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Revised Agenda
02/03/2021

**COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION
LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
REVISED AGENDA
February 05, 2021
(Conducted Via Teleconference and [Webinar](#))
Teleconference 1-669-900-9128 OR 1-253-215-8782
Meeting ID: 704 222 239 Password: 805579
County Supervisors Association
1905 W. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ**

9:00 a.m. Call to Order ~ CSA President Steve Gallardo

- A) Approval of Minutes of the January 29, 2021, Legislative Policy Committee Meeting (*previously distributed*)
- B) Legislative Report
- C) CSA Legislative Agenda
 - 1) [CSA Legislative Budget Priorities](#)
 - a) [HB 2048 counties; committed youth contributions; repeal](#) (Weninger)
 - b) Transportation Infrastructure Funding
 - c) Broadband Investment
 - d) ALTCS
 - e) Flexibility Language
 - 2) [HB 2181 Write-ins; residency; filing deadline](#) (Kavanagh)
 - 3) [HB 2297 Military leaves of absence; duration](#) (Payne)
 - 4) [HB 2595 Irrigation non-expansion](#) (Cobb)
 - 5) [HB 2401 Juvenile dependency; state aid; appropriation](#) (Biasiucci)
 - 6) [HB 2607 County recreation district boards](#) (Blackman)
 - 7) [HB 2334 Dangerous incompetent & non restorable](#) (Pratt)
 - 8) Rural counties; transient lodging tax (Barton) – *Bill folder open*
 - 9) Short term vacation property tax parity (*Sponsor pending*)
- D) Legislative Bills for Discussion
 - 1) [HB 2025 delinquent property tax; interest; waiver](#) (Kavanagh)
 - 2) [HB 2127 appropriation; state parks; heritage fund](#) (Osborne)
 - 3) [HB 2260 Arizona criminal justice commission; membership](#) (Blackman)
 - 4) [HB 2481 short-term rentals; enforcement; penalties](#) (Kavanagh)
 - 5) [HB 2524 counties; cities; towns; COVID expenditures](#) (Kavanagh)
 - 6) [HB 2551 misconduct involving weapons; public places](#) (Kavanagh)
 - 7) [HB 2623 fireworks; use; overnight hours; prohibition](#) (Shah)
 - 8) [SB 1045 defined contribution; health subsidy; disability](#) (Livingston)
 - 9) [SB 1240 hand counts; precincts; procedures manual](#) (Townsend)
 - 10) [SB 1250 overdose; disease prevention; programs](#) (Barto)
 - 11) [SB 1431 flood control districts; advisory board](#) (Ugenti-Rita)
 - 12) [SB 1444 election data; legislative review authority](#) (Borrelli)
 - 13) [SB 1487 private attorney retention; municipalities; counties](#) (Leach)
 - 14) [SB 1491 residential property tax; deferral](#) (Shope)
 - 15) [SB 1603 appropriation; refunds; Transwestern Pipeline litigation](#) (Gowan)
 - 16) Tobacco Bills
 - a) [HB 2602 tobacco; retail; licensing](#) (Blackman) / [SB 1402 tobacco; retail; licensing](#) (Boyer)
 - b) [SB 1496 e-liquids; tobacco products; vapor products](#) (Barto)
- E) Other Legislative Issues
- F) Next Meeting Date and Time (*Friday, February 12, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.*)
- G) Other Business
- H) Adjourn

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
HB2048	counties; committed youth contributions; repeal							SPONSORS: WENINGER
					1st Read: 01/12		2nd Read: 01/13	
					APPROP None			
					RULES None			
	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.							
HB2181	write-ins; residency; filing deadline							SPONSORS: KAVANAGH
					1st Read: 01/20		2nd Read: 01/21	
					GE 01/27 - DPA			
					13-0-0-0-0-0			
					RULES None			
	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.							
HB2297	military leaves of absence; duration							SPONSORS: PAYNE
					1st Read: 01/20		2nd Read: 01/21	
					MAPS 01/25 - DP	CON CAL - 02/01		
					14-0-0-0-0-0	Object: No		
					RULES 02/01 - C&P			
					8-0-0-0-0-0			
					Maj Caucus:			
					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	dangerous; incompetent person; evaluation; commitment							SPONSORS: PRATT
					1st Read: 01/26		2nd Read: 01/27	
					JUD None			
					RULES None			
	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.							

