



**COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION
LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**
(Teleconference/Web Conference Made Available)
County Supervisors Association
1905 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona
MINUTES
March 7, 2025

Call to Order: Lynne Pancrazi 8:32 a.m.

Present Telephonically/Webinar:

Alton Joe Shepherd	Apache County
Frank Antenori	Cochise County
Patrice Horstman	Coconino County
Steve Christensen	Gila County
Paul David	Graham County
Will Wearne	Greenlee County
Duce Minor	La Paz County
Kate Brophy McGee	Maricopa County
Sonny Borrelli	Mohave County
Daryl Seymore	Navajo County
Rex Scott	Pima County
Rudy Molera	Santa Cruz County
Mary Mallory	Yavapai County
Lynne Pancrazi	Yuma County
Absent: Stephen Miller	Pinal County

Others present telephonically: Lena Fowler, Sam Elters, Dustin Welker, Sharon Gilman, Alejandro Figueroa, Chris Keller, Rochelle Lacapa, Michael Racy, Tami Ryall, Danny De Hoog, Blake Tonn, Tristan Wullfson, Keith Brekhus, Luke Mournian, Marlyn Van Keuren, Cynthia Gentle, Connie DeKemper, Lexi Davies, Wiame Nazir, Katy Dunn, Craig Sullivan, Penny Adams, Vanessa Fielder, Kaytlin King, Jacob Emmett, Brandon Nee, Yvonne Ortega, Tracy Alt

President Lynne Pancrazi welcomed everyone. Penny Adams called roll and a quorum was present.

CSA Legislative Agenda

Adopted Budget Priorities and Adopted Policy Priorities. Craig Sullivan thanked those who attended the NACo Legislative Conference and hill visits. He reported last week was crossover week at the legislature and this week saw bills being heard in committee in the opposite chamber. He noted there will be three more weeks to hear bills in the opposite chamber, with strikers most likely to pop up.

Craig remarked that the team was doing a great job on our policy priorities. He provided an update on a few of the bills. He noted that Senator Hoffman had not wanted to hear CSA's bill (SB 1217) and advanced his own bill, causing SB 1217 to die in the Senate. He stated CSA is having conversations on the new bill. Craig noted the Governor's office had reached out to discuss an amendment that was put on SB 1604 and CSA will be scheduling that meeting.

Craig referred to a letter President Pancrazi sent this week to legislators highlighting how counties are administrative arms of the state and referred to proposed state policies currently before the legislature that would reduce revenues and increase costs at the county level, along with a graphic showing state revenues performing significantly more robustly than county revenues. He also noted he and President Pancrazi met with the House Majority Leader this week. Discussion occurred. Craig stated the letter will be included in the LPC report this week.

Legislative Bills for Discussion and Possible Action

1) Bills for POSSIBLE ACTION

- a) **HB 2722**: public resources; expenditures; prohibition. Jacob Emnett presented HB 2722 and noted concerns included limiting county investment in economic development projects. He also noted the League of Arizona Cities and Towns and some other agencies have concerns with the bill. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Steve Christensen moved to oppose HB 2722. Supervisor Rex Scott seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- b) **SB 1593**: municipal; county; measures; standing. Kaytlin King presented SB 1593 and noted the county civil deputies had expressed concerns. Discussion occurred. Jacob reported the bill passed out of the Senate on party lines two days ago. Kaytlin reported the bill will be brought back at a later date once more feedback is received.

2) Bills for UPDATES

Jacob provided updates on a few bills.

HB 2928 accessory dwelling units; requirements. Jacob explained the amendments to the bill. He noted a stakeholder meeting was convened a few weeks ago. Jacob reported CSA was asked to support the bill, but he had explained why CSA could not support the bill, but could move to a neutral position, which was done. He said county planning and zoning personnel were updated on the neutral change and the reasons why.

HB 2927 public meetings; records; requirements; penalties. Jacob noted the bill is being run by Representative Carbone and the Goldwater Institute. He presented the changes in HB 2927 and SB 1243 open meetings; call to the public. Discussion occurred. Jacob reported SB 1243 is going through on party lines and HB 2927 had one no vote in committee and two members voted present. He noted CSA currently opposes both bills, but the Goldwater Institute has requested CSA move to neutral on HB 2927.

HB 2774 s/e: small modular reactors; co-location. Jacob reported CSA participated in stakeholder conversations with the bill sponsor and a possible amendment may be forthcoming to carve out county planning and zoning. Discussion occurred.

HB 2191 religious institutions; development; allowed use. Jacob reported CSA had opposed the bill in committee and CSA had received feedback from county planning and zoning. He noted an amendment recently occurred by the League and he will route that to the counties to see if the amendments make the bill better or to see if CSA should continue to oppose the bill. Discussion occurred.

SB 1145 s/e: special districts; construction; payments. Jacob reported the strike everything focuses on revitalization districts, rather than community facilities districts, which essentially removed counties out of the bill and focuses on cities.

Jacob reported on the following bills that have died: SB 1288 was not heard in Senate Appropriations; SB 1257 was not heard in Senate Government; and HB 2926 was struck in House Appropriations and is now regarding AHCCCS eligibility.

Other Legislative Issues

None.

Next Meeting Date and Time

President Lynne Pancrazi noted the next LPC meeting will be held on March 14 at 8:30 a.m.

Other Business and Adjournment

There being no further business, President Lynne Pancrazi adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.