



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Welcome to the Legislative Update for January 16, 2018

This e-mail is provided as a courtesy of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. The purpose of this service is to keep older Arizonans and advocates of aging services informed about bills and actions taking place at the Arizona State Legislature and to highlight federal legislation or activities 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 nonpartisan in nature. Be sure to open the **links** throughout this issue for the latest news. Thank you for your interest!

53rd Legislature – 2nd Regular Session began on Monday, January 8, 2018

The **Governor** gave the Arizona State of the State 2018 address; you can view it **[HERE](#)**.

House Leadership: Javan D. Mesnard, Speaker; John Allen, Majority Leader; Kelly Townsend, Majority Whip; Thomas R. Shope, Speaker Pro Tempore; Rebecca Rios, Minority Leader; Randall Friese, Assistant Minority Leader; Charlene R. Fernandez, Minority Whip

Senate Leadership: Steve Yarbrough, President; Kimberly Yee, Majority Leader, Gail Griffin, Majority Whip; John Kavanagh, President Pro Tempore; Katie Hobbs, Minority Leader; Steve Farley, Assistant Minority Leader; Lupe Contreras, Minority Whip; Martin Quezada, Minority Whip

Committee Members can be found on the *Committee Overview page* by clicking on the Legislative Body then Selecting a Committee. See information **[HERE](#)**

Senate 2018 Timeline **[HERE](#)**

House Weekly Schedule **[HERE](#)**

Resources to use

Arizona State Legislature website: **www.azleg.gov**

Need to learn more about the legislative process? See [Arizona Bill](#) or [Bill to Law](#)

Find and review bill information [HERE](#)

Learn about the budget process [HERE](#)

Research the State Constitution [HERE](#)

Learn more at *Frequently Asked Questions* linked [HERE](#)

The Governor released the **FY 2019 Executive Budget** on Friday, January 12; a link to the Executive Budget Summary is provided [HERE](#) and more information can be found at: <https://azgovernor.gov/budget>.

According to the *Arizona Capitol Times*, as of **Day 9** of the session, there are **625 bills posted** and **31 Memorials or Resolutions posted; one passed**. (4:00 p.m.)

The Governor's Advisory Council on Aging tracks legislation that has the potential to impact older Arizonans. Those bills are featured in the FULL List. We've just started tracking legislation. The **FULL List** of bills is linked [HERE](#).

Please be advised that the presence of a bill on a tracking list **does not** represent support or opposition by the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. It **does** mean that the topic is something that is likely to be of interest or have an impact on older Arizonans. Note: the web report provides you with the current status and upcoming hearing information on all of the bills tracked by the Council and is available and updated on an ongoing basis 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Be sure to click on the bill number for more information. This list will be edited and updated as we have opportunity to get through bills throughout the session. Information about bill status, hearings, etc. is a purchased service provided by *Arizona Capitol Times*.

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

- **Governor's Office of Constituent Services** at **602-542-4331 in Phoenix; 520-628-6580 in Tucson; in-state toll-free at 1-800-253-0883 (outside Maricopa County only)** or email: engage@az.gov
- **Legislators** from your area. You can locate your legislator by going to the **Arizona State Legislature** website and looking for: [Legislative Maps](#)

Joint Legislative Budget Committee

FY 2019 JLBC Baseline Summary [HERE](#), slideshow [HERE](#) and with Preliminary Executive Comparison [HERE](#)

Did you know? Arizona State Legislature is first in nation with captioning service for deaf or hard of hearing? See accessibility page at: <https://www.azleg.gov/access-accessibility/> and House press release [HERE](#) for more information.

Federal Overview

H.R.3759 RAISE Family Caregivers Act

Introduced on 9/13/2017 by Representative Gregg Harper (R-MS-3)

The bill provides for the establishment and maintenance of a Family Caregiving Strategy.

Enrolled bill text [HERE](#)

Latest action: 01/10/2018 Presented to the President

Related: AARP Blog – *Building a Family Caregiving Strategy to Align with the Real Needs of Families* [HERE](#)

S.1766 SAFER Act of 2017

Introduced on 9/6/2017 by Senator John Cornyn (TX)

To reauthorize the SAFER Act of 2013, and for other purposes. Act cited as Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Reporting Act of 2017

Latest action: 1/8/2018 Became Public Law No: 115-107

H.R.4621 Global Brain Health Act of 2017

Introduced on 12/12/2017 by Representative Christopher H. Smith (NJ-4)

To galvanize United States Government programs in support of brain health for global victims of autism, hydrocephalus and Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia, and for other purposes.

Latest action: 12/15/2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health

H.R.4229 Protecting HOME Access Act of 2017

Introduced on 11/2/2017 by Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA-5)

To extend the transition to new payment rates for durable medical equipment under the Medicare program and amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to update the Medicare budget neutrality requirement for oxygen.

11/3/2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health

Check active (federal) legislation any time [HERE](#)

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 Senators by visiting: <https://www.house.gov/> for the **House** or <https://www.senate.gov/> for the **Senate**.