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HB2401	juvenile dependency; state aid; appropriation				SPONSORS: BIASIUCCI			
					1st Read: 01/27		2nd Read: 01/28	
					JUD None			
					APPROP None			
					RULES None			
	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.							
HB2595	subsequent irrigation non-expansion areas; procedures..				SPONSORS: COBB			
	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			
	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.							

02.05.21 LPC - Legislative Bills for Discussion

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HB2025	delinquent property tax; interest; waiver				SPONSORS: KAVANAGH			
					1st Read: 01/12		2nd Read: 01/13	
					WM 01/20 - DP	CON CAL - 01/25		
					9-1-0-0-0-0	Object: Yes		
					RULES 01/25 - C&P			
					8-0-0-0-0-0			
					Maj Caucus: 01/26			
					Min Caucus: 01/26			
	Comments: 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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HB2127	appropriation; state parks; heritage fund				1st Read: 01/20 LARA 02/01 - DP 11-0-0-0-0-0 APPROP None RULES None		SPONSORS: OSBORNE, BLACKMAN, et al 2nd Read: 01/21	
Comments: Summary: Appropriates \$10M from the state General Fund to the Arizona Stake Parks Heritage Fund in FY 2022.								
HB2260	Arizona criminal justice commission; membership.				1st Read: 01/21 CJR 01/27 - DP 9-0-0-0-0-0 RULES 02/01 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0 Maj Caucus: 02/02 Min Caucus: 02/02	CON CAL - 02/01 Object: Yes	SPONSORS: BLACKMAN, BOLICK 2nd Read: 01/25	
Comments: 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.								
HB2481	short-term rentals; enforcement; penalties				1st Read: 01/27 GE None RULES None		SPONSORS: KAVANAGH, BUTLER, et al 2nd Read: 01/28	
Comments: 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								
HB2524	counties; cities; towns; COVID expenditures				1st Read: 01/28 GE None RULES None		SPONSORS: KAVANAGH 2nd Read: 02/01	
Comments: Summary: Requires counties and municipalities, by September 1, 2021, to produce a report of all expenditures in FY 2020 and FY 2021 from each COVID-related federal or state fund source, including FTE's, salaries, equipment, operating costs, and monies distributed to contracted and business entities.								

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HB2551	misconduct involving weapons; public places				SPONSORS: KAVANAGH, BARTON, et al			
					1st Read: 01/28		2nd Read: 02/01	
					JUD 02/01 - W/D			
					GE None			
					RULES None			
Comments: 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.								

HB2623	fireworks; use; overnight hours; prohibition				SPONSORS: SHAH, BOWERS, et al			
					1st Read: 01/27		2nd Read: 01/28	
					MAPS None			
					RULES None			
Comments: Summary: Permits counties and municipalities to prohibit the use of permissible consumer fireworks between the hours of 10PM and 8AM.								

SB1045	defined contribution; health subsidy; disability				SPONSORS: LIVINGSTON			
	1st Read: 01/11		2nd Read: 01/12					
	FIN 01/13 - DP 6-2-2-0-0-0	CON CAL - 01/25 Object: Yes						
	RULES 01/25 - PFC							
Rep Caucus: 01/26 Dem Caucus: 01/26								
Comments: 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.

