

CSA Legislative Agenda

Bill Number/Folder Number	Short Title	Prime Sponsor	Summary	Status	LPC Comments
HB 2020	electronic notice; hearings; ordinances	<i>Stevens</i>	Allow counties to modernize posting requirements for publishing adopted planning and zoning items. In lieu of posting the full text of a county ordinance in a newspaper of general circulation, a county may post the ordinance's title, as well as a short statement of the ordinance's content, and list where the text of the ordinance is posted on a county website.	Referred to Government & Higher Education	1/15 - Stakeholders have raised concerns about this issue, CSA staff will seek direction from full board at meeting. <u>1/21 - CSA Board voted to table this proposal for this year.</u>
HB 2021	codes; adoption by reference; copies	<i>Stevens</i>	Replace the requirement that three paper copies of a county's building codes be kept in the clerk of the board's office for inspection with the stipulation that a county keep three paper copies, or one paper copy and make available an electronic copy of its codes. Currently, municipalities have this authority.	Passed House 56-0, ready for Senate	1/15, 1/21, 1/29 - No discussion.
HB 2037	county liens; abatements	<i>Borrelli</i>	Amend A.R.S. § 42-18204 to preserve a county's nuisance abatement liens and dangerous property abatement liens from extinguishing on the foreclosure of a property due to non-payment of property taxes from investors or other parties, unless the county board of supervisors votes to waive the lien on the property.		1/15, 1/21 - No discussion. 1/29 - Title companies are seeking an amendment to require a specified time period for the board to waive the lien.
HB 2045	DHS; primitive camping areas; rules	<i>Finchem</i>	Add a definition, in rule, of "primitive camp and picnic grounds" to allow local health departments to exempt primitive camp and picnic grounds from water and sewer regulations established by the Arizona Department of Health Services.	Held in COW, awaiting amendment.	1/15, 1/21, 1/29 - No discussion.
HB 2368	contributions; hospitalization; medical; repeal	<i>Thorpe</i>	Eliminate the county Disproportionate Uncompensated Care (DUC) payments to the state.	Referred to House Appropriations	1/15 - Staff gave an update on the status of the bill. 1/21, 1/29 - No discussion.

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HB 2373	regional transportation authority; membership;	Shope	Amend statute to clarify that membership of a Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) consists of only members and a director from areas and municipalities located within the county establishing the RTA.	Passed House COW amended; awaiting 3rd Reading	1/15, 1/21, 1/29 - No discussion.
HB 2430	counties; free library system	Stevens	Allows the board of supervisors (BOS) to use county General Fund monies for a county free library system.	Passed House Government & Higher Education 9-0, awaiting Rules.	
HB 2499	truth in taxation; detailed notice	Barton	Add options to the Truth in Taxation (TNT) statutory notice requirements to more completely explain to the citizens any changes in property taxes and to more accurately reflect and describe what effects of any changes to the tax rate and/or Net Assessed Value (NAV) will have on a residential property.	Referred to House Ways & Means	1/15, 1/21, 1/29 - No discussion.
HB 2512	pension contributions; expenditure limit exemption	Coleman	Exclude any excess payments local governments make to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) from the county expenditure limit under Article IX, § 20 of the Arizona Constitution.	Passed House Government & Higher Education 6-1-2, awaiting Rules.	1/15 - Language will not be included in Lesko PSPRS legislation due to constitutional concerns. Rep. Coleman will sponsor. 1/21,
HB 2525	counties; annual audits	Thorpe	Grant counties the same authority as cities to have the option of hiring an outside audit firm to complete the county audit and submit it to the Office of the Auditor General (OAG).	Referred to House County & Municipal Affairs	1/15 - Concerns raised about the language, we will continue to work with the county and stakeholders. 1/21 - No discussion. 1/29 Sponsoring county confirmed decision to table proposal.
HB 2564	appropriation; indigent defense fund	Cobb	Allocate \$1.8 million to impacted counties to assist with providing mandated attorney services for indigent defendants in juvenile dependency matters, due to recent increases in costs associated with these cases as a result of the overhaul of the child protective services system in Arizona.	Referred to House Judiciary & House Appropriations.	1/15, 1/21, 1/29 - No discussion.

