

Welcome to the Legislative Update for February 1, 2013

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!

First Regular Session of the 51st Legislature

On Thursday, the Governor signed into law the first bill of the 2013 legislative session, HB2502: supplemental appropriation; CPS funding. The House summary is provided [here](#). The press release regarding the signing is linked [here](#).

Since last Friday, 450 floor actions were filed; at least 47 of those related to legislation tracked by the Council on Aging. (See **FULL LIST** link later in this issue)

All committee agendas (House, Senate, Joint Legislative Budget Committee or JLBC) are posted at this [link](#). All Floor Calendars are linked [here](#).

Also: Standing Committee members are posted at:
<http://www.azleg.gov/StandingCom.asp>.

Monday, **February 4th** marks the Senate Bill Introduction Deadline and Monday, **February 11th** marks the House Bill Introduction Deadline.

Legislation

Legislative action on just a few of the bills tracked by the Council on Aging is outlined here with fact sheets or summaries from the Arizona State Legislature, when available. Note: summaries are provided by *Arizona Capitol Reports-LOLA* and found on the **FULL LIST**.

S1090: Dependent Children; Placement; Grandparents; Stipend, 1/24 from Senate Health & Human Services with amendment. Senate Summary 1/22: <http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/51leg/1r/summary/s.1090hhs-approp.pdf>.

S1286: Nursing Facility Provider Assessment, 1/30 referred to Senate Health & Human Services.

S1304: Palliative Care, 1/31 referred to the Senate Health & Human Services Committee.

SCR1014: Vietnam War; Commemorative Partner, 1/30 referred to the Senate Commerce, Energy and Military Committee.

H2045: AHCCCS; Hospital Reimbursement Methodology, 1/30 from House Health Committee with do pass. House Summary: 1/30/2013 CaucusCOW (Committee of the Whole) is provided at:
http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/51leg/1r/summary/h.hb2045_01-30-13_caucuscow.pdf

H2167: Autonomous Motor Vehicles, 1/31 from House Transportation Committee with do pass. House Summary 1/29/2013 Transportation is provided at:
http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/51leg/1r/summary/h.hb2167_01-25-13_trans.pdf

2405: Nursing Care; Assisted Living, Investigations, 1/23 referred to House Health and House Judiciary Committees.

2407: Qualified Immunity; Nonprofit Clinics, 1/23 referred to House Health and Insurance & Retirement Committees.

H2426: Mobile Dentistry, 1/23 referred to House Health Committee.

Hearings next week:

H2405: Nursing care; Assisted Living, Investigations, 2/6 at 9 am, House Health Committee, House Room 4

H2426: Mobile Dentistry, 2/6 at 9 am, House Health Committee, House Room 4.

S1090: Dependent Children; Placement; Grandparents; Stipend, 2/5 at 2 pm, Senate Appropriations Committee, Senate Room 109

S1286: Nursing Facility Provider Assessment, 2/6 at 2 pm, Senate Health & Human Services, Senate Room 1.

Summary of actions

As of day 19, at least 921 bills posted, one (1) bill passed; one (1) bill signed; 48 memorials or resolutions posted and one (1) passed. Some of these bills may be of interest to Arizona seniors and will be tracked by the Council and appear on the **Legislative Update** web report page.

Please be advised that the presence of a bill on the Council's tracking list does not represent support or opposition by the Council to that bill.

It **does** mean that the bill is likely to be of interest to or have an impact on older Arizonans so the Council is tracking the bill's progress.

FULL LIST:

<http://www.azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=24960&listid=47124&print=true>

Note: The **FULL LIST web report** above provides you with the current status and upcoming hearing information about the bills being tracked by the Council

and **is available and updated on an ongoing basis, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This list will continue to be edited and/or expanded as we have an opportunity to get through all of the bills posted.** Information about bill status, hearing, etc. is a purchased service provided by the **Arizona Capitol Times**.

Both the Senate and the House are adjourned at this time until Monday, February 4, 2013, 1:30 p.m.

If you want to learn more about the legislative process, see [Arizona Bill](#) and *From Idea To Bill To Law, The Legislative Process in Arizona* linked [here](#).

Fiscal News

From the **Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC)**

Finance Advisory Committee Revenue and Budget Update January 24, 2013 is linked [here](#).

The **Governor's** Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Information is posted at:

<http://www.azgovernor.gov/Priorities/BudgetInfo.asp>.

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 **contacting your legislator from your area**...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** can be found [here](#).

