

CSA Bills

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
HB2123	appropriation; heritage fund.							SPONSORS: OSBORNE
<p>Comments: Appropriates \$10 million from the state general fund in FY 2020-2021 to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission Heritage Fund.</p>								
HB2350	counties; committed youth contributions; repeal				1st Read: 01/21 GOV 01/30 - DP 11-0-0-0-0-0 RULES 02/03 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0	02/06 - DP	2nd Read: 01/22 02/10 - PASSED 60-0-0-0-0-0	SPONSORS: TOMA, BOLICK, et al
<p>Comments: Repeals the Department of Juvenile Corrections local cost sharing fund and the related statute that directs the Department to assess a committed youth confinement cost sharing fee to larger counties. Transfers the fund's remaining unexpended and unencumbered monies to the general fund. Distributes that amount back to the counties proportionally via the Department of Administration in FY 2020-2021.</p>								
HB2478	rural counties; transient lodging tax							SPONSORS: PIERCE
<p>Comments: Permits the board of supervisors of a county with a population of less than 500,000 persons to collect a local excise tax on the gross proceeds of sales/gross income of transient lodging and online lodging marketplaces. Caps these taxes at 6% and limits them to unincorporated areas of the county. Specifies that revenues generated from this tax be used to (1) promote and enhance county tourism or (2) facilitate economic development activities (11-254.04). States that this tax will be levied on either January 1 or July 1, depending on which day occurs at least three months after the resolution for the tax is approved.</p>								
HB2479	juvenile dependency; state aid; appropriation				1st Read: 01/29 JUD 02/19 - DP 10-0-0-0-0-0 APPROP None RULES None		2nd Read: 01/30	SPONSORS: BIASIUCCI, ALLEN J
<p>Comments: Appropriates \$2 million in FY 2020-2021, exempt from lapsing, to the newly established State Aid for Juvenile Dependency Proceedings Fund under the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC). Specifies that the fund will be used to provide state aid to county public defenders, legal defenders, and contract indigent defense council for juvenile dependency cases. Directs the ACJC to distribute annual money using the State Aid to Indigent Defense Fund to counties where the running three-year average of juvenile dependency case filings exceeds the three year average of juvenile dependency case filings in the years 2011-2014. Specifies that the money is to be distributed in manner proportional to the county's share of the state's population and can only be used for the purposes of State Aid for Juvenile Dependency Proceedings Fund.</p>								

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HB2581	dangerous; incompetent person; evaluation; commitment							SPONSORS: ALLEN J
					1st Read: 01/27 JUD 02/19 - DPA 6-4-0-0-0-0 RULES None		2nd Read: 01/28	
<p>Comments: Establishes a civil commitment process for dangerous individuals charged with crimes that cannot complete the criminal justice process because they have been found to be incompetent to stand trial and cannot be restored to competency. The proposed process provides protections to ensure due process during the commitment proceedings, including an annual examination and petition process to evaluate if the defendant is still dangerous.</p>								
HB2875	regulation; short-term rentals							SPONSORS: KAVANAGH, ANDRADE, et al
					1st Read: 02/12 GOV 02/20 - DPA 7-3-0-1-0-0 RULES None		2nd Read: 02/13	
<p>Comments: Summary: Modifies the list of regulations that counties and municipalities are authorized to impose on vacation rentals or short-terms rentals including: requiring contact information for the owner of the rental to be posted on the front door or in another location on the property that is visible and accessible to the public; restricting the maximum number of adult occupants allowed on the property at one time; requiring the installation of safety and monitoring equipment that monitors and detects noise and notifies the owner if noise is unreasonable or in violation of a noise ordinance; prohibiting smoking outside within 100 feet of a residential structure; restricting occupants from checking in without the presence of the owner or the owner's designee; and prohibiting occupants from parking on public or private streets if on-property parking is available.</p>								
SB1085	appropriation; heritage fund							SPONSORS: BROPHY MCGEE
	1st Read: 01/13 APPROP None RULES None		2nd Read: 01/14					
<p>Comments: Appropriates \$10 million from the state general fund in FY 2020-2021 to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission Heritage Fund.</p>								
SB1280	pensions; unfunded liability; expenditure limits							SPONSORS: MESNARD, GRAY
	1st Read: 01/27 FIN 01/29 - DP 5-3-2-0-0-0 RULES None		2nd Read: 01/28					
<p>Comments: Clarifies that county contributions to pay public pension debt are excluded from county expenditure limits.</p>								

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SB1303	annexation of territory; requirements 1st Read: 01/28 GOV 02/17 - DP 7-0-0-0-0-0 RULES None		2nd Read: 01/29					SPONSORS: PRATT
Comments: Prohibits annexations that create county islands by leaving behind a portion of unincorporated county land that is surrounded by a city or town or a combination of cities and towns.								
SB1335	tourism marketing authorities 1st Read: 01/28 COM 02/11 - W/D FIN 02/19 - DPA 8-0-2-0-0-0 RULES None		2nd Read: 01/29					SPONSORS: PACE, BOWIE
Comments: Allows for the formation of compulsory Tourism Marketing Districts, (TMD) through a public-private partnership between a city, town or county and the businesses designated to a specific district.								
SB1490	short-term rental properties; classification 1st Read: 02/03 FIN 02/12 - DPA 8-2-0-0-0-0 RULES 02/17 - PFCA Rep Caucus: 02/18 Dem Caucus: 02/18		2nd Read: 02/04					SPONSORS: MESNARD
Comments: 2/7: Staff noted the bill will be up in committee next week.								
Establishes a clear definition of commercial activity for property tax classification for short term vacation rentals.								
SB1554	short-term rental enforcement; penalties 1st Read: 02/04 COM 02/20 - DPA 5-3-0-0-0-0 RULES None		2nd Read: 02/05					SPONSORS: BROPHY MCGEE, BOWIE, et al
Comments: Summary: Specifies if a vacation rental or short-term rental is not a person's primary or secondary residence or is owned or operated by a corporate entity, and a majority homeowner is not on the premises of the vacation rental or short-term rental for the duration of the rental, the property cannot be rented more than one time in a 30-day period unless a county or municipality adopts an ordinance allowing the owner to rent more frequently in a 30-day period. Vacation rentals and short-term rentals cannot advertise to exceed the occupancy limit of the dwelling or for any nonresidential use. An online lodging operator that falsifies information to an online lodging marketplace is guilty of a petty offense. Other penalties for violations are modified.								

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SCR1042	short-term rentals; vacation rentals 1st Read: 02/04 COM None RULES None		2nd Read: 02/05					

SPONSORS: BROPHY MCGEE, BOWIE

Comments:

Summary: Sends to the voters a repeal of short-term rental prohibitions.

