

## Welcome to the Legislative Update for July 9, 2012

This e-mail is provided as a courtesy of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. The purpose of this service is to keep Arizona's seniors and advocates for aging services informed about bills and actions taking place at the Arizona State Legislature and to highlight Congressional bills or happenings affecting older Americans. The information is intended to help you shape your own opinion about an issue and to give you the necessary resources and contacts so that you can ensure your perspective and voice are heard. The *Legislative Update* is non-partisan in nature. Thank you for your interest!

Between sessions, it is our intent to offer our email news on a monthly basis.

### Fiscal News

*JLBC Monthly Fiscal Highlights June 2012 reports:*

"In total, year-to-date General Fund collections through May are \$60.2 million above the budget forecast."

The entire report is linked [here](#).

The latest [Tracking Arizona's Recovery June 2012](#) is posted at the legislature's website.

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2012 General Election ballot information

Arizona Legislative Council - [Ballot Measures Analyses](#)

### [Arizona Secretary of State](#)

The JLBC report, *Fiscal Impact Analysis of November 2012 Ballot Propositions* can be found [here](#).

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Share your thoughts! If you have a particular perspective to share with the Governor or your legislators, *you may voice your thoughts at any time* by contacting the:

Governor's Office of Constituent Services at 602-542-4331 or toll-free at 1-800-253-0883 (outside Maricopa County only) or you may contact the legislator from your area.

You can locate your legislator by going to the Arizona State Legislature [website](#) and looking for: *How do I find My Legislators* or by following the

instructions provided at both the Senate and House Member links at the website.

District maps are posted at: <http://azredistricting.org/Maps/Final-Maps/default.asp>

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### **FEDERAL OVERVIEW:**

On June 29<sup>th</sup>, Congress passed the reauthorization bill for surface transportation programs.

Included in the legislation is the formal designation of Interstate 11 between Phoenix and Las Vegas expanding the eligibility for federal funding for planning and construction along the corridor. The Governor's press release related to Interstate 11 is provided [here](#).

### **S.3294**

#### **SAVE Elders Act of 2012**

S.3294 was introduced on June 14, 2012 by Senator Scott P. Brown (MA).

Stop Abuse, Violence, and Exploitation of Elders Act of 2012 or SAVE Elders Act of 2012

- Amends the Victims of Crime Act of 1984.
- Defines elder abuse as "abuse, exploitation or neglect of an individual who is age 65 or older and lawfully present in the United States.
- Makes grants to states to support eligible crime victim assistance programs.
- Establishes process for periodic investigations, audits and reviews of grants.

On 6/14/2012, S.3294 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

### **S.RES.492**

Introduced on 6/12/2012 by Senator Richard Blumenthal (CT)

Designates June 15, 2012, as **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**.

Recognizes professionals and agencies for their efforts to advance awareness of elder abuse.

Encourages members of the public and professionals who work with older adults to act as catalysts to promote awareness and long-term prevention of elder abuse by reaching out to local adult protective services agencies and by learning to recognize, report, and respond to elder abuse.

On 6/12/2012, S.RES.492 was passed/agreed to in Senate, submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.

### **S.RES.453**

Introduced on 5/10/2012 by Senator Tom Harkin (IA)

A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that supporting seniors and individuals with disabilities is an important responsibility of the United States, and that a comprehensive approach to expanding and supporting a strong home care workforce and making long-term services and supports affordable and accessible in communities is necessary to uphold the right of seniors and individuals with disabilities in the United States to a dignified quality of life.

On 5/10/2012, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

### **H.R.5972**

#### **Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2013**

Introduced on 6/20/2012 by Representative Tom Latham (IA-4)

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2013 - Department of Transportation Appropriations Act, 2013 – makes appropriations for FY2013 to the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2013 –

makes appropriations for FY2013 to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Makes appropriations for FY2013 to:

- (1) the Access Board,
- (2) the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC),
- (3) the Office of Inspector General for the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak),
- (4) the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB),
- (5) the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, and
- (6) the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness.

Specifies certain uses and limits on or prohibitions against the use of funds appropriated by this Act.

On 6/29/2012, H.R.5974 was received in the Senate, read twice and placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 440.

Related bills: H.RES.697, S.2322

**S.3295**

**Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2013**

Introduced on 6/14/2012 by Senator Tom Harkin (IA)  
Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2013 - Department of Labor Appropriations Act, 2013 - makes appropriations for FY2013 to the Department of Labor (DOL).

Department of Health and Human Services Appropriations Act, 2013 - makes appropriations for FY2013 to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Department of Education Appropriations Act, 2013 - makes appropriations for FY2013 to the Department Education.

Makes appropriations for FY2013 to:

- (1) the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled,
- (2) the Corporation for National and Community Service,
- (3) the Corporation for Public Broadcasting,
- (4) the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS),
- (5) the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission,
- (6) the Institute of Museum and Library Services,
- (7) Medicaid and SCHIP Payment and Access Commission,
- (8) the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission;
- (9) the National Council on Disability,
- (10) the National Health Care Workforce Commission,
- (11) the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB),
- (12) the National Mediation Board,
- (13) the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission,

(14) the Railroad Retirement Board, and

(15) the Social Security Administration (SSA).

