

Welcome to the Legislative Update for August 8, 2014

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 older citizens and advocates of 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 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!

NOTE: Between sessions, we offer a monthly issue.

Time to Vote

August 26th Primary Election

Early voting has started. A list of all offices to be elected can be seen [here](#).

Can't find your Voter Guide? A full listing of primary election candidates is posted at:

<http://www.azsos.gov/election/2014/primary/FullListing.htm> .

More election information and resources can be found at the Elections of the Office of the Secretary of State website. <http://www.azsos.gov/election/VoterInformation.htm>

November 4th General Election

Arizona's general election is November 4th and the last day to register is October 6th. Online voter registration: <http://servicearizona.com/voterRegistration>

General Election Ballot

Measures: <http://www.azsos.gov/election/2014/general/ballotmeasures.htm>

Interested in being a poll worker? Information on how to become one is provided at this [link](#).

Fiscal News

JLBC Monthly Fiscal Highlights July 2014 is linked [here](#) and reports "Year-to-date (YTD) General Fund ongoing revenues were 2.1% greater than FY 2013. Adjusting for the estimated cost of tax law changes, underlying base FY 2014 revenue growth was approximately 2.8%."

Tracking Arizona's Recovery July 2014 is posted [here](#).

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

- **Governor's Office of Constituent Services** at 602-542-4331 in Phoenix, 520-628-

6580 in Tucson and in-state toll free at 1-800-253-0883 (outside Maricopa County only)

- Or by **contacting your 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 opening the links provided.
- **[Members of the House](#)**
- **[Members of the Senate](#)**

Not sure about your congressional or legislative district? **Maps** can be found on the Arizona State Legislature website linked [here](#).

Plan ahead now for the next session!

Learn more about the legislative process. See [Arizona Bill](#) or **Bill to Law** provided [here](#).

Learn about the budget process. <http://www.azleg.gov/jlbc/budgetprocess.htm>

Review the Arizona Constitution. <http://www.azleg.gov/Constitution.asp>

Tracking List

If you're interested, the following list contains highlighted bills tracked by the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging (GACA) during the last session.

SHORT LIST:

<http://www.azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=25362&listid=50230&print=true>

Note: You can access the **FULL LIST** of all bills tracked by the Council during the last session by opening one of the past issues of the *Legislative Update* posted on this [webpage](#) . Do note the web report information found in any of our tracking lists is a purchased service provided by **Arizona Capitol Times**. Please be advised that the presence of a bill on any of our tracking lists *does not* represent support or opposition by the Advisory Council on Aging to the bill. It *does* mean that the topic is something that may be of interest to or have an impact on older Arizonans.

FEDERAL OVERVIEW:

During August, members of Congress are in their home districts; it's a good time to share your concerns and ideas. (See NCOA Advocacy Toolkit: Federal Budget linked [here](#).)

H.R.3230

Veterans' Access to Care through Choice, Accountability, and Transparency Act of 2014

Introduced on 10/02/13 by Representative Harold Rogers (Ky-5)

To improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Enrolled Bill text (8/2/2014) provided [here](#).

8/7/2014, H.R.3230 signed by the President and became Public Law No. 113-146.

H.R.5021

Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2014

Introduced 7/8/2014 by Representative Dave Camp (MI-4)

An Act to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

Enrolled Bill text 8/2/2014 provided [here](#).

8/1/2014 Presented to the President.

S.Con.Res.42

A concurrent resolution recognizing caregiving as a profession and the extraordinary contributions of paid and family caregivers

Introduced on 7/31/2014 by Senator Mike Johanns (NE)

Text provided [here](#).

7/31/2014 referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

H.R.5304

Audiology Patient Choice Act of 2014

Introduced on 7/31/2014 by Representative Lynn Jenkins (KS-2)

Text of the bill provided [here](#).

On 7/31/2014, referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.5288

National Care Corps Act of 2014

Introduced on 7/30/2014 by Representative Michelle Lujan Grisham

A bill to establish a National Care Corps through which qualified volunteers provide care, companionship, and other services to seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Text provided [here](#).

On 7/30/2014, referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce.

H.R.5243

Let Seniors Work Act of 2014

Introduced on 7/29/2014 by Representative Ron DeSantis (FL-6)

A bill to eliminate the payroll tax for individuals who have attained retirement age, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to remove the limitations upon the amount of outside income which an individual may earn while receiving benefits under such title, and for other purposes.

On 7/29/2014, referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

S.2322

MAP-21 Reauthorization Act

Introduced on 5/12/2014 by Senator Barbara Boxer (CA) in the Senate.

To reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

Text of bill provided [here](#).

On 5/15/2014 Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ordered to be reported with amendments favorably. On 7/7/2014, Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4211-4212)

Updates on earlier legislation

H.R.4574

Strengthening Mental Health in Our Communities Act of 2014

Introduced on 5/6/2014 by Representative Ron Barber (AZ-2)

Text provided [here](#).

On 7/21/2014 referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.

H.R.744

STOP Identity Theft Act of 2013

Introduced on 2/15/2013 by Representative Debbie Wasserman Schultz (FL-23)

Text provided [here](#).

On 7/16/2014 Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote by House Judiciary.

H.R.803

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

On 7/22/2014 signed by the President and became Public Law No: 113-128

Enrolled bill (7/11/2014) text provided [here](#).

