

Welcome to the Legislative Update for April 19, 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

Since Friday, April 5th, 344 floor actions filed; 44 of those related to legislation tracked by the Council on Aging. No budget legislation to report on, yet.

2013 Session Timeline

Today, **April 19th** is the last day for Conference Committees, and **April 23rd** marks the **100th day of the session**, the date for sine die adjournment unless leadership extends the deadline.

Fiscal News

Joint Legislative Budget Committee

JLBC Monthly Fiscal Report April 2013

"Year-to-date, base revenues are 3.8% higher than last year. In total, year-to-date General Fund collections are \$27.5 million above the January Baseline forecast." The report is linked here: : <http://www.azleg.gov/jlbc/mfh-apr-13.pdf>

The JLBC ***Tracking Arizona's Recovery April 2013*** report is linked here: <http://www.azleg.gov/jlbc/TrackingAZRecovery0413.pdf>

Resources

All committee agendas (House, Senate, or JLBC) are posted at this [link](#). All Floor Calendars are linked [here](#). Standing Committees and their members are listed at this [link](#).

You can check the Senate and House daily posting sheets regarding actions taken at: <http://www.azleg.gov/PostingSheets.asp>.

Legislation

Legislative and administrative actions taking place on bills tracked by the Council on Aging are 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 and SHORT LIST reports provided at the links later in this issue.

Recently signed by the Governor

H2076: military applicants; license requirements

Chaptered version of the bill:

<http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/51leg/1r/laws/0085.pdf>

H2143: joint tenancy severance

House summary: http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/51leg/1r/summary/h.hb2143_04-15-13_astransmittedtogovernor.pdf

S1105: occupational therapy board

House summary: http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/51leg/1r/summary/h.sb1105_04-01-13_astransmittedtogovernor.pdf

S1170: ASRS; amendments

House summary: http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/51leg/1r/summary/h.sb1170_04-17-13_astransmittedtogovernor.pdf

S1408: fingerprint clearance cards; adoption checks

House engrossed summary:

http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/51leg/1r/summary/h.sb1408_04-11-13_houseengrossed.pdf

H2154: supplemental appropriation; mortgage settlement monies

House summary: http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/51leg/1r/summary/h.hb2154_04-15-13_astransmittedtogovernor.pdf

Recently vetoed by the Governor

S1115: direct pay prices; health care

House summary: http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/51leg/1r/summary/h.sb1115_04-01-13_astransmittedtogovernor.pdf

Governor's veto letter:

http://azgovernor.gov/dms/upload/PR_041213_SB1115Veto.pdf

Passed and forwarded to the Governor

S1023: optometry board; continuation

House summary: <http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/51leg/1r/summary/>

[h.sb1023_04-16-13_astransmittedtogovernor.pdf](http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/51leg/1r/summary/h.sb1023_04-16-13_astransmittedtogovernor.pdf)

Recent actions taken

H2513: dentistry, 4/16 passed Senate 29-1; ready for House action on Senate amendments

House summary concur/refuse memo:

http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/51leg/1r/summary/h.hb2513_concurrefusememo.pdf

Hearing next week

S1090: dependent children; placement; grandparents; stipend, 4/22 House Committee of the Whole (COW)

Senate engrossed version:

<http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/51leg/1r/bills/sb1090s.pdf>

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

Day 96:

1,145 bills posted, 157 bills passed; 125 bills signed; 6 vetoed; 72 memorials or resolutions posted and 15 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.

Our **FULL LIST** link below includes all bills originally placed on the tracking list; the **SHORT LIST** link of bills is provided for quick reference on legislation that is moving forward.

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 continues.** 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, April 22nd.

If you want to learn more about the legislative process, see [Arizona Bill](#) or **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.

· **Not sure about your district? District maps** can be found on the website linked [here](#).

FEDERAL OVERVIEW:

Update on H.R.861 (see March 1st *Legislative Update*)

Elder Abuse Victims Act of 2013

On 4/8/2013, the bill was referred to the House Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.

Other legislation related to older Americans:

H.R.1585

To require the establishment of a Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers to compute cost-of-living increases for Social Security benefits under title II of the Social Security Act and to provide, in the case of elderly beneficiaries under such title, for an annual cost-of-living increase which is not less than 3 percent.

Introduced on 4/16/2013 by Representative Eliot L. Engel (NY-16)

On 4/16/2013, it was referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

All federal legislation:

Information on active federal legislation can be viewed at the **Congress.gov website** or at the **U.S. Senate's website [page](#)**.

Budget information

The **President's budget** was released on April 10th and can be accessed at the GPO linked [here](#).

House of Representative Committee on the Budget plan is linked [here](#).

Senate Budget Committee's plan is linked [here](#).

From **Kaiser Health News**

Group Offers Budget Plan With \$560 Billion in Health Care Savings is posted at:

<http://capsules.kaiserhealthnews.org/index.php/2013/04/bipartisan-center-offers-plan-to-reduce-health-spending/>

Five Ways the President's Budget Would Change Medicare 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* or check **Congress.gov United States Legislative Information** at: <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

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

Administration for Community Living or ACL celebrated a one-year anniversary on April 16th. For the latest news and information, go to:
<http://www.acl.gov/>.