Specifies certain uses and limits on or prohibitions against the use of funds appropriated by this Act.

On 6/14/2012, Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 428.

Related bills: H.R.3070, S.1599

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ALSO -  
Kaiser Family Foundation

**[A Guide to the Supreme Court's Affordable Care Act Decision July 2012](#)**

From the JLBC:

**[Possible Impacts of Supreme Court Ruling on Arizona Medicaid Costs](#)**

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**NOTE:** If you want information specific to a bill, go to the Thomas website <http://thomas.loc.gov/> and enter the bill number or title under *Search Bill Summary & Status*.

Share your opinions with your Congressional Members!

If you are interested in sharing your thoughts or concerns, find out how to contact your congressional representatives by visiting:  
<http://www.house.gov/> for the House or <http://www.senate.gov/> for the Senate. Links to the membership lists include:  
<http://www.house.gov/representatives/> for the House and  
[http://www.senate.gov/general/contact\\_information/senators\\_cfm.cfm](http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm) for the Senate.

You can contact the White House at:  
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/>.

A compilation of contact information is provided at:  
<http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>.

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**OTHER NEWS**

Social Security [Information](#) and [Press Release](#)

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Latest information on the National Alzheimer's Plan can be found at:

<http://aspe.hhs.gov/daltcp/napa/#Jul2012Mtg>.

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From the National Institutes of Health

[NIHSeniorHealth](#)

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Creation of the Administration for Community Living

The American society on Aging is hosting a webinar *Recent Changes at the Administration on Aging: Impact on Aging and Disability Networks* that features Kathy Greenlee, Administrator of the Administration for Community Living and Assistant Secretary for Aging.

When: Tuesday, July 17, 2012 11:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Register online at [Grantmakers in Aging](#).

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The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) statement regarding the signing of *S. 3187, the Food and Drug Administration Safety and Innovation Act* is provided [here](#).

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From *ACL News & Info* July 9, 2012 issue

*Employment for People with Disabilities: Little Is Known about the Effectiveness of Fragmented and Overlapping Programs*

<http://www.gao.gov/assets/600/592074.pdf>

Source: US Government Accountability Office, GAO Report to Congressional Committees

Date: June 2012

*Financial Capacity in an Aging Society*

<http://www.asaging.org/blog/financial-capacity-aging-society-0>

Source: American Society on Aging

Date: July 2, 2012

*Parity for Patriots: The Mental Health Needs of Military Personnel, Veterans and Their Families*

[http://www.nami.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Inform\\_Yourself/About\\_Public\\_Policy/Policy\\_Reports/ParityforPatriots.pdf](http://www.nami.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Inform_Yourself/About_Public_Policy/Policy_Reports/ParityforPatriots.pdf)

Source: National Alliance of Mental Illness

Date: June 2012

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USA.gov - [Help for Difficult Financial Times](#)

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The Sloan Center on Aging & Work at Boston College

*Aging Today: Family Caregiving & the Older Worker - [Fact Sheet](#)*

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U.S. Department of Labor and U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs

[New Benefits for Unemployed Veterans](#)

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#### **INFORMATION & RESOURCES:**

**WHAT: Warning Signs of Senior Suicide**

**WHEN: Saturday, July 21, 10:30 to 11:30 am**, Prescott Christian Church, 501 Senator Highway, Prescott, AZ.

**For more information:** please contact Debbie Stewart at [Debbie@SeniorConnection.us](mailto:Debbie@SeniorConnection.us) or (928) 778-3747 or visit <http://www.seniorconnection.us/SpeakersBureau.html>

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**WHAT: Valley Center of the Deaf American Sign Language Classes**

**WHEN: Six Weeks starting on July 24<sup>th</sup> through August 30<sup>th</sup>**, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 pm to 8 pm, Disability Empowerment Center, 5025 E. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ

The class flyer is provided [here](#).

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**WHAT: Arizona Senior Center Association (ASCA) Annual Conference**

**WHEN: Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>**, Prescott Resort, Prescott, AZ.

The conference flyer with more information is provided [here](#).

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**WHAT: NACOG Area Agency on Aging 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Elder Issues Conference *Creating Caring Communities: Hope for the Challenges Ahead***

**WHEN: October 4, 2012**, High Country Conference Center, Flagstaff AZ

More information is provided [here](#).

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**Arizona Living Well Institute** has announced that scholarships are available for the AZ Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP) Master Training Updates. For more information, go to their website [announcement](#).

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Just in case you're interested

Back issues of the **Legislative Updates** are linked on the Council website at: <http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/LegUpdates.asp>

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If you would like to submit an educational or public service event for consideration, be sure to send an email with the description to: [gaca@az.gov](mailto:gaca@az.gov). Please note: we try to include events of interest to older Arizonans and aging service advocates.

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**Enjoy the rest of your summer!**

**~Governor's Advisory Council on Aging**