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SB1240	hand counts; precincts; procedures manual 1st Read: 01/21 GOV 02/01 - DP 5-3-0-0-0-0 RULES None		2nd Read: 01/25					SPONSORS: TOWNSEND
Comments: 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.								
SB1250	overdose; disease prevention; programs 1st Read: 01/21 HHS 01/27 - DP 7-1-0-0-0-0 RULES 02/01 - PFC	CON CAL - 02/01 Object: No	2nd Read: 01/25					SPONSORS: BARTO, SHOPE, et al
Rep Caucus: 02/02 Dem Caucus: 02/02								
Comments: 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.								
SB1431	flood control districts; advisory board 1st Read: 01/27 NREW None RULES None		2nd Read: 01/28					SPONSORS: UGENTI-RITA
Comments: 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.								
SB1444	election data; legislative review authority. 1st Read: 01/27 GOV None RULES None		2nd Read: 01/28					SPONSORS: BORRELLI
Comments: 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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SB1487	private attorney retention; municipalities; counties 1st Read: 01/28 GOV None RULES None		2nd Read: 02/01					SPONSORS: LEACH
SB1491	residential property tax; deferral 1st Read: 02/01 FIN None RULES None		2nd Read: 02/02					SPONSORS: SHOPE
	Comments: 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.							
SB1603	appropriation; refunds; Transwestern Pipeline litigation 1st Read: 02/01 APPROP None RULES None		2nd Read: 02/02					SPONSORS: GOWAN
	Comments: 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.							
HB2602	tobacco; retail; licensing							SPONSORS: BLACKMAN
			2nd Read: 02/02					

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SB1402 tobacco; retail; licensing.
1st Read: 01/27

COM None

RULES None

Comments: 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.

SB1496 e-liquids; tobacco products; vapor products
1st Read: 02/01

COM None

RULES None

Comments: 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.

Running LPC/Board Bills
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HB2025	delinquent property tax; interest; waiver								SPONSORS: KAVANAGH
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1st Read: 01/12	2nd Read: 01/13
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WM 01/20 - DP 9-1-0-0-0-0	CON CAL - 01/25 Object: Yes
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RULES 01/25 - C&P 8-0-0-0-0-0	
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Maj Caucus: 01/26
 Min Caucus: 01/26

Comments: 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.

HB2053	superior court clerk; salary								SPONSORS: KAVANAGH
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1st Read: 01/12	2nd Read: 01/13
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JUD 01/27 - DPA/SE 9-1-0-0-0-0	
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APPROP None	
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RULES None	
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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.

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HB2057 land divisions; county regulation; surveys SPONSORS: GRIFFIN

1st Read: 01/12
LARA W/D
NREW 01/19 - DP
 6-4-0-0-0-0
RULES 01/25 - C&P
 8-0-0-0-0-0
 Maj Caucus: 01/26
 Min Caucus: 01/26

CON CAL - 01/25
 Object: Yes

2nd Read: 01/13

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.

HB2058 library; historic names; archeology; establishment SPONSORS: KAVANAGH

1st Read: 01/14
GE 01/20 - DP
 8-5-0-0-0-0
RULES None

2nd Read: 01/20

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.

HB2077 state lake improvement fund; appropriations SPONSORS: BIASIUCCI, COBB, et al

1st Read: 01/14
NREW 01/19 - DP
 10-0-0-0-0-0
APPROP 01/20 - DP
 13-0-0-0-0-0
RULES 01/25 - C&P
 8-0-0-0-0-0
 Maj Caucus: 01/26
 Min Caucus: 01/26

CON CAL - 01/25
 Object: No

2nd Read: 01/20
 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.

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.

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HB2138 ABOR; optional retirement programs SPONSORS: KAVANAGH

1st Read: 01/21 2nd Read: 01/25

GE None

RULES 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 appropriations; alternative prosecution; diversion programs. SPONSORS: PRATT

1st Read: 01/25 2nd Read: 01/26

JUD None

APPROP None

RULES None

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.

HB2164 coordinated reentry planning services programs SPONSORS: BLACKMAN

1st Read: 01/20 2nd Read: 01/21

CJR None

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.

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HB2306 right to redeem; lien sale

SPONSORS: KAVANAGH

1st Read: 01/26

2nd Read: 01/27

WM None

RULES None

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.

The Board voted to oppose this bill last year.

HB2307 voting equipment; overvote notice

SPONSORS: KAVANAGH

1st Read: 01/21

2nd Read: 01/25

GE 01/27 - DP
12-0-0-0-1-0

RULES None

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.