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SB 1198	public libraries operation; third party contracts	<i>Griffin</i>	Allow counties, without an established library district, to expend general fund monies on library services at established county libraries in unincorporated areas, and to enter into various intergovernmental agreements (IGAs) or contracts to provide library services without the requirement that those IGAs and contracts be with an incorporated city or town.	Passed Senate 30-0, ready for House.	1/15, 1/21, 1/29 - No discussion. 2/5 - Discussion of possible striker amendment to another bill to allow counties to expend GF on library services.
SB 1250	intergovernmental public transportation authority; taxation	<i>Shooter</i>	Grant an intergovernmental public transportation authority (IPTA), which has the same boundaries as the county in which it resides, the same authority as a regional transportation authority (RTA) to levy a one-half cent transportation excise tax if approved by the voters. This tax may only be levied under either an IPTA or RTA but not both.	Passed Senate Transportation 7-0-1, awaiting Rules	1/15, 1/21, 1/29 - No discussion.
SB 1308	juvenile charged as adult; detention	<i>Griffin</i>	Clarify that judges have the option to detain pre-trial youth, transferred to adult court, in juvenile detention centers instead of county jails.	Passed Senate Public Safety, Military & Technology 6-0-0, Passed Senate Judiciary 7-0	1/15, 1/21, 1/29 - No discussion.
SB 1316	board of trustees; disincorporation; repeal	<i>Kavanagh</i>	Eliminate Title 9, Chapter 2, Article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes, which provides for the disincorporation and reincorporation of a municipality. Provisions of this section have been found unconstitutional.	Passed Senate Government 7-0	1/15, 1/21, 1/29 - No discussion.
TBD	expenditure limit exclusion of RICO funds	<i>TBD</i>	Exclude all Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) expenditures from the county expenditure limit under Article IX §20 of the Arizona Constitution.		1/15, 1/21, 1/29 - No discussion.
TBD	supermajority to levy county excise taxes	<i>TBD</i>	Change the existing general fund one-half cent sales tax authority to allow a five-member board to levy the tax with a super-majority vote, rather than a unanimous vote.—		1/29 Sponsoring county confirmed decision to table this proposal.

Ongoing Bill List: All LPC Bills

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HB 2001	unlawful distribution of private images	Mesnard	Makes changes to current law regarding the unlawful distribution of private images. The bill would make it unlawful for a person to intentionally disclose an image of another person who is identifiable from the image or information displayed in connection with the image if certain conditions apply. Includes an emergency clause.	Passed House 58-0; ready for Senate action	1/15 - LPC took a position to support the proposed legislation. This proposed legislation is the same issue we supported in 2015.
HB 2005	tax abatement; no parcel number	Finchem	The list of circumstances for abating a tax a removing a lien is expanded to include failure by the county assessor to assign a valid property tax parcel identification number.	Held in House Ways & Means	2/5 -Members discussed purpose behind bill and liability concerns, no action was taken. 2/12 - Informational purposes, bill no longer moving.
HB 2010	collection; voted early ballots; limitation	Kern	A person who knowingly collects more than two voted or unvoted early ballots during any two year cycle is guilty of a class 6 felony. Does not apply to a family member, household member or caregiver of the voter or to a candidate or a candidates spouse. Similar to SB1339 sponsored by Senator Shooter in 2015.	Held in House Elections	1/15 - Informational purposes, no action was taken.
HB 2015	publicity pamphlets; counties; municipalities	Stevens	For initiative and referendum elections, the officer in charge of elections is prohibited from mailing early ballots until at least one day after the last day on which publicity pamphlets are mailed. Includes a penalty of \$1 per household with a registered voter for each day of mailing that occurs on or after the earliest date for receipt of requested early ballots.	Passed House 58-0; ready for Senate action	1/15 - Informational purposes, no action was taken.
HB 2023	delivery; early ballots; limitation	Ugenti-Rita	A person who knowingly collects voted or unvoted early ballots from another person is guilty of a class 6 felony. Any person who is allowed by law to transmit U.S. mail is deemed not to have collected an early ballot while engaged in official duties. Does not apply to a "family member," "household member" or "caregiver" of the voter.	Passed House 34-23; ready for Senate action	1/15 - Informational purposes, no action was taken.
