



## GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### Welcome to the Legislative Update for March 5, 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.

The Council's **FULL List** of bills is linked [HERE](#). Thank you for your interest!

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#### 53<sup>rd</sup> Legislature – 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session

As of **Day 57** of the session, **1,165** bills posted; **2** passed; **2** signed; **116** Memorials or Resolutions posted; **4** passed.

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**Deadlines: March 23** is the last day for House to consider Senate Bills and Senate to consider House Bills.

Senate 2018 Timeline [HERE](#)

House 2018 Deadlines [HERE](#)

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#### Updates on some of the bills being tracked by the Council

##### **HB2087: family caregiver income tax credit**

*Latest action: 2/26 referred to senate Finance, Appropriations committees*

**HB2324: community health workers; voluntary certification** – Hearing in Senate Health and Human Services on 3/7 at 2:00 pm, Senate Room 1

##### **SB1162: silver alert notification; developmental disability**

*Latest action: Calendar: 3/6 House Caucus, 3/7 House Consent*

**SB1204: trusts and estates** – makes changes to procedures governing trusts and probate. Hearing in House Judiciary and Public Safety on 3/7 at 2:00 p.m., House Rm 4

##### **SB1377: dental therapy; licensure regulation**

Senate Engrossed Version of the Bill [HERE](#)

*Latest action: 2/28 referred to House Health Committee*

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**February 28, 2018 was Alzheimer's Awareness Day at the Capitol**

**HCR2031: Alzheimer's awareness day**, sponsored by Rep. Heather Carter, was unanimously adopted by the House. HCR2031 [HERE](#)  
Press release [HERE](#)

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**TRACKING LIST:** 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. 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 continue to be edited and updated throughout the session. Information about bill status, hearings, etc. is a purchased service provided by *Arizona Capitol Times*.

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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](mailto: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](#)

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### *Resources to use*

*Arizona State Legislature* website: [www.azleg.gov](http://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](#)

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### **Fiscal News**

From the **Joint Legislative Budget Committee**

*JLBC Monthly Fiscal Highlights February 2018* [HERE](#)

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### **FEDERAL OVERVIEW**

#### **Updates**

#### **S.1091 Supporting Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Act**

Introduced on 5/10/2017 by Senator Susan M. Collins (ME)

The bill establishes a Federal Task Force to Support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. The task force shall identify, promote, coordinate, and publicly disseminate information and resources to help grandparents or other relatives meet the needs of children in their care and maintain their own health and emotional well-being. The task force terminates after five years.

**Latest Action: 2/28/2018 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably**

**H.R.620 ADA Education and Reform Act of 2017**

Introduced on 1/24/2017 by Representative Ted Poe (TX-2) Cosponsors 108 See Summary

[HERE](#)

**Latest Action: 2/26/2018 Received in the Senate**

Committee Reports: H.Rept. 115-539 [HERE](#)

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

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*In case you missed it last time:*

**H.R.1892 Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018** – Bill text [HERE](#)

NCOA - Straight Talk for Seniors®: What the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 Means for Seniors [HERE](#) and FY19 Aging Program Funding [HERE](#)

**Justice in Aging** summary of major health provisions [HERE](#)

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**Office of Management and Budget - President’s Budget** page [HERE](#)

**National Council on Aging/NCOA**

*Straight Talk for Seniors®: What the Administration’s FY19 Budget Request Means for Senior*  
[HERE](#)

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**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>

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**News & Information**

**Kaiser Health News**

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

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**National Institute on Aging**

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

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

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From the **Alzheimer's Association**  
**Dementia Care Practice Recommendations** [HERE](#)  
**2017 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures:** <http://alz.org/facts/>

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The **Gerontological Society of America** *Family Caregiver* webpage [HERE](#)

From **Justice in Aging**

Congress Continues to Work on Omnibus Funding Package Before March 23rd Deadline  
Last month, Congress reached an agreement on new higher spending limits for discretionary programs in FY18 and FY19 as part of the [Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018](#)(BBA of 2018). The next step is to pass appropriations under those new spending limits or another continuing resolution (CR) before the current continuing resolution expires on March 23rd. Most likely, Congress will craft an omnibus funding package for the remainder of FY18.