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HB2151	mobile homes; taxation; delinquency				1st Read: 02/06 WM 02/19 - DP 8-2-0-0-0-0 RULES None		2nd Read: 02/10	

SPONSORS: THORPE

Comments: 2/20: Staff explained the bill transfers oversight of the sale of delinquent mobile homes from the county sheriff to the county Treasurer. Staff noted the county treasurers are largely opposed and that county sheriffs were assigned this duty because sheriffs are responsible for taking possession of personal property for safety concerns. The Board voted to OPPOSE the bill.

Summary: Specifies that county treasurers are responsible for selling mobile homes (1) not on real property tax rolls, (2) without an affidavit of affixture, and (3) delinquent on their taxes, at auction, a responsibility that was previously the county sheriff's. Grants other county sheriff responsibilities to the treasurer, including providing notice for the auction and redeeming the property on payment of tax. Allows the treasurer to enter into a "payment plan" with the treasurer or provide partial payment of the delinquent taxes to secure redemption. Allows the county treasurer to issue a tax bill warrant for such a home at least two years after the tax has become delinquent. Prohibits a county sheriff from seizing a mobile home that was sold after the taxes had become delinquent, but allows collection of delinquent taxes from the original owner. Requires the county treasurer to send owners of delinquent property yearly notices of their delinquency.

HB2812	community facilities districts; viticulture				1st Read: 02/11 WM 02/19 - DP 8-2-0-0-0-0 RULES None		2nd Read: 02/12	
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SPONSORS: PIERCE

Comments: 2/20: Staff explained the bill allows revenues collected through a community facilities district to be expended on a watering system for viticultural purposes. The LPC did not take a position on the bill.

Summary: Adds water systems for viticulture to the definition of "public infrastructure," resulting in viticulture water systems being deemed a "beneficial use" and allowing community facilities districts to enter into contracts and expend monies on them.

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SB1019	prohibition; regulation; industrial hemp sites 1st Read: 01/13 GOV 02/03 - DP 6-1-0-0-0-0 RULES 02/17 - PFC Rep Caucus: 02/18 Dem Caucus: 02/18	CON CAL - 02/17 Object: Yes	2nd Read: 01/14					SPONSORS: BORRELLI
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Comments:

2/20: Last discussed at the LPC meeting on January 24th, staff stated that the bill prohibits local governments from imposing further regulations on industrial hemp sites. The definition of industrial hemp sites, which included growing and processing hemp, led to concerns about the safety of stymying regulations on the potentially volatile and explosive process of extracting CBD from hemp. While staff had advised patience due to a forthcoming amendment to address our concerns, conflict between the hemp and marijuana industries led to the amendment agreement falling apart. The sponsor also continues to threaten to move forward with the bill as originally written. The LPC voted to OPPOSE SB 1019.

1/24: Staff explained this legislation establishes more restrictions than necessary in achieving the sponsor's efforts to prevent proximity regulations between marijuana farms and hemp farms. Staff also noted they are working with Sen. Borelli on an amendment that will achieve his goal in the proper manner. The LPC did not take a position on the bill.

Summary: Prohibits cities, towns, and counties from imposing further regulations or restrictions on industrial hemp sites.

SB1333	peace officer rights; due process 1st Read: 01/28 TPS 02/12 - DPA 5-0-3-0-0-0 RULES 02/17 - PFC Rep Caucus: 02/18 Dem Caucus: 02/18		2nd Read: 01/29					SPONSORS: LIVINGSTON
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Comments:

2/20: Staff explained that the Sheriffs are concerned with the bill's prescriptions for internal investigations. The bill requires notice of intent to interview and contains additional language that limits the restriction on questions that arise from an interview. While an amendment to address concerns about the notice of intent is in the works, staff recommended to oppose the bill with the Sheriffs, AACo, and the League. The LPC voted to OPPOSE SB 1333.

Summary: Makes a number of changes to statute involving internal investigations of law enforcement officers. These include (1) requiring the employer to provide the officer with notice of intent to interview, (2) limiting what an employer is allowed to say during an interview, (3) allowing an appeals board/commission hearing officer or judge to take evidence and subpoena witnesses, (4) limiting when the employer can order an officer to submit to a mental or behavioral examination, (5) extends and establishes timelines to the officer's benefit, (6) allows medical examinations to be conducted by professionals rather than only physicians, and (7) specifies that only a licensed psychiatrist/psychologist can make a diagnosis of post-traumatic stress. Removes the requirement that parties in an appeal of a disciplinary action taken against a law enforcement officer act in good faith.

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SB1498	workers' compensation; physicians; expertise; hearings 1st Read: 02/03 COM 02/20 - DPA 6-2-0-0-0-0 RULES None		2nd Read: 02/04					SPONSORS: BOYER, CARTER
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Comments: 2/20: Staff explained the bill allows an employee or an employee's designee that is seeking workers' compensation benefits to invite any individual of their choosing to their workers' compensation hearing at the Industrial Commission. Staff explained there are concerns with allowing anybody to sit in on a hearing to determine if a county employee qualifies for additional benefits. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.

Summary: The bill has a two key provisions:

- Permits the employee (or the employee's estate, surviving spouse, or dependent if the employee is deceased) to bring any person of their choosing to any hearing without prior approval of the Administrative Law Judge and prohibits the Industrial Commission from adopting any rules that in any way restricts the right to bring any person of their choosing to a hearing.
- Requires a physician who performs an IME or any physician who testifies at an employee's hearing regarding the employee's condition to have expertise in diagnosing and treating the employee's specific injury.

SB1509	county officials; district board; salary 1st Read: 02/03 GOV 02/17 - DP 4-3-0-0-0-0 RULES None		2nd Read: 02/04					SPONSORS: LIVINGSTON, FARNSWORTH D. (16), et al
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Comments: 2/20: Staff stated that the split position of the Board on this topic made action by individuals preferable. The LPC took no position on this bill.

Establishes a flat salary increase of \$12,000 to all county elected officials in A.R.S 11-419 and 12-281 (Attorneys, Assessors, Clerks of Superior Court, Recorders, School Superintendents, Sheriffs, Supervisors, and Treasurers), effective after the next election. Each member of the Maricopa community college district board of a district is required to receive a salary equal to the annual salary of the member of the Legislature. Effective January 1, 2021.