Also: the **Million Hearts Initiative** around heart attacks and strokes is posted at:

http://millionhearts.hhs.gov/about_hd.html.

From the **National Center on Senior Transportation NCST**

CarFit national education program is linked [here](#).

Sloan Center on Aging & Work at Boston College

Aging Today: Family Caregiving & The Older Worker

Link to the fact sheet is provided [here](#).

From the **National Council on Aging**

NCOA has launched **JobSource**, "a new online portal to help older adults define their skills, get training, and find a job. The site includes a Job Match System, 32 free training courses, and a Job Search tool." To visit the site, go to: <http://ncoajobsource.org/>.

Also: NCOA Aging Program Funding Sheet is posted [here](#).

Weaving It Together: A Tapestry of Transportation Funding for Older Adults from the **AARP Public Policy Institute** is linked [here](#).

From the **National Association of States United for Aging & Disabilities NASUAD**

Volunteers Matter: Excellence in Volunteer Service Award

"This initiative is designed to highlight successful state-run programs that are leading the way in the creative use of volunteers in the long-term services and supports network. The award is open to programs that help older adults and persons with disabilities in the long-term services and supports system. Programs must be statewide in scope and operation. Winning programs will demonstrate innovations in one or more of the following:

- Promoting intergenerational interaction
- Incorporating Baby Boomers as volunteers
- Including Veterans as volunteers or recipients
- Creative strategies for recruitment and retention of volunteers of varying backgrounds, ages and abilities"

Submission of information can be made [here](#).

National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease

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

May is Older Americans Month and **Unleash the Power of Age** is the theme of this 50th year celebration. Resources and information provided at this [link](#).

Every Body WALK! is a campaign aimed at getting Americans up and moving and is working to spread the message that walking 30 minutes a day, five days a week really can improve your overall health and prevent disease. The program provides news and resources on walking, health information, walking maps, how to find walking groups, a personal pledge form to start walking, as well as a place to share stories about individual experiences with walking. For

more information, go to: <http://www.everybodywalk.org/>.

From **ACL News & Info Monday, April 15, 2013**

Identity thieves claiming other people's refunds rose more than 650% between 2008 and 2012, and older adults are among the most frequent targets. Last week, the [US Senate Special Committee on Aging](#) held a hearing to discuss this scam's impact on seniors and [federal legislation has been filed](#) to increase penalties to act as a deterrent.

Older adults are particularly at risk because one of the sources that thieves use to obtain social security numbers are records kept by nursing homes, hospitals, assisted living facilities, and companies servicing Medicaid programs. Information can be stolen by unscrupulous employees or found by prying eyes. Elderly individuals are also specifically targeted by tax thieves because many of them are not required to file a tax return. As a result, they are often unaware that fraudulent returns have been filed under their name. Similarly, the Internal Revenue Service usually doesn't realize a fraudulent return has been filed unless a return from the legitimate taxpayer is filed, resulting in a duplicate filing.

These resources can help your clients avoid becoming a victim of tax-related identify theft.

[NCLC's tips for older consumers to avoid identity theft](#)

[IRS identity protection tips](#)

[Federal Trade Commission's steps for repairing tax-related identify theft](#)

Free case consultation for elder advocates is provided by the National Senior Citizens Law Center and NCLC through the **National Legal Resource Center**".

From the **Federal Trade Commission**

Stopping Unsolicited Mail, Phone Calls and Email is posted at: <http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0262-stopping-unsolicited-mail-phone-calls-and-email>.

National Take-Back Initiative

April 27, 2013; information is posted at the [DEA website](#).

INFORMATION & RESOURCES:

Arizona Attorney General 2013 "Why Should I Care About Elder Abuse?" Junior High School Arts Competition:

<https://www.azag.gov/press-release/arizona-attorney-general-tom-horne-announces-contest-raise-awareness-elder-abuse>

WHAT: Arizona Senior Center Association 2013 Annual Conference; Fantastic and Fit After Fifty

WHEN: Monday and Tuesday, July 15th and 16th, Prescott Resort and Conference Center, 1500 State Route 69, Prescott AZ 86301

Education Session Proposal Deadline April 26, 2013

For the proposal application, see this [link](#).

WHAT: Hospice of the Valley Understanding the Journey of Dementia

WHEN: Saturday, April 27 2013, St. Patrick Catholic Community, 10815 N. 84th Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85260

More information is provided [here](#).

WHAT: 2nd Annual Arizona Elder Law Day

WHEN: Wednesday, May 1, 2013, 9 am to 3 pm, Glencroft Retirement Community, 8611 N. 67th Avenue, Glendale, Arizona 85302

More information is provided [here](#).

WHAT: Arizona Alzheimer's Consortium Public Conference

WHEN: Friday, May 24, 2013, 8 am to 12:00 noon, Rio Vista Recreation Center, 8866 W. Thunderbird Road, Peoria, AZ 85381

To register, go to: <http://www.azalz.org/Events/The-2013-Arizona-Alzheimers-Public.aspx>

Creating Caring Communities; NACOG AAA 22nd Annual Conference

2013 Call for Presentations is linked [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.

Have a good weekend!
~Governor's Advisory Council on Aging