HB 2024	sovereign authority; federal actions	Finchem	The state of Arizona and all political subdivisions are prohibited from using any personnel or financial resources to enforce, administer or cooperate with an executive order issued by the President of the U.S., a policy directive issued by an agency of the U.S., or an opinion of the U.S. Supreme Court that is not in pursuance of the U.S. Constitution and that has not been affirmed by a vote of the U.S. Congress and signed into law as prescribed by the U.S. Constitution.	House Federalism & States Rights 2.17.16	1/15 - Informational purposes, no action was taken.
HB 2025	utilities TPT; sales of propane	Mitchell	The list of deductions from the tax base for the utilities classification of transaction privilege and use taxes is expanded to include gross proceeds of sales or gross income derived from sales of propane to a business that is principally engaged in manufacturing or smelting operations and that uses at least 51 percent of the propane in the manufacturing or smelting operations.	Passed House COW amended; awaiting 3rd Reading	1/15 - Informational purposes, no action was taken.
HB 2028	taxes; payment; condemned property	Mitchell	If a municipality, county, school, community college, special taxing district, the state or any agency or instrumentality of the state acquires real or personal property by condemnation, they're not required to pay unpaid taxes, penalties and interest in an amount that exceeds the fair market value of the property interest acquired.	House Ways & Means Held	1/21 - No discussion.

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HB 2040	county boundary change; study committee	Finchem	This bill would establish a joint committee on county boundary changes, to study the feasibility of changing county boundaries, including the fiscal and related impacts of county boundary changes.	House County & Municipal Affairs Held	1/15 - Some LPC members raised concerns.
HB 2051	catastrophic public nuisance; determination; abatement	Ugenti-Rita	The mayor of a municipality may determine that a "catastrophic public nuisance" exists on state or federal land within the municipal borders, and the chairman of the county board of supervisors or the county sheriff may determine that a catastrophic public nuisance exists.	House County & Municipal Affairs 2.15.16	1/15 - Informational purposes, no action was taken. 2/5 - Members expressed concerns regarding the role of the chair of the BOS or county sheriff. LPC took a position to oppose.
HB 2107	substance abuse recovery homes	Campbell	Municipalities and counties are authorized to adopt by ordinance health and safety standards and enforcement mechanisms for "structured sober living homes" (defined), which must include a list of specified provisions, including mandatory registration, supervision requirements, and qualifications of the house manager.	Passed House County & Municipal Affairs 5-3-0 amended; Passed Rules; Awaiting Floor Action	1/15 - Informational purposes, no action was taken.
HB 2130	municipalities; counties; energy use report	Petersen	Counties and municipalities are no longer prohibited from imposing a tax, fee, assessment, charge or return deposit on a consumer or an owner, operator or tenant of a business, commercial building or multifamily housing property for "auxiliary containers" (defined as reusable bags, boxes, and other recyclable containers). Counties and municipalities are no longer prohibited from regulating the sale, use or disposition of auxiliary containers by an owner, operator or tenant of a business, commercial building or multifamily housing property.	Passed House 35-24; ready for Senate action	2/5 - Informational purposes, no action was taken.
HB 2131	municipalities; counties; auxiliary containers; prohibitions	Petersen	Counties and municipalities are no longer prohibited from requiring an owner, operator or tenant of a business, commercial building or multifamily housing property to measure and report energy usage and consumption, including energy consumption benchmarking and building facility energy efficiency audits.	Passed House 35-24; ready for Senate action	2/5 - Informational purposes, no action was taken.
HB 2133	TPT exemption; aerial applicators	Shope	The list of deductions from the tax base for the retail classification of transaction privilege taxes and use taxes is expanded to include the gross proceeds of sales or gross income derived from sales of "agricultural aircraft," defined as an aircraft built for agricultural use for the aerial application of pesticides or fertilizer or for aerial seeding, retroactive to taxable periods beginning April 18, 1985.	Passed House Rural & Economic Development, on Consent.	2/12 - Informational purposes, no action was taken.
HB 2156	legislative vacancies; appointments	Friese	The county board of supervisors is required to appoint a person to fill a legislative vacancy within five business days after receiving the list of names submitted by the precinct committeemen.	Passed House Elections 6-0, awaiting Rules.	2/12 - Information only, discussion on 5-day time frame already applies to legislative districts w/fewer than 30 elected PCs, no action taken.
