

Welcome to the Legislative Update for March 8, 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!

Note: We're sending this abbreviated version today due to Council meetings and appreciate your understanding.

First Regular Session of the 51st Legislature

Since last Friday, 521 floor actions filed; at least 51 of those related to legislation tracked by the Council on Aging. (See **FULL LIST** link)

Check the Senate and House daily posting sheets regarding actions taken provided [here](#).

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

Also: Standing Committees and their members are listed at this [link](#).

2013 Session Timeline

The next deadline is **Friday, March 22nd**, the last day to hear Senate Bills in House Committees and the last day to hear House Bills in Senate Committees.

Senate deadlines

<http://www.azleg.gov/alispdfs/51leg/senate/senatedeadlines.pdf>

Legislation

Legislative action that has taken place on *some* 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: you can view summaries provided by *Arizona Capitol Reports-LOLA* on the FULL LIST report.

H2407: qualified immunity; nonprofit clinics, 3/7 from Senate Health & Human Services with do pass. Fact Sheet 3/5:

<http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/51leg/1r/summary/s.2407%20hhs-jud.pdf>

S1090: dependent children; placement; grandparents; stipend, 3/7 from House Reform & Human Services do pass. Fact Sheet:

http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/51leg/1r/summary/h.sb1090_03-01-13_rhs.pdf and **House Appropriations:**
http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/51leg/1r/summary/h.sb1090_03-07-13_approps.pdf

Hearings next week:

Monday, 3/11

H2484: veterans; hiring preference; tax credit, House Committee of the Whole; Fact Sheet 3/1 COW:

http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/51leg/1r/summary/h.hb2484_02-28-12_caucuscow.pdf

Tuesday, 3/12

S1353: health insurance; telemedicine, House Insurance & Retirement at 2 pm, House Rm 3; House Summary:

http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/51leg/1r/summary/h.sb1353_03-08-13_ir.pdf

Wednesday, 3/6

H2355: license fees; working dogs; waiver, Senate Natural Resources & Rural Affairs

H2401: service animal; definition, Senate Commerce, Energy & Military

REMINDER: Bill summaries, actions, hearings and other information are all provided on the legislation tracked by the Council at the **FULL LIST** link provided below.

As of **day 54, 1,145 bills posted, two (2) bills passed; two (2) bills signed; 70 memorials or resolutions posted and three (3) passed**. Some of these bills may be of interest to Arizona seniors and are being tracked by the Council and appear on the **Legislative Update** web report pages.

Many of the 105 bills that have been tracked by the Council on Aging since the start of this legislative session appear to be "dead," so we have established a **new SHORT LIST** of bills we're tracking for quick reference.

Please be advised that the presence of a bill on the Council's tracking lists 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>

SHORT LIST:

<http://www.azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=25113&listid=48764&print=true>

Important to note: The *web reports above* provide you with the current status and upcoming hearing information about bills being tracked by the Council and are **available and updated on an ongoing basis, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This list will continue to be edited as the session progresses.** 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, March 11, 2013 at 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](#).

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:

The Administration for Community Living Estimates of Sequester Impact for State Formula Grant Programs Under the Older Americans Act is linked [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*.

Another resource

Congress.gov United States Legislative Information:
<http://beta.congress.gov/>

Share your opinions with members of Congress!

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

National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease

The latest information is posted at this [link](#). (Be sure to scroll up to the top of the page.)

From the **Administration on Aging: *Protect Seniors in the Year of Elder Abuse Prevention*** is provided [here](#).

From the **March 4, 2013 ACL News & Info**

[Disability Characteristics of Income-Based Government Assistance Recipients in the United States: 2011](#)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Date: February 2013

From the **Departments of the Treasury and Housing & Urban Development: [Making Home Affordable](http://www.makinghomeaffordable.gov).Gov**

INFORMATION & RESOURCES:

WHAT: Arizona Transit Association's Annual Conference

WHEN: April 21 – 23, 2013, Tempe Buttes Marriott, Tempe AZ

For more information and to register, see this [link](#).

WHAT: University of Arizona College of Medicine, Phoenix Mini-Medical School

WHEN: April 3 – 24, 6 to 8 pm

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

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.

Have a good weekend!

~Governor's Advisory Council on Aging