Links to the membership lists are provided below.

[House](#) members

[Senate](#) members

Contact the **White House**: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact>

ALSO: USA.gov provides information at: <https://www.usa.gov/agencies>

News & Information

The Center on Aging & Work at Boston College AGenda Aging & Work Blog

Recession and employment: How will older workers fare during the next recession? [HERE](#)

(12/8/2017, Hila Axelrad, PhD)

National Institute on Aging

What Should I Ask My Doctor During a Checkup? [HERE](#)

Also – **Frequently Asked Questions About Alzheimer’s Disease** [HERE](#)

From the **National Alzheimer’s Project Act – What’s New:** [HERE](#)

(be sure to scroll down the page)

2017 Alzheimer’s Disease Facts and Figures: <http://alz.org/facts/>

Kaiser Health News

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Postcard from California: Alzheimer’s ‘Looks Like Me, It Looks Like You’ [HERE](#)

(Ibarra, 1/16/2018)

Aging related articles at: <http://khn.org/topics/aging/>

National Council on Aging/NCOA

Finding assistance in good and bad – Benefits CheckUp [HERE](#)

What’s new for Medicare in 2018 [HERE](#)

Grantmakers in Aging

Age-Friendly Communities and Rural America: The Transportation Challenge [webinar](#) on **Thursday, January 18, 2018 12 – 1 pm MST**

INFORMATION& RESOURCES

Banner Sun Health Research Institute – Memory Loss: When to Take the Keys,

Thursday, January 18, 2018 from 9:00 am to Noon, Grace Bible Church, 19280 N. 99th Avenue, Sun City 85373

Registration is required; call 623-207-1703 to secure seating.

Dementia Friendly Tempe – Memory Café

1/22/2018 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe AZ 85282

Security Retirement planning workshops free and open to the general public at the following libraries/locations:

Maricopa County Northwest Regional Library, Tuesday, January 23 at 5:30 PM,16089 N Bullard Ave Surprise, AZ 85374 .The library can be reached at [602-652-3404](tel:602-652-3404) [Register here beginning Jan. 9](#)

Phoenix Mesquite Library, Tuesday, January 30 at 5:30 PM,4525 Paradise Village Pkwy N Phoenix, AZ 85032 .The library can be reached at [\(602\) 262-4636](tel:602-262-4636) [Register here](#)

Arizona Transit Association 31st Annual Transit Conference

Registration is Open; More information [HERE](#)

The University of Arizona College of Medicine Tucson Arthritis Center – “Aging and our Immunity” Theme for 16th Annual Living Healthy With Arthritis Conference

Saturday, January 27, 9 am to 4 pm, Banner – University Medical Center Tucson, DuVal Auditorium, 1501 N. Campbell Avenue

Conference schedule and register: [HERE](#)

AHCCCS has extended the public comment period for Electronic Visit through January 31, 2018. For general information on EVV, click on the link for a handout [HERE](#).

Mark Your Calendar

Family Caregiver Day at the Capitol sponsored by Arizona Caregiver Coalition and AARP - **Thursday, March 29, 2018 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**, Arizona Capitol Museum, 1700 W. Washington Street, Second Floor – Room #200, Phoenix, AZ

Limited seats and respite spots available. **Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/CaregiverDay03-29-18>** Email: Info@AZCaregiver.org

In case you missed it last time

Kaiser Health News

Frail Patients Losing Access to Dental House Calls [HERE](#)

(Ibarra, 12/22)

The Long Goodbye: Coping With Sadness And Grief Before A Loved One Dies [HERE](#)

(Graham, 12/21)

National Council on Aging / NCOA

Falls Prevention Conversation Guide for Caregivers [HERE](#)

A Culturally Relative Approach to Outreach in Rural & Frontier Communities [HERE](#)

Straight Talk for Seniors®: The Final Tax Reform Bill

Updated Dec. 20 [HERE](#)

Ongoing Resources

From the **Governor’s Office**

See the latest news at: Newsroom: <http://azgovernor.gov/newsroom>

#AZAWESOME Shareables: <http://azgovernor.gov/governor/shareables>

AHCCS News & Updates:

<https://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/news.html>

Arizona Department of Economic Security Feature Stories [HERE](#)

Arizona Attorney General's Latest News [HERE](#) and Senior Resources [HERE](#)

Arizona Department of Health Services

Latest News [HERE](#)

Public Health Licensing [HERE](#)

Arizona Healthy Aging (A- HA) [HERE](#)

Arizona Association of Area Agencies on Aging/AZ4A

Map of Regions [HERE](#)

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 events of interest to older Arizonans and aging service advocates and refrain from including marketing or fundraising

materials.

If you would like on-going education and public service event information, send a request to be added to the **Aging in Community Committee** of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging at gaca@az.gov.

It is our intent to offer the *Legislative Update* every other week during the session. We appreciate your patience with our dated email program and formatting issues.

Have a good rest of your week!

~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**.