HB 2157	ASRS; political subdivision entities	Ugenti-Rita	Employees of "political subdivision entities" who are hired on or after the effective date of this legislation are excluded from membership in the Arizona State Retirement System.	Passed House COW; awaiting 3rd Reading	1/29 - LPC moved to oppose bill.
HB 2185	property tax; hotels and motels	Mitchell	Real and personal property and improvements that are used primarily for operating a hotel, motel, campground or similar lodging facility for transient occupancy of guests who rent lodging space on a temporary basis for fewer than 30 consecutive days is classified as class 6 property for property tax purposes.	Referred to House Ways & Means	1/21 - No discussion., 1/29 LPC moved to oppose bill due to its impact on the county and county taxpayers
HB 2198	fire districts; vacancies; board operations	Coleman	If a vacancy occurs on a fire district board, a quorum of the remaining board members is required in order to fill the vacancy by appointment of an interim member. If the board lacks sufficient members to constitute a quorum, the board of supervisors is required to appoint an administrator to administer the district and serve until the board members take office after the next general election or until a special election is called to fill vacancies on the board.	Passed House Military Affairs & Public Safety Amended 8-0, awaiting Rules.	2/5 - Members discussed concerns regarding appointing a single person, no action was taken.

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HB 2267	prime contracting classification; repeal	Cobb	Eliminates the prime contracting transaction privilege tax classification and replaces it with the manufactured building dealer classification for selling manufactured buildings. Eliminates many of the deductions from the tax base.	Referred to House Ways & Means	1/21 - No discussion., 1/29 - Informational purposes, no action was taken. 2/5 Informational purposes, no action was taken. 2/12 - Informational purposes, will bring back to BOS meeting next week.
HB 2287	presiding constable; selection; duties	Bowers	In each county in which there are four or more constables, the constables shall select by majority vote one constable to serve as the presiding constable. Establishes duties of the presiding constable, which include serving as the liaison between the constables and the county manager, assigning and managing clerical staff for constables, and assigning deputy constables.	Passed House Military Affairs & Public Safety amended 7-1, Rules 2.15.16.	1/29 - Informational purposes; no action was taken; however, there are concerns regarding potential costs
HB 2288	constables; duties; training; discipline	Bowers	Various changes to statutes relating to constables. The Constable Ethics Standards and Training Board is authorized to suspend a constable from performing his/her duties, with or without pay. If the Board determines that a constable has committed a criminal act, the Board must refer the investigation to the county attorney's office. A constable may seek judicial review of a final order suspending the constable in the superior court.	House Military Affairs & Public Safety, amended 7-0-1, Passed Rules; awaiting floor action	1/29 - Informational purposes; no action was taken; however, there are concerns regarding an expansion of power
HB 2326	agricultural feed; sales; tax exemption	Pratt	Extends transaction privilege, use and municipal tax exemptions to include sales of livestock and poultry feed and other items to anyone who feeds their own livestock or board livestock noncommercially.	Passed House Agriculture & Water 9-0-1, awaiting Rules.	2/12 - Informational purposes, no action was taken.
HB 2339	constables; duties; training; discipline	Mitchell	Repeals statute establishing the powers and duties of constables and the Constable Ethics Standards and Training Board. References to constables throughout statute are deleted and in some cases replaced with the county sheriff. All unexpended and unencumbered monies remaining in the Board Fund are transferred to the general fund on the effective date of this legislation.	Referred to House Military Affairs & Public Safety	1/29 - Informational purposes; however, members expressed support for the idea of local control and allowing counties to determine how to utilize the services provided by constables; CSA will monitor issue for now
HB 2350	occupational disease; post-traumatic stress disorder	Finchem	For the purposes of workers' compensation regulations, the definition of "personal injury by accident arising out of and in the course of employment" is expanded to include "post-traumatic stress disorder" (defined) that is due to causes and conditions characteristic of and peculiar to a particular trade, occupation, process or employment.	Referred to House Military Affairs & Public Safety	1/21 - Concerns raised regarding the broad definition of PTSD. CSA will work w/ACIP.
HB 2367/ SB 1402	class six property; higher education	Thorpe/ Yarbro	The list of property classified as class six for property tax purposes is expanded to include real and personal property and improvements that are used as an institution of higher education that offers baccalaureate and/or postbaccalaureate degree programs and that is accredited by a regional or national accreditation agency.	Referred to House Ways & Means/ Passed Senate Finance 3-2	1/21 - No discussion. 1/29 - Members expressed concerns over the impact on counties and taxpayers; more information requested. 2/12 - LPC took a position of opposition on SB 1402 as HB 2367 is no longer moving.