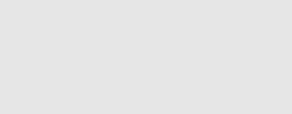
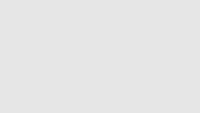
AACo voted to be neutral on the bill, the goal is to get a meeting with Senator Townsend to encourage her to adopt this language on her SB 1025. Staff recommends going neutral while we feel it is already something that is happening at polling places the language is workable. – passed out of committee 12-0

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.

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HB2310	municipalities; counties; law enforcement budgets						SPONSORS: ROBERTS, BARTON, et al	
					1st Read: 01/26		2nd Read: 01/27	
					MAPS None			
<p>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.</p>								
<p>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.</p>								
<p>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.</p>								
<p>This does not apply if a political subdivision reduces their overall budget by at least 10 percent over the previous year.</p>								

HB2331	property tax; mobile homes; delinquency						SPONSORS: GRIFFIN	
					1st Read: 01/21		2nd Read: 01/25	
					WM 01/27 - DP 10-0-0-0-0-0		CON CAL - 02/01 Object: No	
Maj Caucus: 02/02								
Min Caucus: 02/02								

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.

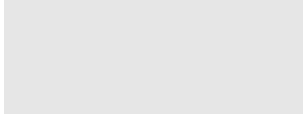
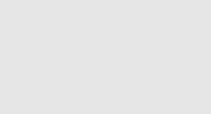
Summary: States that a mobile home (1) without a recorded affidavit of affixture, (2) that is not placed on the real property roll, and (3) that is used as the owner's primary residence, shall have the county treasurer secure payment of its owner's unpaid delinquent taxes by (a) selling tax liens on 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.

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HB2381	PSPRS; CORP; local boards; consolidation				SPONSORS: BLACKMAN			
					1st Read: 01/27	2nd Read: 01/28		
					GE None			

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

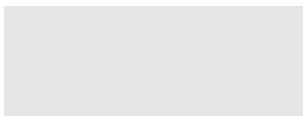
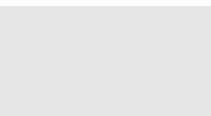
Summary: Makes a number of changes to the PSPRS and CORP statutes governing the local boards and disability claims process. Allows local boards to voluntarily consolidate through intergovernmental agreements. Gives the PSPRS Board of Trustees the authority to: audit local board and employer records, 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				SPONSORS: KAISER, BOLICK			
					1st Read: 01/27	2nd Read: 01/28		
					WM None			

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.

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				SPONSORS: CARROLL, WILMETH			
					1st Read: 01/26	2nd Read: 01/27		
					MAPS None			

Comments: 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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HB2570	licenses; pandemics; revocation prohibition				1st Read: 01/28 GE None RULES None		SPONSORS: HOFFMAN, BARTON, et al 2nd Read: 02/01	
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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.

SB1002	early voting envelopes; party affiliation 1st Read: 01/11 GOV 02/01 - DP 7-0-1-0-0-0 RULES None			2nd Read: 01/12			SPONSORS: UGENTI-RITA	
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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.

SB1010	recount requests; amount; bond; procedure 1st Read: 01/11 GOV 01/21 - DPA 5-3-0-0-0-0 RULES 02/01 - PFC			2nd Read: 01/12			SPONSORS: MESNARD	
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Rep Caucus: 02/02
Dem Caucus: 02/02

Comments: 2/21: 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.

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.