Running LPC/Board Bills

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HB2053	executive sessions; security plans.							SPONSORS: ESPINOZA
					1st Read: 01/13 TECH 01/22 - DP 7-0-0-0-0-0 GOV 01/30 - DP 11-0-0-0-0-0 RULES None		2nd Read: 01/16	
<p>Comments:</p> <p>Summary: Allows a public body to hold an executive session to discuss matters (1) "relating to school safety operations ... school safety plans or programs" and emergency response plans, and (2) relating to building/facility and information technology security plans, procedures, assessments, measures, or systems. Specifies that notes and materials provided to public body representatives and related to building/facility/I.T. security are confidential and exempt from public disclosure.</p> <p>Update: At the CSA Board meeting on 1/16/2020, the CSA Board voted to SUPPORT this bill.</p>								
HB2055	civil traffic violations; community restitution NOW: penalties; civil traffic violation							SPONSORS: BIASIUCCI, BLACKMAN, et al
					1st Read: 01/13 JUD 02/05 - DPA/SE 6-4-0-0-0-0 RULES 02/10 - C&P 5-3-0-0-0-0 Maj Caucus: 02/11 Min Caucus: 02/11	02/17 - DPA	2nd Read: 01/16 02/17 - PASSED 33-27-0-0-0-0	
<p>Comments: 1/31: Staff explained that the bill sponsor is working on an amendment, noting the Courts expect a \$5M loss of revenue with the passage of this bill. Staff mentioned the Courts and League of Cities and Towns are both opposed. The LPC voted to OPPOSE??? the bill.</p> <p>Summary: Allows individuals who are subject to a civil penalty for violating traffic/vehicle regulations to perform court-approved restitution in lieu of the civil penalty, surcharge, assessment, or fee. Prohibits the court from assessing a time payment fee in the case of a civil penalty. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.</p> <p>Updates: As of 1/16/2020, the CSA has not taken a position on this bill.</p>								
HB2065	recorder; recording fees; lien fees							SPONSORS: KAVANAGH
					1st Read: 01/29 GOV 02/13 - DP 8-2-0-1-0-0 RULES None		2nd Read: 01/30	
<p>Comments: 1/24: Staff explained this bill would carve out the health care industry from paying full county recorder fees for medical provider liens by establishing a special \$9 fee for the industry, as opposed to \$30 for all other entities. The LPC did not take a position on the bill and asked to bring it back at the next LPC meeting.</p> <p>Summary: Establishes a county fee of \$9 for medical provider liens.</p>								

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HB2084	international boundary wall; building permits				1st Read: 01/13 FR 01/22 - DPA 4-3-0-0-0-0 RULES 01/27 - C&P 7-0-0-0-1-0 Maj Caucus: 01/28 Min Caucus: 01/28	01/30 - DPA	SPONSORS: PETERSEN, BARTO, et al 2nd Read: 01/16 02/06 - PASSED 31-29-0-0-0-0	
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Comments: 1/31: Staff explained counties have voiced safety and liability concerns with the bill. We are working on an amendment that will keep the permitting process in place with passage of the bill. The LPC did not take a position on the bill.

Summary: Prevents a city, town, or county from requiring a property owner to obtain a construction/building permit if (1) the permit is for an international boundary wall, (2) the wall will be build adjacent to the international boundary line, and (3) the owner has provided written consent for the construction.

HB2099	property tax; mobile homes; delinquency				1st Read: 01/13 WM 01/29 - DPA 10-0-0-0-0-0 RULES 02/03 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0 Maj Caucus: 02/04 Min Caucus: 02/04	02/10 - DPA	SPONSORS: GRIFFIN 2nd Read: 01/16 02/11 - PASSED 59-0-1-0-0-0	
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Comments: 1/24: Staff explained this bill modifies the mobile home lien sale process to mirror the real property tax lien sale process. Staff also noted there are currently efforts with the sponsor to help all sides get to a place they are comfortable with by way of an amendment. The LPC did not take a position on this 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.

HB2112	schools; safety; executive session						SPONSORS: UDALL, NUTT	
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Comments:

Summary: Allows a public body to hold an executive session to discuss matters (1) "relating to school safety operations ... school safety plans or programs" and emergency response plans, and (2) relating to building/facility and information technology security plans, procedures, assessments, measures, or systems. Specifies that notes and materials provided to public body representatives and related to building/facility/I.T. security are confidential and exempt from public disclosure.

Update: At the CSA Board meeting on 1/16/2020, the CSA Board voted to SUPPORT this bill.

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HB2147	personal property tax; abatement; procedure							SPONSORS: THORPE
					1st Read: 02/06 WM None RULES None		2nd Read: 02/10	

Comments: Summary: Allows a county treasurer to abate a personal property/property tax and remove a tax lien, provided that the reason for abatement/removal complies with relevant statute (42-18351), without approval from the board of supervisors. Specifies that the certificate of removal and abatement is final and effective on the date the board receives the notice.

Update: At the CSA Board meeting on 1/16/2020, the CSA Board voted to OPPOSE this bill.

HB2227	criminal justice commission; data collection							SPONSORS: ALLEN J
					1st Read: 01/21 JUD 01/29 - DISC/HELD RULES None		2nd Read: 01/22	

Comments: 1/31: Staff explained this bill was brought forward by ACJC. Staff noted there may be concerns that there could be costs associated with collected new data that is not currently collected, but that stakeholders are working on a amendment. The LPC did not take a position on the bill.

Summary: Requires criminal justice agencies to submit data to the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission unless they are prohibited by law or collection imposes a significant burden or cost.

HB2231	Arizona criminal justice commission; members							SPONSORS: ALLEN J
					1st Read: 01/21 JUD 02/05 - HELD RULES None		2nd Read: 01/22	

Comments: 1/31: Staff explained that ACJC has recently voted to expand their membership and that this is just formalizing that action. The LPC did not take a position on the bill.

Summary: Adds one public defender and one victim advocate to the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, appointed by the Governor.

HB2235	record of proceedings; certified reporter							SPONSORS: ALLEN J
					1st Read: 01/28 JUD 02/19 - DPA 6-4-0-0-0-0 RULES None		2nd Read: 01/29	

Comments: 1/31: Staff explained the bill increases flexibility for court reporters, ensuring they are able to maintain efficiency. The LPC voted to SUPPORT the bill.

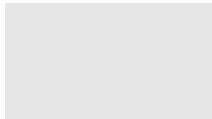
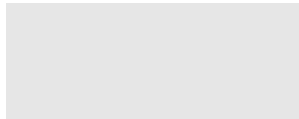
Summary: Expands the courts authority to create and maintain a complete electronic record to supplement court reporters to prevent delay in resolving disputes in the trial court and on appeal. Allows a judge discretion on when to use a court reporter or an electronic recording system. Either party may provide a court reporter or stenographer in addition to the electronic means used by courts to record the proceedings, but if the court uses electronic means they cannot be required to have a court reporter.