HB 2369	forfeiture; criminal conviction; procedures; remedies	Thorpe	Makes changes to laws relating to forfeiture proceedings, including establishing a list of property that the court is authorized to order a person, who has been convicted of a criminal offense, to forfeit. The Arizona Criminal Justice Commission is required to establish and maintain a searchable public website. The list of proceedings at which a public defender must defend and counsel any person entitled to counsel who is not financially able to employ counsel is expanded to include forfeiture proceedings. Establishes a list of prohibited uses of monies in the Anti-Racketeering Revolving Fund and each	Referred to House Judiciary	1/29 - Informational purposes; no action was taken

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HB 2402	bonds; disclosure; notice	Leach	Specifies information that must be included in county and municipal bond election pamphlets and ballots.	Passed House Ways & Means, Passed Rules, retained on COW.	2/12 - Information only, circulated to managers, no action taken.
HB 2403	tax lien deeds; aggregate fees	Leach	The maximum aggregate fee the county treasurer may require to execute and deliver a deed for any judgment foreclosing the right to redeem ten or more individual parcels is \$500. Applies to any judgment entered before the effective date of this legislation for which a treasurer's deed has not been applied or issued.	Passed House Government & Higher Education 6-2; awaiting rules	1/21 - No discussion. 2/5 - Members discussed concerns, including the \$500 figure being too low, possible replacement with allowing counties to adjust fees when necessary, LPC authorized CSA staff to participate with Rep. Leach & Rep. Thorpe in stakeholder process.
HB 2439	property tax valuation	Petersen	For property tax purposes, the definition of "assessed valuation" is modified to mean the value derived by applying the applicable percentage to the limited property value of the property, instead of to the full cash value or limited property value, as applicable.	House Ways & Means 2.15.16	2/12 - Information shared, AACo opposed bill, LPC took a position of opposition.
HB 2474	county floodplain regulations; mobile homes	Ackerley	Seeks to alter county flood control district board regulations for mobile homes installed to replace homes located in a floodplain, since August 3, 1984, in a town with fewer than 5,000 persons in a county with a population of fewer than 50,000 persons. It decreases the elevation requirement from regulatory flood to base flood elevation. Allows the governing body of a city or town, by majority vote, to exempt the town from this statute.	Referred to House Energy, Environment & Natural Resources	1/21 - No discussion.
HB 2481	schools; primary property tax rates	Olson	The school district primary property tax levy is required to be a rate equal to the qualifying tax rate prescribed by statute, or a rate that equals the school district support level subtracted by any amount received for Title 8 funding for children with disabilities per \$100 of assessed valuation used for primary property taxes, whichever is less. At the time of levying school district taxes, the county board of supervisors is required to annually validate any additional primary school district tax levy amount requests from each school district and levy an amount determined by a specified calculation.	Passed House COW amended; awaiting 3rd Read	2/12 - Information only, discussion on floor amendment requiring county school superintendent and county BOS to approve levy, no action taken.
HB 2483	municipal population estimates; use	Olson	An emergency measure that allows counties and municipalities to submit an updated population estimate after a federal decennial census (census) for certain revenue distributions.	Passed House Appropriations 12-0-2; Rules 2.15.16.	2/5 - Informational purposes, no action was taken.
HB 2495	sporting event tax revenue; tourism	Livingston	The State Treasurer is required to pay from the transaction privilege tax distribution base a specified amount to the Office of Tourism for the sole benefit of the "host facility" of a "special sporting event" where the cost of the event is at least \$50 million. Amount to be paid is \$1 million to \$2 million, based on the total amount spent by the owner of the host facility on the special sporting event. Office is required to use the monies for the promotion and marketing of the special sporting event and its host facility.	Passed House Transportation and Infrastructure 9-0	2/5 - Informational purposes, no action was taken.
