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Dear Supervisors and Managers,

Since there was no LPC Meeting today, we wanted to make sure you all were "in the loop" regarding some of the legislation we're following:

[HB 2827 administrative procedures; counties; districts](#) (Ugenti). This measure advanced out of the majority Senate caucus this week, was calendared and then retained on the COW calendar. Draft amendments (and rumors of amendments) were discussed in back hallways but no viable language emerged until late in the week. We're invited to a stakeholder meeting next week.

[HB 2815 employment incentives; regulatory tax credit](#) (Mesnard) introduces a new tax credit for individuals and businesses when regulations are decided to have been "excessive." The measure was not heard in Senate Rules this week, as I would have expected – if the legislature is expected to hold to a one-hundred day session. Although discussion with legislative staff indicate a desire to limit the provisions that members find cumbersome, draft amendment language has not been made available to stakeholders.

[HB 2729 state regulation of firearms](#) (Gowan) passed out of the Senate Committee of the Whole this week. It is expected to be put on a Third Read calendar shortly and CSA sent out a call to action to contact your state senators in opposition to this measure. This legislation would require that if an individual with a firearm is prohibited from entering a public building or public event, the facility must have ALL of the following in place:

- Posted signs saying guns are not allowed
- Armed guards or police officers at entrances during ALL operating hours
- Metal detectors and lockers for storing firearms.

This legislation does not have an appropriation, forcing the cost of securing facilities that are currently gun-free zones or updating existing security onto the operators of those public buildings or public events. The measure is available to be voted on in the Senate but it's successful passage is not a certainty.

[SB 1302 \(s/e: post wildfire flood control\)](#) (Antenori/Gowan) was inadvertently placed on a House COW Calendar, but the sponsor retained the measure and it is not expected to progress this year. The measure mandated county flood mitigation on private property in perpetuity.

[HB 2826 consolidated election dates; political subdivisions](#) (Ugenti) was defeated in the Senate this week (11-17-2). The following day the measure was moved to be reconsidered. The President of the Senate decides when the reconsideration will occur. The measure required that elections be held in even numbered years, except for special elections. CSA and AACo opposed the measure as an additional and unnecessary costs on the counties.

Courts & Jurisdiction Limits

- [SB 1310 small claims division; jurisdiction; limits](#) (Antenori) **was vetoed by the Governor this week**. The bill increases the jurisdictional limit for civil actions in small claims court from \$2,500 to \$5,000. **In her veto message, the Governor indicated that the doubling of the amount was contrary to the very purpose of the small claims court – the ability to “resolve claims with a lower value at a reduced cost.”**
- [SB 1311 civil actions; justice courts; jurisdiction](#) (Antenori) passed out of the House on a Third Read (35-25) and was transmitted back to the Senate for a Final Read. The House amendments link the consumer price index to the jurisdictional limits over civil action in two year increments.
- [SCR 1032 justice courts; civil actions; jurisdiction](#) (Antenori) did not get a hearing in House Rules Committee, where it’s been eligible for a hearing since mid-March.

CSA’s Legislative Agenda

- [HB 2360 flood control districts; immunity](#) (Fann) provides limited immunity for county flood control districts to permit them to bring in federal dollars for flood mitigation The measure passed out of the Senate (23-6-1) and House Final Read (34-25-1) this week and is being transmitted to the Governor for her consideration.
- [HB 2389 lease of county property; requirements](#) (Pratt) permits counties to utilize established comparable sales data in lieu of commercial appraisals for parcels valued at less than \$5,000. The measure is awaiting a Third Read in the Senate and, since it has not been amended, will not be Final Read in the House.
- [HB 2495 counties; purchasers; local dealers](#) (Jones) permits counties (in limited instances) to give local preference to local county businesses, or businesses with a significant presence in the state and the county. This bill was amended in Senate COW and is awaiting a Senate Third Read and then a House Final Read. After discussions with staff, the measure is expected to move early next week.
- [HB 2651 road enhancement improvement districts](#) (Burgess) The measure was signed last week. (Ch 104, Laws 2012)
- [HB 2658 flood control authority; relinquishment; districts](#) (Pratt) The bill passed out of the Senate (19-10-1) and House Final Read (49-10-1) this week and is being transmitted to the Governor for her consideration.
- [SB 1295 flood control districts; construction projects](#) (Nelson) After late opposition by the AGC, the sponsor is interested in stakeholder meetings outlining instances where rural Arizona is unable to find adequate bids to fulfill these types of projects. The bill has not been heard in House Rules Committee and it is increasingly likely that the measure is dead for the year.

Best Regards and Happy Easter,

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