FEDERAL OVERVIEW:

Follow up

H.R.8 American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012

A link to a *full summary* is provided [here](#).

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 are provided below.

[House](#) members

[Senate](#) members

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

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

OTHER NEWS

From the **CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

Information on *STEADI (Stopping Elderly Accidents, Deaths & Injuries)* is linked [here](#).

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

Falls Prevention Awareness Day 2012: Standing Together to Prevent Falls State Highlights is provided at: <http://www.ncoa.org/improve-health/center-for-healthy-aging/content-library/FPAD-2012-Highlights-12-31-2012.pdf>

Information specific to **Arizona** is linked [here](#).

Taken from the **Administration for Community Living**

Monday, January 28, 2013 ACL News & Info issue

"Older Americans Month 2013 Logo and Other Materials Now Available

The Older Americans Month theme for 2013, ***Unleash the Power of Age***, has never been more fitting. Older Americans are productive, active, and influential members of society, sharing essential talents, wisdom, and life experience with their families, friends, and neighbors. The Administration on Aging is pleased to provide materials to assist our partners at the national, state, and local levels plan for activities in commemoration of Older Americans Month.

[Click here](#) to view and download Older Americans Month 2013 materials.

Additional information and materials to help your organization celebrate Older Americans Month will be coming soon.

New Aging and Disability Network Participant Direction Toolkit

The [National Resource Center for Participant-Directed Services](#) (NRCPPDS) is excited to announce the release of the Aging and Disability Network Toolkit. This toolkit, funded by the Administration for Community Living (ACL) and developed by NRCPPDS, serves the Aging & Disability Network with an interactive educational resource on both the philosophical foundations and practices of participant direction and the structural and operational elements of a well-developed participant-directed program; including details about program design, implementation, and evaluation.

The toolkit is divided into two sections: The [Program Toolkit](#) is devoted to designing, managing and evaluating participant-directed programs. Part two of the toolkit focuses on [Financial Management Services](#).

[Read more about this new resource for the Aging & Disability Network.](#)"

National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease

The latest information is posted [here](#). (Be sure to scroll to the top of the page for current information.)

From **Kaiser Family Foundation**

Medicare Policy Options to Sustain Medicare for the Future January 2013 is provided at:

<http://www.kff.org/medicare/upload/8402.pdf>.

From the **U.S. Department of Health & Human Services**

2013 Poverty Guidelines

<http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/13poverty.cfm>

On **Wear Red Day**, information on the Million Hearts national initiative is provided at: <http://millionhearts.hhs.gov/index.html>.

INFORMATION & RESOURCES:

AzLinks.gov provides easy access to public, private services, supports and information.

Brochure: <http://www.azgovernor.gov/qaca/Newsletter/2013/AAA-1162APAMNAFinal.pdf>

Spanish version

<http://www.azgovernor.gov/qaca/Newsletter/2013/AAA-1162APAMSFINAL.PDF>

WHAT: 2013 Arizona Senior Olympics

WHEN: Saturday, February 16th through Sunday, March 10th in locations throughout the state

For more information, go to:

http://www.seniorgames.org/General_Information.html.

WHAT: Alzheimer's Association Green Valley Education Conference

WHEN: February 14, 2013, 8:30 am to 11:30 am, West Social Center, 1111 Via Arco Iris, Green Valley

More information is provided at this [link](#).

WHAT: All Things Senior EXPO

WHEN: Wednesday, February 20, 2013 9 am to 1 pm, Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, 7380 E 2nd Street, Scottsdale AZ

More information is provided at this [link](#).

WHAT: 2nd Annual African-American Conference on Disabilities

WHEN: March 1, 2013, 7:30 am to 4:30 pm, Coast Phoenix Sky Harbor Hotel, 4300 E. Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85034

For more information, go to this [link](#).

WHAT: 19th Mayor's Alzheimer's Education Conference

WHEN: Wednesday, March 13, 2013, Tucson Jewish Community Center, 3800 East River Road, Tucson, AZ 85718

For information is provided [here](#).

WHAT: 25th Annual Arizona Indian Council on Aging Conference

Celebrating 25 Years of the Arizona Indian Council on Aging

WHEN: April 15-18, 2013, Talking Stick Resort, 9800 E. Indian Bend Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256

More information is provided [here](#).

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>.

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. Please note: we try to include events of interest to older Arizonans and aging service advocates.

Enjoy your weekend!

~Governor's Advisory Council on Aging