HB 2517	business professionals; regulation restrictions	Petersen	Creates the <i>Right to Earn a Living Act</i> that requires municipalities, counties and agencies to limit entry regulations (regulations) and <i>public service restrictions</i> (restrictions) that apply to businesses and professions as necessary to ensure the public health, safety and welfare.	Passed House COW amended; awaiting 3rd Reading	2/5 - Informational purposes, no action was taken. 2/12 - LPC took a position of opposition.
HB 2533	charter aircraft; tax exemption	Shope	Exempts specified sales of aircraft and aircraft equipment from Transaction Privilege Tax (TPT) and use tax.	Passed House COW; awaiting 3rd Read	2/12 - Informational purposes, no action was taken.

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HB 2570	local government bonds; ballot statement	J. Allen	At an election for school district, municipal, county or special taxing district bonds, the ballot must include a statement that the issuance of the bonds will result in a property tax increase to pay debt service on the bonds, and that the increased tax will cost a specified amount annually for a home valued at the median full cash value of residential property in the appropriate jurisdiction.	Passed House Ways & Means 8-0; Rules 2.15.16	2/5 - Informational purposes, no action was taken.
HB 2651	floodplain regulation; aggregate extraction	Ugenti-Rita	County flood control districts are prohibited from adopting or enforcing a regulation that restricts or limits the extraction of aggregate for the sole reason that the extraction may cause erosion to or aggravate existing flood-related erosion on property that is adjacent to or near the property on which the extraction is occurring.	Referred to House Energy, Environment & Natural Resources Passed House	2/12 - Information only, no action taken.
HCR 2031	personal property tax; exemption	Mesnard	The 2016 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to prohibit the Legislature from levying a tax on the first \$2.4 million of full cash value of personal property that is initially acquired during or after tax year 2016 and that is used for agricultural purposes or in trade or business. The Legislature is permitted to provide by law for increasing \$2.4 million exempt amount.	Government & Higher Education 6-3, Passed House Appropriations 9-5; awaiting rules	2/12 - LPC took a position of opposition.
SB 1004	garden produce; regulatory exemption	Farnsworth	The list of food that must be exempt from Arizona Department of Health rules is expanded to include: whole fruit or vegetable grown in a home garden, public school garden, food establishment garden or community garden; a whole fruit or vegetable offered for commercial or noncommercial purposes at a farmers' market; and commercially prepackaged food that is offered at a public or private school facility.	Passed Senate Government 7-0; awaiting rules	1/15 - Informational purposes, no action was taken.
SB 1047	county attorney; powers and duties	Kavanagh	The county attorney is permitted to provide civil legal services to another county or other political subdivision or an officer, employee or agency of a political subdivision at the request of that county's or political subdivision's elected or appointed general counsel.	Passed Senate 29-0; ready for House action	1/15 - LPC took a position to monitor. CSA Staff will present additional information at future LPC. 1/29 - LPC moved to support the bill
SB 1050	food producers; prohibited ordinances	Farnsworth	Producers of food products in residential and community gardens cannot be denied or restricted the right to sell and dispose of their products except as already provided in statute for owners, proprietors and tenants of agricultural lands, orchards, farms and gardens.	Referred to Senate Government	1/15 - Informational purposes, no action was taken.
SB 1102	guardians; duties; access to ward	Barto	A guardian is required to make good faith efforts to maintain the ward's historical relationships as evidenced by past patterns and practices and ensure that the ward has reasonable access to family and friends. A guardian is required to notify specified family members of an adult ward if the ward is admitted to a hospital for more than 3 days or if the ward dies.	Referred to Senate Judiciary	2/5 - Informational purposes, no action was taken.
SB 1189	department of forestry	Griffin	Establishes the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management to provide resources for land management and the prevention and suppression of wildland fires on state land and private property located outside of municipalities. The State Forester is responsible for the direction, operation and control of the Dept, and the powers and duties of the State Forester are expanded to reflect those responsibilities. The Dept terminates on July 1, 2024.	Passed Senate 30-0; ready for House action	1/29 - Informational purposes; no action was taken; CSA will send background information on creation of new department to members.
SB 1257	misconduct involving weapons; public places	Kavanagh	A person who possesses a valid concealed weapons permit is exempt from the prohibition on carrying a concealed weapon in a public establishment other than a vehicle or craft or at a public event. Some exceptions, including for public establishments or events that are a "secured facility" (defined), that are the licensed premises of a liquor licensee, or that are an educational institution.	Passed Senate Government 4-3, passed Rules; awaiting floor action	1/29 - Informational purposes; no action was taken. 2/5 - Staff shared county feedback, no action was taken. 2/12 - Additional county information shared, will bring to full board for discussion.