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SB1023	elections; county supervisors; ballots; markers 1st Read: 01/11 GOV None RULES None 2nd Read: 01/12				SPONSORS: TOWNSEND			
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.								
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.								
SB1025	elections; polls; override notification 1st Read: 01/11 GOV 01/21 - DP 4-3-1-0-0-0 RULES 02/01 - PFC CON CAL - 02/01 Object: Yes 2nd Read: 01/12				SPONSORS: TOWNSEND			
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 FIN 01/13 - DP 7-2-1-0-0-0 RULES 01/25 - PFC CON CAL - 01/25 Object: Yes 2nd Read: 01/12				SPONSORS: LIVINGSTON			
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 FIN 01/13 - DP 6-2-2-0-0-0 RULES 01/25 - PFC	CON CAL - 01/25 Object: Yes	2nd Read: 01/12					SPONSORS: LIVINGSTON
<p>Rep Caucus: 01/26 Dem Caucus: 01/26</p> <p>Comments: 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.</p> <p>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.</p>								

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

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SB1059	mental disorders; considerations; involuntary treatment 1st Read: 01/11 HHS 01/20 - DPA 8-0-0-0-0-0 RULES 01/25 - PFC Rep Caucus: 01/26 Dem Caucus: 01/26		2nd Read: 01/12					SPONSORS: BARTO
Comments: 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.								
Note: Identical language to the striker on HB 2316 last year and the LPC voted to oppose the bill.								
SB1068	elections manual; legislative council; GRRC 1st Read: 01/11 GOV 02/01 - DP 5-3-0-0-0-0 RULES None		2nd Read: 01/12					SPONSORS: UGENTI-RITA
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.								
SB1071	voting irregularities; report; legislative review 1st Read: 01/11 GOV None RULES None		2nd Read: 01/12					SPONSORS: TOWNSEND
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.								

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SB1074 local governments; audits; public meeting
 1st Read: 01/20
GOV None
RULES None
 2nd Read: 01/21
 SPONSORS: LIVINGSTON
 Comments: 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. This bill needs an amendment to clarify that BOS may vote to receive or acknowledge the receipt of the audit results, but not be required to "accept" the audit findings.

SB1083 elections; recount margin
 1st Read: 01/20
GOV 01/21 - DP
 5-3-0-0-0-0
RULES 02/01 - PFC
 CON CAL - 02/01
 Object: Yes
 2nd Read: 01/21
 SPONSORS: UGENTI-RITA
 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%.

SB1108 tax omnibus
 1st Read: 01/20
FIN None
RULES None
 2nd Read: 01/21
 SPONSORS: MESNARD
 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.

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 State Equalization Tax Rate to offset the tax class shift.
 - Increases the dependent tax credit by 20%.
 - Levies a tax on electric vehicles of \$130 per year and a tax on hybrid vehicles of \$52 per year.
 - For income tax purposes, allows 50% of net long-term capital gains to be reduced from a taxpayer's taxable income.
 - Increases the maximum Fire District Assistance Tax Rate from \$3.25 to \$3.50 over two years.
- The Board did not take a position on the previous version of this bill, run last year.

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SB1111	centrally assessed property; valuation; pipelines. 1st Read: 01/20 FIN 01/27 - DP 9-1-0-0-0-0 RULES 02/01 - PFC	CON CAL - 02/01 Object: No	2nd Read: 01/21					SPONSORS: MESNARD
Rep Caucus: 02/02 Dem Caucus: 02/02 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. 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.								
SB1128	library; archives; public records; museum 1st Read: 01/12 APPROP 01/19 - DP 5-4-1-0-0-0 RULES 01/25 - PFC	CON CAL - 01/25 Object: Yes 01/28 - RETAINED	2nd Read: 01/13					SPONSORS: GOWAN
Rep Caucus: 01/26 Dem Caucus: 01/26 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.								
SB1258	state of emergency; tolling; permits 1st Read: 01/21 COM None RULES None		2nd Read: 01/25					SPONSORS: MESNARD
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.								

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SB1260	property tax exemptions; statutory conformity 1st Read: 01/21 FIN None RULES None				SPONSORS: MESNARD 2nd Read: 01/25			
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.								

SB1377	civil liability; public health pandemic 1st Read: 01/26 JUD None RULES None				SPONSORS: LEACH, BARTO, et al 2nd Read: 01/27			
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. 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.								

SCR1019	constitutional property tax exemptions 1st Read: 01/21 FIN None RULES None				SPONSORS: MESNARD 2nd Read: 01/25			
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. 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.								