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**COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION
AND
ARIZONA COUNTIES RESEARCH FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AGENDA
February 20, 2025
(Conducted Via Teleconference and [Webinar](#))
1905 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona**

10:00 a.m. Call to Order / Prayer / Pledge ~ CSA President Lynne Pancrazi

- 1) Administrative Matters
 - ❖ Approval of the Minutes of the January 16, 2025, CSA Board of Directors Meeting (*previously distributed*)
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- 2) Impact of SRS Reauthorization on PILT Funding
 - ❖ [Consideration and Approval of PILT & SRS Congressional Delegation Letter](#)
- 3) CSA Legislative Update
- 4) Legislative Report
 - ❖ Legislative Bills for Possible Action
 - a. [SB 1097](#): elections; voting centers; polling places (*Hoffman*)
 - b. [SB 1407](#): property tax assessment; greenhouses (*Dunn*)
 - c. [SB 1455](#): election officials; oversight; candidates (*Farnsworth*)
 - d. [HB 2105 S/E](#): violation; open unlawful burning; enforcement (Griffin) - *includes waste tire reauthorization*
 - e. [HB 2389](#): business personal property; exemption (*Carter*)
 - f. [HB 2651](#): voting equipment; requirements; origin (*Montenegro*)
 - g. [HB 2689 S/E](#): cancer insurance; public safety; retirees (*Livingston*)
 - h. [HB 2774 S/E](#): small modular reactors; co-location (*Carbone*)
 - i. [SB 1148 S/E](#): CORP; defined contribution; membership election (*Payne*)
 - ❖ Additional Updates on Legislative Bills
- 5) Federal Update
 - ❖ Overview of Federal Funding at State and County Level
- 6) NACo Reports
 - ❖ National Association of Counties ~ CSA NACo Board Representative Rudy Molera, Santa Cruz County
 - ❖ Western Interstate Region ~ CSA WIR Board Representatives Woody Cline, Gila County, and Patrice Horstman, Coconino County
- 7) County Managers Association Report
- 8) County Caucus Reports
- 9) Other Business
 - ❖ Next Board Meeting: March 20, 2025
- 10) Adjourn

PLEASE POST NO LATER THAN 10:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY, February 19, 2025

Attendance may occur by teleconference or videoconference. The County Supervisors Association Board of Directors may vote to order an executive session for the purposes of discussion on any of the agenda items. A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1), (3), (4), and (5).



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 - i. **Summary:** Requires, on Election Days, that schools be closed, teachers and staff receive in-service training (*and cannot use leave*), and that schools (with gymnasiums) be used as polling places. Requires a Board to establish all precinct-based polling places before establishing a vote center. Requires any state, county, city, town or school district office to provide sufficient space, if requested, for a polling place.
 - b. [SB 1407](#): property tax assessment; greenhouses (*Dunn*)
 - i. **Summary:** The bill specifies that greenhouses “**SHALL BE VALUED AND ASSESSED AS AGRICULTURAL TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY**” if it is (a) composed of movable and detachable components, (b) can be reconstructed and reused after removal, and (c) is used for growing or processing vegetables, fruit, or citrus. Further, it specifies that a “**GREENHOUSE**” **INCLUDES** all property that creates a humidity-, irrigation-, temperature-, or contamination-controlled environment “**WITHOUT REGARD TO WHETHER THE PROPERTY IS ACTUALLY CONTAINED WITHIN THAT ENVIRONMENT OR WHETHER ANY OF THE PROPERTY IS AFFIXED TO OR INCORPORATED INTO REAL PROPERTY.**” It **DOES NOT** include administrative buildings or auxiliary storage buildings.
 - c. [SB 1455](#): election officials; oversight; candidates (*Farnsworth*)
 - i. **Summary:** Prohibits “a public officer or employee” whose duties include “any aspect of election administration or operations” from engaging in those duties if they are on the ballot for that election. Exempts precinct committeemen.
 - d. [HB 2105 S/E](#): violation; open unlawful burning; enforcement (*Griffin*)
 - i. **Summary:** A bill run by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. Among other items – largely, clarification of statute surrounding open burn - this bill extends the Waste Tire Fee Fund until FY 2028.
 - e. [HB 2389](#): business personal property; exemption (*Carter*)
 - i. **As amended in committee summary:** Eliminates personal property that is locally assessed from the property tax beginning in tax year 2026.
 - f. [HB 2651](#): voting equipment; requirements; origin (*Montenegro*)
 - i. **Summary:** Beginning January 1, 2029, prohibits the Secretary of State from certifying a “vote recording and vote tabulating machine or device” unless (a) all of the machine’s parts and components are sourced from the United States, and (b) all of the machine’s manufacturing and assembly is performed in the United States. Does not apply to machines acquired before January 1, 2028.

- g. [HB 2689 S/E](#): cancer insurance; public safety; retirees (*Livingston*)
 - i. **Strike everything amendment summary:** Allows for any retiree, regardless of prior cancer diagnosis, to continue eligibility in the PSPRS Cancer Insurance program. Currently, only retirees that have a prior cancer diagnosis are eligible after their covered period. Cover periods are a maximum of 8 years. The program's primary participants are active or recently retired members.
- h. [HB 2774 S/E](#): small modular reactors; co-location (*Carbone*)
 - i. **Summary:** Inserts into county zoning exemptions (§ 11-812) a carve-out for small modular nuclear reactors that are co-located with a large industrial energy user that has received all applicable zoning entitlements. Specifies **(a)** that a utility may replace an existing thermal electric generating unit with a small modular nuclear reactor without seeking a new certificate of environmental compatibility or needing a hearing, and **(b)** that a utility may construct a new small modular nuclear reactor without needing a certificate of environmental compatibility if it is co-located with a large industrial energy user
- i. [SB 1148 S/E](#): CORP; defined contribution; membership election (*Payne*)
 - i. **Summary:** The strike everything amendment to SB 1148 modifies future county detention officer defined contribution rates and increases required employer contributions into defined contribution accounts for county detention officers starting in FY 2027. Excludes all other CORP-eligible positions, including the State Department of Corrections.
 - ii. For new county detention officers (hired after July 1, 2026) requires the employee to contribute 7.5% of pay into defined contribution account. Previously, county detention officers' employee contribution defaulted to 7%, but could elect as low as 5%. Moving forward, county detention officers would be required to have higher DC contributions than corrections officers at the state.
 - iii. Employer contributions would increase based on the employee's years of service for all county detention officers hired after July 1, 2018. The current employer contribution rate is 5%.
Proposed rates:
 Less than 3 years of service – 10%
 3 to 9 – 17.5%
 10 to 14 – 20%
 15 or more – 22.5%

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