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HB2249 personal representatives; funeral directors; prohibition SPONSORS: BOLICK

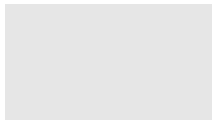
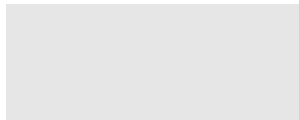


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 2nd Read: 01/22
 02/11 - PASSED
 59-0-1-0-0-0
 Maj Caucus: 02/04
 Min Caucus: 02/04

Comments: 2/7: Staff explained there are limited concerns over the impact because it could move more work to the public fiduciaries office. The LPC did not take a position on the bill.

Summary: Prohibits a funeral director or funeral establishment owner who controls an individual's remains from seeking appointment as that same individual's personal representative.

HB2293 renewable energy storage equipment; valuation SPONSORS: DUNN, COBB

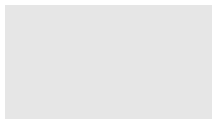
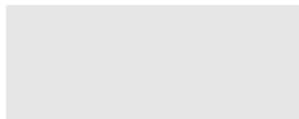


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 2nd Read: 01/27
 02/17 - PASSED
 49-11-0-0-0-0
 Maj Caucus: 02/04
 Min Caucus: 02/04

Comments: 2/7: Staff explained the bill has an unknown fiscal impact because the energy storage industry does not yet exist in Arizona, but it could potentially reduce revenues in the future. The LPC did not take a position on the bill.

Summary: Exempts utility-bought energy storage equipment from the transaction privilege tax (TPT) retail classification (and thus TPT), use tax, and city/municipal transaction privilege tax, sales tax, use tax, or any similar tax. Specifies that all energy storage equipment - renewable or otherwise - be centrally valued and allows energy storage equipment the same depreciation (and reduced value) allotted to renewable energy equipment for property tax. Adds construction of "renewable energy storage equipment" to the list of reasons a city/town can designate a renewable energy incentive district.

HB2313 fire sprinklers; existing buildings; prohibition SPONSORS: GRANTHAM



1st Read: 01/23
RA 02/03 - DPA
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RULES 02/10 - C&P
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 02/17 - RET ON
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 2nd Read: 01/27
 Maj Caucus: 02/11
 Min Caucus: 02/11

Comments: 2/7: Staff explained based on the feedback received counties generally only require sprinklers in new building project or in a change of property use, but there was some concern over fire safety that was expressed. The LPC did not take a position.

Summary: Prohibits a fire district, municipality, and county board of supervisors from requiring a person or entity to install fire sprinklers in a building (1) that allows three hundred or more occupants, (2) that is licensed to serve alcoholic beverages, and (3) that was not required to have fire sprinklers when originally constructed, except if the owner undertakes a major renovation or remodel (defined). Prohibits a fire district, municipality, and county board of supervisors from imposing a fine or penalty on a person or entity for choosing not to equip fire sprinklers in these buildings.

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HB2352	centrally assessed property; valuation; pipelines.				SPONSORS: TOMA, BOLICK, et al			
					1st Read: 01/21		2nd Read: 01/22	
					WM 02/19 - DPA			
					6-3-0-0-1-0			
					RULES None			

Comments: 1/31: Staff explained that CSA is still waiting for further feedback from DOR and other county experts on this issue. Staff also noted there may be some concerns with allowing all pipelines to utilize this action. The LPC did not take a position on the bill.

1/24: Staff noted this bill is in response to an ongoing legal issue between Transwestern Pipeline Company and DOR in which Transwestern has been appealing their value each year and winning in court, resulting in large refunds from northern and central Arizona counties and other taxing jurisdictions. Staff also noted they are waiting for further input from several counties and DOR and will return with more information at a later date. The LPC did not take a position on the bill.

Summary: Mirror bill (SB 1204) 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.

HB2386	county free library districts; programs				SPONSORS: UDALL, CAMPBELL, et al			
					1st Read: 01/23		2nd Read: 01/27	
					GOV 02/06 - DP	CON CAL - 02/17		
					11-0-0-0-0-0	Object: No		
					RULES 02/17 - C&P			
					8-0-0-0-0-0			
					Maj Caucus: 02/18			
					Min Caucus: 02/18			

Comments: 2/7: Staff explained there is concern that authorizing library districts to provide funding for these programs creates an expectation that the library will do so, without any funding. Staff also explained they will be meeting with stakeholders shortly to reach a consensus. The LPC did not take a position on the bill.

Summary: Specifies that a county free library district may offer/provide funding for (1) making information, technology, and resources available to patrons, (2) providing a place for studying, researching, reading, and learning, (3) providing educational and informational programs for all age groups, and (4) providing literacy promotion programs for all age groups.

HB2404	TPT; prime contracting; exemptions; certificates				SPONSORS: COBB			
					1st Read: 01/27		2nd Read: 01/28	
					WM 02/12 - DP	CON CAL - 02/17		
					6-4-0-0-0-0	Object: No		
					RULES 02/17 - C&P			
					8-0-0-0-0-0			
					Maj Caucus: 02/18			
					Min Caucus: 02/18			

Comments: 2/7: Staff noted that the bill was held in committee. 1/31: Staff noted that we are waiting to hear more about the economic impact this could have on rural counties.

Summary: Changes the definition of "alteration" for the purpose of taxing contracting activities. The bill provides that certificates use to purchase materials exempt from retail tax be limited to 1 year for contracts entered after December 31, 2020.

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HB2442	highway safety fee repeal				1st Read: 01/29 TRANS 02/05 - DP 5-4-0-0-0-0 APPROP 02/12 - DP 6-4-0-0-1-0 RULES 02/17 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 02/17 Object: Yes	SPONSORS: BIASIUCCI, BLACKMAN, et al 2nd Read: 01/30	
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Comments: 2/7: Staff noted that repealing the highway safety fee earlier and is expected to be a part of the budget negotiations. The LPC did not take a position on the bill.

Summary: Repeals the highway safety fee.

HB2445	right to redeem; lien; sale				1st Read: 02/06 WM 02/19 - DP 5-4-0-0-1-0 RULES None		2nd Read: 02/10	SPONSORS: KERN
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Comments: 2/7: Staff explained the bill removes BOS authorities and transfers them to the county treasurer. The bill also increases costs for counties and will lead to reduced interest in tax lien investment. 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.