Statement from Kathy Greenlee, Assistant Secretary for Aging and Administrator of the Administration for Community Living is provided [here](#).

WIOA one-page [summary](#)

From the U.S. Conference of Mayors Workforce Development Council weekly newsletter, July 25, 2014

The historic bipartisan, bicameral bill amends and reauthorizes the Workforce investment Act of 1998 (WIA) through 2020. WIOA (HR 803), which first passed the Senate on June 25 and cleared the House on July 9, makes key improvements to the nation's workforce development system to help job seekers access employment, education, training, and support services to succeed in the labor market; and to match employers with the skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy.

WIOA supersedes the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and amends the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, the Wagner-Peyser Act, and the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1998. In general, the Act takes effect on July 1, 2015, the first full program year after enactment, unless otherwise noted.

If you want to check on the status of any federal legislation, go to <http://beta.congress.gov/> and enter the bill number or title.

Check for **active federal legislation** at this [link](#).

Share your opinions with members of Congress!

If you are interested in sharing your thoughts or concerns, find out how to contact your Representative or Senator by visiting: <http://www.house.gov/> for the **House** or <http://www.senate.gov/> for the **Senate**.

Links to the membership lists are provided below.

[House](#) members

[Senate](#) members

You can contact the White House at this [link](#).

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

NEWS & RESOURCES

From **Kaiser Health News**

Capsules THE KHN BLOG July 18, 2014: [here](#)

Medicare's Hospital Insurance Trust Fund 7.28.2014 [article](#)

From the **National Council on Aging/NCOA**

The United States of Aging Survey Results 2014 [webpage](#)

Aging Program Funding [chart](#)

2014 National Fall Prevention Day resources:

[Fact Sheet](#)

[Infographic](#)

[6 Steps to Protect Your Older Loved One](#)

[Myths of Older Adult Falls](#)

National Alzheimer's Project Act

Updated information can be found at:
<http://aspe.hhs.gov/daltcp/napa/>.

(Be sure to scroll down the page.)

Link to the 2013-2014 Alzheimer's Disease Progress Report at
<http://aspe.hhs.gov/daltcp/napa/#agencies>

Alzheimer's Study

Banner Alzheimer's Institute Announces Partnership with Novartis in New Study of Alzheimer's Prevention Treatments

Press release: [here](#)

From **National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities/NASUAD**

Friday Updates July 25, 2014

Family Caregivers and Technology

The National Alliance for Caregiving recently released a white paper on family caregivers and technology. The report, *Catalyzing Technology to Support Family Caregiving*, is the next step following the organization's April 2014 roundtable in Palo Alto, California. The roundtable included a panel of 22 national experts from Silicon Valley, government agencies, and the non-profit sector who identified the best next steps for moving the field of caregivers and technology forward. This report provides a good starting point for innovators who want to better understand a caregiver's needs.

[White paper](#)

In case you missed this last time

From the **U.S. Census** comprehensive report on the U.S. population of people aged 65 and older is provided [here](#).

[Changes in Areas With Concentrated Poverty: 2000 to 2010](#)

[American Community Survey Reports](#)

From the **Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Department of Justice (DOJ)**

Elder Justice Roadmap: A Stakeholder Initiative to Respond to an Emerging Health, Justice, Financial and Social Crisis is provided [here](#).

[August 2014 Social Security Articles](#) provided by Arizona Social Security Public Affairs Specialist, Jack Burns

From **ITNAmerica** [Rides in Sight](#) source for senior transportation information

INFORMATION & RESOURCES:

Mark your calendar

Vision Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology Expo (VRATE) coming **November 7, 2014** at the Phoenix Convention Center from 9 am to 4 pm. For current information, go to: www.vrate.org

Arizona Health-e Connection

Upcoming events [page](#)

Latest issue of the *Caregiver Connection* is provided [here](#) and includes information and resources for northern Arizona.

WHAT: Arizona Health Care Association 2014 Annual Conference & Trade Show

WHEN: August 19 – 21, 2014, Talking Stick Resort, 9800 E Indian Bend Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256

More information is available [here](#).

SAVE THE DATE:

WHAT: National Indian Council on Aging 20th NICOA Biennial Conference on Aging

Co-hosted by Inter Tribal Council of Arizona with the Area Agency on Aging, Region 8.

WHEN: September 3-6, 2014 Sheraton Phoenix Downtown

More information is provided [here](#).

WHAT: Aging - If It's Not your Issue...It Will Be Northern Arizona Council of Governments/NACOG Area Agency on Aging Region III

WHEN: Thursday, October 16, 2014, 8:00 am to 5 pm, High Country Conference Center, 201 W Butler, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Conference website is linked [here](#).

NACOG [website](#)

WHAT: The Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness' 21st Annual Conference

WHEN: October 21-22, 2014, Black Canyon Conference Center, Phoenix, AZ

More information: [here](#)

Just in case you're interested

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

You can help circulate resource information. If you would like to submit an **educational** or **public service event** for consideration, be sure to send an email with the description and a link or pdf document to: gaca@az.gov. (Please note: we try to include resources and events of interest to older Arizonans and aging service advocates and refrain from using fundraising and marketing materials.)

Thank you! Enjoy your weekend.

~Governor's Advisory Council on Aging



If you wish to be REMOVED from or know someone who would like to be ADDED to the Update, please send an email to: gaca@az.gov and ask to be unsubscribed or subscribed to the **Legislative Update**.

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