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SB 1263	county seal; use violation	<i>McGuire</i>	The county board of supervisors is no longer required to issue a cease and desist order to any person who is in violation of regulations on the use of the county seal. A person who knowingly violates these regulations, instead of a person who fails to comply with the cease and desist order, is guilty of a class 3 (lowest) misdemeanor.	Passed Senate Government 7-0-0, passed Rules; awaiting floor action	2/5 - Informational purposes, no action was taken.
SB 1268	adequate water supply requirements; municipalities	<i>Griffin</i>	ADWR is no longer required to give written notice of county adequate water supply ordinances to the mayors of all municipalities in the county, and municipalities that receive the notice are no longer required to comply with specified adequate water supply requirements. Applies to any municipality that received a notice from the Dept before the effective date of this act that the county in which the municipality is located enacted an adequate water supply ordinance affecting the municipality, and those municipalities are no longer bound by that county's adequate water supply ordinance. Does not apply to any municipality that adopts its own adequate water supply ordinance before, on or after the effective date of this act.	Passed Senate Water & Energy 5-2	1/29 - Informational purposes; no action was taken
SB 1282	public records; unduly burdensome requests	<i>Kavanagh</i>	It is a defense to any action under public records law that the request for access to public records is unduly burdensome or harassing.	Passed Senate 22-7; ready for House action	2/5 - Members discussed perspectives on budernsome or harassing public records requests. LPC took a position of support.
SB 1291	TPT; utilities; manufacturing; smelting	<i>Lesko</i>	The exemption from the utilities classification of transaction privilege taxes for gross proceeds of sales or gross income derived from sales of electricity or natural gas to a business that is principally engaged in manufacturing or smelting operations is modified to remove the requirement for the business to use at least 51 percent of the electricity or natural gas in the manufacturing or smelting operations, to require at least 51 percent of the gross income of the business to be derived from the sale of products produced by the business, and to specify how it is determined whether at least 51 percent of the business is a manufacturing or smelting operation.	Referred to Senate Finance Committee	2/5 - Informational purposes, no action was taken. 2/12 - LPC took a position of opposition.
SB 1306	county development fees	<i>Griffin</i>	Numerous changes relating to county development fees. A county is required to calculate the development fee based on an adopted infrastructure improvements plan, and requirements for the plan are specified, including procedures for plan adoption. County development fees cannot exceed a proportionate share of the cost of "necessary public services" (defined) and must be based on the same level of service provided to existing development in the "service area" (defined). Establishes a list of prohibited uses for development fees.	Passed Senate Government Committee amended 7-0	2/5 - Informational purposes, no action was taken.
SB 1346	home-based businesses; detached buildings; storage	<i>Farnsworth</i>	The list of actions that a county ordinance cannot restrict or otherwise regulate the owner of a "home-based business" that holds a valid "license" (both defined) from taking is expanded to include maintaining operating hours from 8AM to 6PM, constructing and using a detached building or providing up to 5,000 square feet of outside storage on the private lot or parcel of land that is at least 1/2 acre if other specified conditions apply, and operating a wedding venue or wedding chapel within a residential zoning district if a list of specified conditions applies.	Referred to Senate Government	2/12 - Information purposes, bill is no longer moving, no action was taken.
SB 1347	county dust control; residential property	<i>Farnsworth</i>	For any dust control permit for occupied residential property, the control officer is prohibited from charging more than \$50 per acre per year.	Passed Senate Natural Resources 5-0	2/5 - Informational purposes, no action was taken. 2/12 - LPC took a position of opposition.
SB 1386	rural and tribal infrastructure; development	<i>Begay</i>	Establishes the Rural Arizona and Tribal Infrastructure Authority to administer and coordinate the rural Arizona and Tribal infrastructure capital improvement plan established by this legislation. Establishes an 11-member Board of Directors of the Authority and specifies Authority powers and duties. Establishes the Rural Arizona and Tribal Infrastructure Revolving Fund and specifies authorized uses for monies in the Fund. The Authority is authorized to issue negotiable infrastructure capital improvement bonds, and bond obligations of the Authority are established. The Authority is authorized to provide financial assistance to rural Arizona and Tribal communities in developing, acquiring, constructing, improving, equipping or refinancing infrastructure. The Board terminates on July 1, 2026. After other	Referred to Senate Government.	