HB2468	law enforcement; prosecution; grants; acceptance				1st Read: 01/28 PS 02/05 - DISC/HELD RULES None		2nd Read: 01/29	SPONSORS: PAYNE
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Comments: 1/24: Staff noted this bill removes Board oversight of monies dedicated to law enforcement agencies and exposes the county to potential increased costs and liability. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.

Summary: Prohibits a board of supervisors from rejecting/interfering with a law enforcement agencies or prosecution agency's receipt of federal grant monies, award monies, or other monies intended to supplement the budget.

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HB2469	law enforcement officers; additional benefits.				1st Read: 01/28 PS 02/12 - DPA 7-0-0-0-0-0 RULES 02/17 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0 Maj Caucus: 02/18 Min Caucus: 02/18		SPONSORS: PAYNE, BLACKMAN, et al 2nd Read: 01/29	
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Comments: 1/31: Staff noted that the bill is scheduled to be heard in House Public Safety next week and we are working to get a meeting with the sponsor to talk about the impact of the bill. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.

Summary: If a law enforcement officer was killed in the line of duty, the surviving spouse continues to receive workers' compensation death benefits until the surviving spouse's death regardless of whether the surviving spouse remarries. If a surviving spouse of a deceased law enforcement officer who was killed in the line of duty is receiving payment for health insurance premiums from the officer's employer and the surviving spouse remarries, the health insurance premium payments are no longer discontinued, and family coverage is required to include coverage for the additional new family members. In addition to any other death benefits, a surviving spouse, or a dependent if there is not a surviving spouse must receive payment for all of the deceased member's unused sick leave. If a PSPRS or CORP member is receiving an accidental or catastrophic or total and permanent disability pension, the retired member's employer is required to continue to pay the employer portion of the health care benefits that was being paid by the employer on the date that the member's disability pension commenced until the retired member is eligible for Medicare.

HB2475	law enforcement officers; rights; privileges							SPONSORS: PAYNE
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Comments: 1/31: Staff noted that ACIP has concerns with the cost and liability associated with maintaining on duty officers 24 hours a day, including workers' compensation. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.

Specifies law enforcement officers maintain their rights and privileges as an officer 24 hours a day, even if not on duty.

HB2482	elderly homeowners; class six property.							SPONSORS: THORPE
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Comments: 1/24: Staff explained the bill causes a tax shift to homeowners that do not qualify for the senior valuation freeze program and treats like-properties different when it comes to taxation. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.

Summary: Classifies property owned by an individual qualified for the senior valuation freeze program as Class 6, if the value of the property is less than \$600,000 and the property is the owner's primary residence.

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HB2493	community facilities districts							SPONSORS: TOMA, COOK, et al
					1st Read: 01/29		2nd Read: 01/30	
					WM 02/12 - DP 10-0-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 02/17 Object: Yes		
					RULES 02/17 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0			
					Maj Caucus: 02/18 Min Caucus: 02/18			
	Comments: 1/31: Staff noted that no concerns have been received about this bill and that feedback from the counties has been positive. The LPC voted to MONITOR the bill.							
	Summary: Makes various changes to community facilities districts including the general obligation bond purposes and board make up.							

HB2496	agricultural property classification; guest ranches							SPONSORS: DUNN, BIASIUCCI, et al
					1st Read: 01/29		2nd Read: 01/30	
					WM 02/12 - DPA 9-1-0-0-0-0			
					RULES 02/17 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0			
					Maj Caucus: 02/18 Min Caucus: 02/18			
	Comments: 2/14: Staff noted the Assessors Assn. has opposed the bill but that CSA is waiting on further feedback from the counties. The LPC did not take a position on the bill.							
	Summary: Allows guest ranches to be classified as agricultural real property for the purposes of property taxation (Moves from 18% class 1 to a 15% class 2). Requires that the guest ranch owner record a deed restriction on the property for ten years and specifies penalties for deviation. Outlines requirements for what constitutes a guest ranch including providing recreational activities, having a supervised horse program and providing three meals a day. This bill is retroactive to tax years beginning from December 31, 2019.							

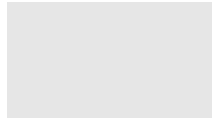
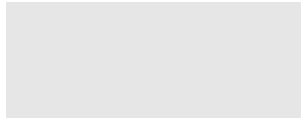
HB2589	land divisions; county regulation; surveys							SPONSORS: GRIFFIN, DUNN, et al
					1st Read: 01/27		2nd Read: 01/28	
					LAG 02/13 - DPA 4-2-0-0-1-0			
					RULES None			
	Comments: 1/31: Staff noted that there are concerns over allowing a land division without a trained professional land surveyor surveying the land first. Feedback also included concern about additional liability for counties. 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.							

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HB2608 overdose; disease prevention; programs SPONSORS: RIVERO

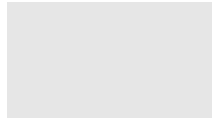


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Object: No

2nd Read: 01/29

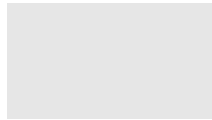
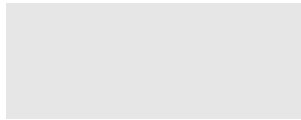


Maj Caucus: 02/18
Min Caucus: 02/18

Comments: 2/7: Staff explained the bill noting that the county public health professionals have been supportive of in the past. The LPC did not take a position on the bill.

Summary: Allows a municipality, county, or NGO to establish/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. Specifies the immunity provision is notwithstanding by 13-3401-61, which covers drug offenses.

HB2616 noxious weeds; government projects SPONSORS: GRIFFIN



1st Read: 01/30

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RULES 02/10 - C&P
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CON CAL - 02/10
Object: No

2nd Read: 02/03

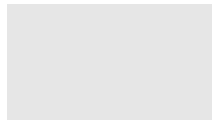
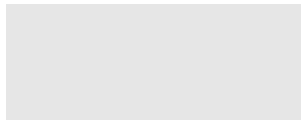
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Maj Caucus: 02/11
Min Caucus: 02/11

Comments: 2/7: Staff noted that there have not been concerns on this bill since the language is permissive and the language described is already widely practiced. The LPC did not take a position on the bill, but directed staff to ensure there are no federal impacts from this legislation.

Summary: Allows the state and its political subdivisions to remove noxious weeds (defined in 3-201) as part of routine maintenance and capital projects. Prevents the state and subdivisions from using those same noxious weeds in landscaping.

