCS Contributions](#). Craig reported the increases for counties are on the table, but there is a lot of sympathy for the providers. CSA continues to educate lawmakers about the long-term burdens.

- d) [Increase Transportation Investment](#). Craig reported CSA and the counties have been diligently talking to the House Transportation committee to educate lawmakers about the need for transportation infrastructure at the local level.
- 2) [SB 1280 pensions; unfunded liability; expenditure limits](#).
- 3) [SB 1554 short-term rental enforcement; penalties](#) / [SCR 1042 short-term rentals; vacation rentals](#). Robin Hillyard reported on these two bills, and noted that Representative Kavanagh plans to drop his bill on Monday.
- 4) [SB 1490 short-term rental properties; classification](#). Robin reported the bill is scheduled in Senate Finance next week and requested supervisors sign in in support. She said an amendment is expected to be available by the date of the committee as a result from proposed language by the county assessors.
- 5) [SB 1303 annexation of territory; requirements](#).
- 6) [HB 2123 appropriation; heritage fund](#) / [SB 1085 appropriation; heritage fund](#).
- 7) [HB 2478 rural counties; transient lodging tax](#).
- 8) [HB 2479 juvenile dependency; state aid; appropriation](#).
- 9) [HB 2581 dangerous; incompetent person; evaluation; commitment](#).

Legislative Bills For Discussion

President Rudy Molera stated agenda item 11 will be moved up to discuss first.

- 11) [SB 1398 tax omnibus](#). Mark Barnes reported this omnibus bill makes various changes to income tax and property tax statutes, with one provision to require alternative fuel vehicles to pay a tax on natural gas that would be deposited into HURF. He went into detail on one of the provisions that would decrease the assessment ratio for class 1 commercial property from 18 percent to 17 percent over two years and would reduce the state equalization tax rate by 18 cents over two years to offset. Charts were presented. Discussion occurred. Craig Sullivan added that CSA testified in opposition in committee this week to express concerns and that CSA will be discussing this with the county managers next week. CSA will send out information to the counties to review and determine the local impacts.
- 1) [HB 2249 personal representatives; funeral directors; prohibition](#). Robin Hillyard reported the bill passed House Regulatory Affairs by 7-0 on January 27. Feedback indicated limited concerns.
- 2) [HB 2293 renewable energy storage equipment; valuation](#). Michael Madden reported this bill is the same as a bill ran last year that had been vetoed by the Governor.
- 3) [HB 2313 fire sprinklers; existing buildings; prohibition](#). Robin reported the bill passed House Regulatory Affairs 4-3 this week. She said the bill originated from the Restaurant Association and originally only impacted cities and towns, but was amended to include counties. She stated the League of Arizona Cities and Towns (League) and the firefighters opposed to the bill. She noted CSA has received limited feedback from the counties to date. Discussion followed.
- 4) [HB 2386 county free library districts; programs](#). Michael Madden reported a stakeholder meeting with Representative Udall (the bill sponsor), the Library Association, and the bill proponents will occur next Wednesday, to address concerns.
- 5) [HB 2404 TPT; prime contracting; exemptions; certificates](#). Michael reported on the bill and that it was held in committee this week.
- 6) [HB 2442 highway safety fee repeal](#). Michael reported on the bill.
- 7) [HB 2445 right to redeem; lien sale](#). Michael reported on the bill and noted receiving negative feedback. Discussion followed. Supervisor Steve Gallardo moved to oppose HB 2445. Supervisor Liz Archuleta seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 8) [HB 2608 overdose; disease prevention; programs](#). Jacob Emnett reported on the bill and indicated the bill language was permissive. It passed committee this week 8-0-1.
- 9) [HB 2616 noxious weeds; government projects](#). Jacob reported on the bill. Discussion occurred. CSA will follow-up with county concerns.
- 10) [HB 2717 treasurer; pension prefunding; investment accounts](#). Michael reported on the bill.
- 12) [SB 1416 claims; liability; notice](#). Robin reported that feedback received indicated this legislation would create additional burden on government entities. She stated the Arizona Counties Insurance Pool (ACIP) has shown concern. Supervisor Liz Archuleta moved to oppose SB 1416. Supervisor Duce Minor seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 13) [SB 1436 TPT; exemption; public safety equipment.](#) Michael reported SB 1436 is a mirror bill of SB 1116 that CSA recently opposed. Supervisor Duce Minor moved to oppose SB 1436. Supervisor Steve Gallardo seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 14) [SB 1459 private attorney retention; municipalities; counties.](#) Robin reported on the bill. She stated the feedback received from the Arizona Association of Counties (AACo) was that the county attorneys were opposed to the bill, but AACo had not yet taken an official position. She also noted the League was opposed. Supervisor Liz Archuleta moved to oppose SB 1459. Supervisor Alton Shepherd seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 15) [SB 1527 e-liquids; tobacco products; vapor products.](#) Robin reported on the bill. Supervisor Liz Archuleta moved to oppose SB 1527. Supervisor Steve Gallardo seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 16) [SB 1664 civil liability; gun-free zones.](#) Robin reported ACIP expressed concern from a liability standpoint. Supervisor Russell McCloud moved to oppose SB 1664. Supervisor Liz Archuleta seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 17) [SB 1665 misconduct involving weapons; classification.](#) Robin reported on the bill.

Other Legislative Issues

Supervisor Russell McCloud clarified that SB 1490 was the only bill requested to sign in in support and Robin Hillyard replied that was correct as it is scheduled for committee next week.

Next Meeting Date and Time

President Rudy Molera stated that the next meeting will be held on Friday, February 14, at 9:00 a.m. He thanked everyone for their participation.

Other Business and Adjournment

There being no further business, President Rudy Molera adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.