**INFORMATION& RESOURCES**

**FY2018 Transportation Public Opinion Research**

The Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) is requesting proposals from qualified consultants for the FY 2018 Transportation Public Opinion Research. The purpose of the project is to gain a better understanding of public attitude regarding regional transportation needs and investment priorities. More information at <http://www.azmag.gov> "RFPs and RFQs"

RFP: FY2018 Transportation Public Opinion Research [HERE](#)

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**Governor Ducey** updated Autonomous Vehicle Executive Order on Thursday, 3/1.

**EO 2018-04** [HERE](#)

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**Social Security Retirement planning workshop** free and open to the general public:

\***City of Peoria, Tuesday, March 13 at 5:00 PM**, Public Safety Administration Building 8351 W Cinnabar Peoria, AZ 85345 .The city Planning and Community Development Department can be reached at [623-773-7070](tel:623-773-7070). Register at [peoriasupport@peoriaaz.gov](mailto:peoriasupport@peoriaaz.gov)

\***Phoenix Juniper Library, Thursday, March 15 at 5:30 PM**, 1825 W Union Hills Dr, Phoenix, AZ 85027 .The library can be reached at [\(602\) 262-4636](tel:602-262-4636) . [Register here](#)

\***Phoenix Desert Broom Library, Tuesday, March 20 at 5:00 PM**, 29710 N Cave Creek Rd, Cave Creek, AZ 85331 .The library can be reached at [\(602\) 262-4636](tel:602-262-4636) . [Register here](#)

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**Social Determinants of Health Conference – Vitalyst Health Foundation**

**March 27, 2018 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm**

Desert Willow Conference Center, 4340 E. Cotton Center Blvd., Phoenix AZ

More information [HERE](#)

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**Arizona Geriatrics Society 2018 Spring Mental Health & Aging Conference**

***The Impact of Mental Health Aging*, Friday April 6, 2018** at the **Viscount Suite Hotel, 4855 East Broadway Boulevard, Tucson AZ 85711**

More information, agenda and registration: [HERE](#)

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**Arizona Transit Association 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Transit Conference**

April 8 – 10, 2018

Registration information [HERE](#)

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*In case you missed it last time:*

**IMPORTANT UPDATES**

**From the U.S. Department of Justice**

Justice Department Coordinates Nationwide Elder Fraud Sweep of More than 250 Defendants

[HERE](#)

**IRS Scam Alert – IRS Urges Taxpayers to Watch Out for Erroneous Refunds; Beware of Fake Calls to Return Money to a Collection Agency** [HERE](#)

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**National Institute on Aging**

Heart Health [HERE](#)

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**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid**

New Medicare Card Mailing Strategy information [HERE](#)

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Learn more about **Dementia Friends Arizona** efforts [HERE](#)

**Alzheimer’s State Plan** [HERE](#)

**Calls to Action** posted [HERE](#)

**Governor Ducey’s Proclamation** regarding **Arizona Alzheimer’s Awareness** [HERE](#)

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ADOT brought back the **HURF Exchange Program** that enables Arizona cities, towns, counties to design and build transportation projects using state funding. More information [HERE](#). Did you know ADOT offers **Alerts App** and **Daily Digest Bulletin** with latest alerts and news? Learn more at: <http://www.azdot.gov/>.

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**Ongoing Resources**

From the **Governor’s Office**

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

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**AHCCS News & Updates:**

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

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

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

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**Arizona Department of Health Services**

**Latest News** [HERE](#)

**Public Health Licensing** [HERE](#)

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

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**Arizona Association of Area Agencies on Aging/AZ4A**

Map of Regions [HERE](#)

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Past issues of the *Legislative Updates* are linked on the Council website at:

<http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/LegUpdates.asp>

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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](mailto: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](mailto:gaca@az.gov).

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

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**Have a good 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](mailto:gaca@az.gov) and ask to be unsubscribed or subscribed to the **Legislative Update**.