HB2631 PSPRS; local boards; duties; consolidation SPONSORS: BLACKMAN

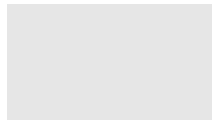


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RULES 02/17 - C&P
8-0-0-0-0-0

CON CAL - 02/17
Object: No

2nd Read: 01/29



Maj Caucus: 02/18
Min Caucus: 02/18

Comments: 1/31: Staff noted this is a step in the right direction to improving PSPRS, with support from the unions and the League of Cities and Towns. The LPC did not take a position on the bill.

Summary: Modifies the PSPRS local boards including establishing a uniform process for reviewing applications, requires independent legal to be obtained, and requires member training within 180 days of appointment.

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HB2717	treasurer; pension prefunding; investment accounts							SPONSORS: KAVANAGH
					1st Read: 02/04 GOV 02/13 - DPA 11-0-0-0-0 RULES None		2nd Read: 02/05	

Comments: 2/7: Staff noted it is another tool in the toolbox, but does not exclude the money from the expenditure limit. The LPC did not take position on the bill.

Summary: Authorizes the State Treasurer to invest and reinvest pension prefunding plan monies in equity securities for pension prefunding plan investment accounts.

HB2761	property value determination; modifications; verification							SPONSORS: SHAH, FILLMORE, et al
					1st Read: 02/04 WM 02/12 - DP 8-1-0-1-0-0 RULES None		2nd Read: 02/05	

Comments: 2/14: Staff explained this would be burdensome for assessors and that it would utilize more staff time and wages than necessary. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.

Summary: Prohibits the county assessor from establishing limited property value on the basis of construction, destruction, or demolition by using aerial surveillance photography. Specifies that the county assessor must physically inspect and verify the total value of the modification before assessing limited property value.

HB2877	e-liquids; vapor products; tobacco products							SPONSORS: ALLEN J
					1st Read: 02/12 COM 02/18 - W/D JUD None RULES None		2nd Read: 02/13	

Comments: 2/14: Staff noted the bill preempts county and municipal governments from regulating the sale and marketing of tobacco and vape products. This could affect county smoke-free areas and vending machine locations. The LPC voted to OPPOSE HB 2877.

Summary: Codifies the federal government's raising of the tobacco minimum sales age from 18 to 21 in Arizona law. Preempts regulation of tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, e-liquids, and vapor products by cities, towns, and counties. Establishes a state license under the Board of liquor license and control. Establishes requirements for selling these products, procedures for revocation, suspension and appeals.

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HB2899	fuel; electric cars; hybrids; taxes							
					1st Read: 02/12 TRANS 02/19 - DPA 6-0-0-3-0 RULES None		SPONSORS: CAMPBELL, BOWERS, et al 2nd Read: 02/13	

Comments: 2/14: Staff explained the bill increases the gas tax and establishes parity between alternative fuel vehicles and traditional vehicles. The LPC noted concerns with having to consult with the State Transportation Board on a 20-year plan.

Summary: Establishes per gallon taxes for motor vehicle fuel in FYs 2020-2024 by specified amounts and ties later increases to inflation. Establishes per gallon equivalent taxes for natural gas and propane in the same timeframe. Establishes an electricity per kilowatt tax. Establishes a yearly tax for electricity-only and hybrid vehicles, specifying the tax amount from FY 2020 to FY 2023. In following years, states that the tax will be tied to GDP. Establishes the Arizona road use account, specifies that the account is to be funded by the yearly taxes imposed by the bill, and states that the account is intended to be used only on maintaining streets, roads and highways. Prohibits the account from funding most law enforcement activities, the economic strength project fund, and highway patrol costs. Specifies that the account be distributed in the same way as HURF. Requires the state transportation board - in consultation with county and municipal governments and regional transportation planning agencies - to develop a comprehensive plan for use of the Arizona road use fund. Requires this plan to be updated at least once every five years for usage over the next twenty years. Specifies retail standards for how compressed/liquefied natural gas must be dispensed.

SB1014	election procedures manual; rulemaking; GRRC							SPONSORS: UGENTI-RITA
	1st Read: 01/13 JUD None RULES None		2nd Read: 01/14					

Comments: Summary: Specifies that the Arizona Secretary of State's Elections Procedures Manual must be approved by the Governor's Regulatory Review Council- instead of the Governor and the Attorney General - before issuance. States that this Elections Procedures Manual is exempt from the citizen-led economic impact statement process and the state's regulatory bill of rights.

Update: At the CSA Board meeting on 1/16/2020, the CSA Board voted to OPPOSE this bill.

SB1019	prohibition; regulation; industrial hemp sites							SPONSORS: BORRELLI
	1st Read: 01/13 GOV 02/03 - DP 6-1-0-0-0-0 RULES 02/17 - PFC Rep Caucus: 02/18 Dem Caucus: 02/18	CON CAL - 02/17 Object: Yes	2nd Read: 01/14					

Comments:
2/20: Last discussed at the LPC meeting on January 24th, staff stated that the bill prohibits local governments from imposing further regulations on industrial hemp sites. The definition of industrial hemp sites, which included growing and processing hemp, led to concerns about the safety of stymying regulations on the potentially volatile and explosive process of extracting CBD from hemp. While staff had advised patience due to a forthcoming amendment to address our concerns, conflict between the hemp and marijuana industries led to the amendment agreement falling apart. The sponsor also continues to threaten to move forward with the bill as originally written. The LPC voted to OPPOSE SB 1019.

1/24: Staff explained this legislation establishes more restrictions than necessary in achieving the sponsor's efforts to prevent proximity regulations between marijuana farms and hemp farms. Staff also noted they are working with Sen. Borelli on an amendment that will achieve his goal in the proper manner. The LPC did not take a position on the bill.

Summary: Prohibits cities, towns, and counties from imposing further regulations or restrictions on industrial hemp sites.