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SB 1412	incompetent, nonrestorable defendants; involuntary commitment	Driggs	Various changes related to defendants who are incompetent to stand trial.	Referred to Senate Judiciary	2/5 - Informational purposes, no action was taken. 2/12 - Has been distributed, awaiting feedback.
SB 1419	inmate medical services; rate structure	Griffin	Statute establishing reimbursement rates for health care services provided to an inmate in a county jail that the county jail cannot provide applies in counties with a population of more than 250,000 (Maricopa, Pima and Pinal), instead of in all counties.	Senate Government 2.17.16, Appropriations 2.16.16	2/5 - Members discussed that bill would undo legislation passed in 2015 to reduce county costs. LPC took a position of opposition.
SB 1431	property tax; disabled veterans' residences	Griffin	Real and personal property and improvements to the property that are used as the primary residence of a qualifying veteran with a disability that is owned by the veteran and/or the veteran's spouse is classified as class nine property for property tax purposes. Requirements for the property to be classified as class nine under this qualification are specified.	Referred to Senate Finance Committee	2/5, 2/12 - Informational purposes, no action was taken.
SB 1505	small property tax balance delinquency	Worsley	The list of exemptions from the tax base for the utilities classification of transaction privilege and use taxes is modified so that the exemption for the purchase price of electricity or natural gas by a business that is principally engaged in manufacturing or smelting operations and that uses at least 51 percent of the propane in the manufacturing or smelting operations no longer excludes gas transportation services.	Referred to Senate Finance Committee	2/5 - Informational purposes, no action was taken. 2/12 - LPC took a position of opposition.
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HB 2125	district boundary modification; parcel lines (Shope)	Shope	Allows the county assessor to narrowly modify special taxing jurisdiction boundaries on request of the property owner and upon approval of the governing board.	Passed House Ways & Means amended 9-0-0, passed Rules; awaiting floor action	1/29 - Informational purposes; no action was taken. 2/5 -LPC took a position of support.
HB 2127/ SB 1157	small property tax balance delinquency	Mesnard/ Burges	If the total amount of property taxes is \$100 or less, the entire amount that is unpaid become delinquent after December 31 at 5:00 PM, instead of after November 1 at 5:00 PM.	Passed House 56-0/Passed Senate 30-0	1/29 - Informational purposes; no action was taken. 2/5 -LPC took a position of support.
HB 2183	inmate body scan; contract	Shope	Permits the Department of Corrections (ADC) or a county jail to perform a low-dose ionizing radiation body scan of an inmate to prevent contraband from entering into a correctional facility. An order from a licensed practitioner is not required.	Passed House Judiciary 6-0-0, on Consent.	2/12 - LPC took a position of support.
HB 2234	schools; audits;county school superintendent	Boyer	The independent certified public accountant that conducts statutorily required school district financial and compliance audits is required to send a copy of the applicable audit reports to the county school superintendent of the county where the school district is located.	Passed House 57-0, ready for Senate	1/29 - Informational purposes; no action was taken. 2/5 -LPC took a position of support.
HB 2451	release of prisoners; detainees; repeal	Mitchell	Repeals the law allowing the Director of the Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC) to release prisoners to United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) custody.	Passed House COW; awaiting 3rd Read	2/12 - Informational purposes, additional discussion needed, will bring to BOS next week, no action taken.
SB 1348	county treasurer; warrants; electronic transfer	Burges	Updates methods for payments made by county treasurers.	Passed Senate Finance 5-0; awaiting rules	2/12 - LPC took a position of support.
SB 1360/ HB 2534	countywide vote by mail/ county elections; vote by mail	Worsley/ Shope	Permits counties to conduct countywide elections utilizing mail ballots.	Referred to Senate Government./ No action.	2/12 - Informational purposes, no action was taken.
SB 1511	county elected office salary increase	Driggs	The annual salaries of county elected officials are increased each year from 2017 through 2020. The annual salaries of clerks of the superior court are increased each year from 2019 through 2022.	Failed in Senate Government 2-5	2/12 - Informational purposes, the bill is no longer moving.