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SB1113	mortgaged property; tax statements; information 1st Read: 01/13 FIN 01/22 - DP 8-2-0-0-0-0 RULES 01/27 - PFC Rep Caucus: 01/28 Dem Caucus: 01/28	CON CAL - 01/27 Object: No	2nd Read: 01/14 01/30 - PASSED 30-0-0-0-0-0					SPONSORS: LEACH
<p>Comments: 1/31: Staff explained the county treasurers largely felt this would not cause any issues or major impact on the mailing of tax bills. The LPC voted to take a NEUTRAL position on the bill.</p> <p>Summary: Requires the county treasurer to separately list the amount of primary and secondary taxes on the statement of taxes mailed to a mortgagor.</p>								

SB1116	TPT; exemption; public safety equipment 1st Read: 01/13		2nd Read: 01/14					SPONSORS: BORRELLI
<p>Comments: 1/24: Staff explained the bill sets a bad precedent by exempting a government entity from TPT, opening the gates for other entities to ask for the same, and erodes the TPT base further. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill. Update identical bill dropped SB 1436 (Gowan)</p> <p>Summary: Exempts sales of public safety equipment purchased by a law enforcement agency, fire district, fire department, volunteer fire department, or emergency medical services provider from TPT and use tax.</p>								

SB1133	public works; contracts; payment 1st Read: 01/16		2nd Read: 01/21					SPONSORS: GRAY, FANN
<p>Comments: 1/31: Staff explained this bill is an ongoing conversation from last year that CSA opposed and is inconsistent with current practices. Staff additionally noted they are actively engaged in stakeholder meetings and are working on a resolution but are not yet there. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.</p> <p>Summary: Modifies the definition of a construction contract to include oral agreements, allows the contractor or subcontractor to request payment for additional work completed from a change order to be included in the monthly pay estimates. Allows either party to disagree with an interim determination to file a claim in accordance with the terms of the contract.</p> <p>Update 2/10: Several changes were made from an amendment in committee, it specifies that the change order will be done in accordance with the terms of the construction contract, removes the new definition of construction contract, subcontractor and contractor, eliminated allowing oral agreements, and provided clarity regarding who the subcontractor is requesting payment from – specifies that subcontractor may requests payment from the contractor, not the owner. The bill does still allow for an interim determination, monthly payments based on the costs incurred for change orders, and a claims process for work for the costs of the work if there is a dispute.</p>								

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SB1141	detention officers; arrest warrant; custody 1st Read: 01/16		2nd Read: 01/21				SPONSORS: LIVINGSTON, PRATT	
	JUD 01/23 - DP 7-0-0-0-0-0 RULES 01/27 - PFC	CON CAL - 01/27 Object: No	01/30 - PASSED					

Rep Caucus: 01/28
Dem Caucus: 01/28

Comments: 1/24: Staff explained this was an AACo that the LPC voted to approve last year. The bill expands when an assigned detention officer may execute an existing arrest warrant in the following situations: 1) the person is already under law enforcement supervising at a hospital facility, if a judicial officer remands the person to custody during a court proceeding, or in a jail facility if a visitor is found to have an arrest warrant. The goal of the bill is aimed at freeing up sworn sheriff deputies. The LPC voted to SUPPORT the bill.

Summary: Expands where an assigned detention officer acting in their official capacity is permitted to arrest a person pursuant to an existing warrant, including allowing said officer to arrest an individual (1) at a hospital facility and under law enforcement supervision/custody, (2) at a superior/justice/municipal court facility, and (3) visiting within a jail facility. The bill also allows a detention officer to take custody of a person remanded into custody by a judicial officer during a court proceeding.

SB1204	centrally assessed property; valuation; pipelines 1st Read: 01/22		2nd Read: 01/23				SPONSORS: MESNARD, ALLEN S, et al	
	FIN 01/29 - DPA 7-1-2-0-0-0 RULES 02/17 - PFC							

Rep Caucus: 02/18
Dem Caucus: 02/18

Comments: 1/31: 1/31: Staff explained that CSA is still waiting for further feedback from DOR and other county experts on this issue. Staff also noted there may be some concerns with allowing all pipelines to utilize this action. The LPC did not take a position on the bill.

1/24: Staff noted this bill is in response to an ongoing legal issue between Transwestern Pipeline Company and DOR in which Transwestern has been appealing their value each year and winning in court, resulting in large refunds from northern and central Arizona counties and other taxing jurisdictions. Staff also noted they are waiting for further input from several counties and DOR and will return with more information at a later date. The LPC did not take a position on the bill.

Summary: Mirror bill (HB 2352) 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.

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SB1398	tax omnibus							
	1st Read: 01/29		2nd Read: 01/30					
	FIN 02/05 - DPA 6-3-1-0-0-0	02/18 - DPA	02/19 - PASSED					
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	Rep Caucus: 02/11							
	Dem Caucus: 02/11							

SPONSORS: MESNARD, ALLEN S, et al

Comments: 2/7: Staff explained the bill touches many different taxes, including income tax, property tax and fuel tax. Additionally, staff explained the proposed reduction in the Class 1 assessment ratio causes a shift to other property classes, although the reduction of the state equalization tax rate minimizes this effect. Staff also outlined how this would affect each county's tax collections. The LPC did not take a position on the bill.

Summary: Makes various changes to tax statutes, including:

-Reduces the Class 1 assessment ratio from 18% to 17% over two years, and reduces the state equalization tax rate to offset.

-Increases the dependent tax credit by 20%.

-Levies a \$0.19/gallon tax on natural gas and a \$0.23 cents/gallon tax on propane, used in the propulsion of a motor vehicle. Establishes a \$0.23/gallon use tax on natural gas and a \$0.30/gallon use tax on propane, used in the propulsion of a motor vehicle.

-Levies a tax on electric vehicles of \$130 per year and a tax on hybrid vehicles of \$52 per year.

-Repeals the highway safety fee 6 months earlier than planned, on January 1, 2021.

-Increases bonus depreciation for corporate income taxes from 50% to 100% of the federal amount.

SB1416	claims; liability; notice							
	1st Read: 01/29		2nd Read: 01/30					
	JUD None							
	RULES None							

SPONSORS: FARNSWORTH D. (16)

Comments: 2/7: Staff noted this would create an additional burden on government entities, counties may not be able to determine who would have a potential claim, invites additional claims, and would increase costs. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.

Summary: Specifies that a city, town, or county aware of a potential claim/cause of action involving itself - where the claimant has not filed a notice of claim at least 90 days before the time frame expires - must notify all potential claimants of the obligation to file a notice of claim. States that a potential claimant has two years after the date of the potential claim or cause of action accrues to file a claim if the county fails to notify them ninety days in advance of the claim time frame's imminent expiration.

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SB1436	TPT; exemption; public safety equipment. 1st Read: 01/29 APPROP None RULES None		2nd Read: 01/30					
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SPONSORS: GOWAN

Comments: 2/7: Staff noted this is an identical bill to SB 1116 the LPC voted to oppose on 1/24. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.

Summary: Identical bill to SB 1116 the LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill on 1/24. Exempts sales of public safety equipment purchased by a law enforcement agency, fire district, fire department, volunteer fire department, or emergency medical services provider from TPT and use tax.

SB1459	private attorney retention; municipalities; counties 1st Read: 01/30 JUD 02/06 - DP 4-3-0-0-0-0 RULES None		2nd Read: 02/03					
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SPONSORS: LEACH

Comments: 2/7: Staff noted this limits county authority to enter into a contingency fee contract with a private attorney and that there have been concerns brought up about conflict of interest with the required approval from the Attorney General's Office. The LPC voted to OPPOSE 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. Before a contingency fee contract with a private attorney is effective and enforceable and before any monies may be spent by the county or municipality, the county or municipality is required to receive approval from the Attorney General's Office for the contract. 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.

SB1487	caregiver protections; placement provider investigation 1st Read: 02/03 JUD 02/13 - DP 6-0-1-0-0-0 RULES 02/17 - PFC Rep Caucus: 02/18 Dem Caucus: 02/18	CON CAL - 02/17 Object: Yes	2nd Read: 02/04					
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SPONSORS: FARNSWORTH E. (12), FANN, et al

Comments: 2/14: Staff explained the bill requires the counties to provide indigent defense to out-of-home placement facilities housing children removed due to possible abuse. Staff stated this is an unfunded mandate. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.

Summary: Establishes additional caregiver protections for individuals who are providing out-of-home placement (foster parents / kinship placements) including some of the following:
 - Providing indigent defense if the child(ren) are removed from their custody because of possible abuse and a preliminary protective hearing.
 - Eliminates liability for the provider for (1) their own act or omission when acting in the capacity of a parent or (2) any act or omission of the child in their care if the biological, foster, or adoptive child brought into their home has behavioral health needs that pose a risk to the safety and welfare of other family members.
 - States that a provider that allows a child to participate in an appropriate activity is not civilly liable for any act in omission in allowing the child to participate if it is found that the provider acted according to a reasonable and prudent parenting standard.

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SB1510	public contracts; payment methods 1st Read: 02/03 GOV 02/17 - DP 6-0-1-0-0-0 RULES None		2nd Read: 02/04					SPONSORS: LIVINGSTON
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Comments: 2/14: Staff explained the bill was held this week in committee pending a potential amendment that may ease the concerns of counties and municipalities. The LPC did not take a position on the bill.

Summary: Allows contractor retention, at the option of the contractor, to be placed in money market or demand deposit accounts. Lack of security associated with the accounts. Note: the bill was held in committee pending an amendment. There have been some concerns raised regarding volatility and security associated with these types of accounts.

SB1527	e-liquids; tobacco products; vapor products 1st Read: 02/03 COM None RULES None		2nd Read: 02/04					SPONSORS: LEACH, ALLEN J, et al
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Comments: 2/7: Staff noted the bill establishes preemption on the sale and marketing of tobacco, vapor and nicotine products. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.

Summary:

Makes the Department of Liquor Licenses and Control (Department) responsible for enforcing statute regulating tobacco sales, investigating the sales of alternative nicotine products, e-liquids, tobacco products and vapor products. Requires sellers of these products to obtain a license from the Department. Establishes stipulations on the sale, penalties, and reasons a license can be revoked on all alternative nicotine products, e-liquids, tobacco products and vapor products. Establishes a preemption on the sale and marketing of alternative nicotine products, e-liquids, tobacco products and vapor products unless it is on property owned by a county, city, town, school district, stadium district, or community college district. Effective January 1, 2021

SB1575	property tax exemptions; statutory conformity 1st Read: 02/04 FIN 02/12 - DPA 10-0-0-0-0-0 RULES 02/17 - PFC Rep Caucus: 02/18 Dem Caucus: 02/18		2nd Read: 02/05					SPONSORS: MESNARD
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Comments: 2/14: Staff explained this bill only makes conforming changes that would be necessary with the passage of SCR 1043 from the voters. The LPC voted to SUPPORT the bill.

Summary: Coinciding with SCR 1043, 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 1043, if approved by the voters.

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SB1664	civil liability; gun-free zones 1st Read: 02/05 JUD 02/13 - DPA 4-3-0-0-0-0 RULES 02/17 - PFC Rep Caucus: 02/18 Dem Caucus: 02/18		2nd Read: 02/06					
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SPONSORS: GOWAN, BORRELLI, et al

Comments: 2/7: Staff explained there are significant liability concerns associated with this bill. Counties have no control over court security, but the bill would statutorily assign financial liability to the county general fund, in case of an incident. Also, counties deploy a range of security measures. The bill would remove the ability to mitigate liability. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.

Summary: Specifies that a government entity that establishes a gun-free zone is liable for any damages claimed by a person harmed by criminal conduct in the gun-free zone if a reasonable person would believe that possession of a firearm could have helped the person defend themselves. Allows the court to award triple in damages if (1) the criminal conduct is found to be a terrorist attack and (2) the person harmed is (a) a minority, (b) disabled, or (3) over sixty-five. Specifies that a government entity that establishes a gun-free zone must provide the level of protection from injury individuals would have had if they were allowed a gun. Removes provisions from statute that specify an operator/event sponsor/employee is NOT liable for acts or omissions related to a public establishment.

SB1665	misconduct involving weapons; classification 1st Read: 02/05 JUD None RULES None		2nd Read: 02/06					
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SPONSORS: GOWAN, BORRELLI, et al

Comments: 2/7: Staff noted the bill would result in reduced penalties for individuals that carry a firearm in to a public building or an election polling place. The LPC did not take a position on the bill.

Summary: Reduces from a class 1 (highest) misdemeanor to a class 3 (lowest) misdemeanor for the following offenses: entering any public establishment or attending any public event and carrying a deadly weapon after a reasonable request by the operator of the establishment or sponsor of the event to remove the weapon and place it in temporary secure storage or entering an election polling place on election day carrying a deadly weapon.

SB1667	fireworks; aerial devices 1st Read: 02/05 COM 02/13 - DPA 7-0-1-0-0-0 RULES 02/17 - PFC Rep Caucus: 02/18 Dem Caucus: 02/18		2nd Read: 02/06					
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SPONSORS: GOWAN, PAYNE

Comments: 2/14: Staff explained the bill expands the types of fireworks allowed to be used. The LPC voted to OPPOSE the bill.

Summary: Modifies the definition of permissible consumer fireworks by allowing mine devices and shell devices it also allows multiple-tube aerial devices in counties with 500,00 people or more.

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SCR1043	constitutional property tax exemptions				SPONSORS: MESNARD			
	1st Read: 02/04		2nd Read: 02/05					
	FIN 02/12 - DP 10-0-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 02/17	02/20 - PASSED					
	RULES 02/17 - PFC		Object: No					
	Rep Caucus: 02/18							
	Dem Caucus: 02/18							

Comments: 2/14: Staff explained the bill reorganizes the constitutional property tax exemptions and reenacts the exemption for disabled veterans which has been unusable since 1989 per the courts. The LPC voted to SUPPORT SCR 1043.

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.