



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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!

53rd Legislature – 2nd Regular Session

As of **Day 82** of the session, **1,165 bills posted; 139 passed; 110 signed; 2 vetoed; 118 Memorials or Resolutions posted; 14 passed.**

Deadlines: **April 7** is the Senate last day for conference committees; **April 13** is the last day for consideration of bills in conference committees in the House; **April 17** is the **100th day of the session.**

Senate 2018 Timeline [HERE](#)

House 2018 Deadlines [HERE](#)

Tracked bills passed and signed by the Governor

HB2034: social security; state agency designation

HB2124: life & disability insurance; insolvencies

HB2149: pharmacies; remote dispensing

HB2168: mobile homes, recreational vehicles; fund

H2256: podiatrists; examination; repeal

HB2317: disability plates; permanent placards

SB1089: purple heart day

SB1162: silver alert notification; developmental disability

SB1204: trusts and estates

Updates on other bills tracked by the Council

HB2042: insurance coverage; telemedicine; urology

Latest action: 3/27 passed Senate 30-0; ready for House action on Senate amendments

HB2324: community health workers; voluntary certification – Senate Health & Human Services amendment [HERE](#); Commerce and Public Safety amendment [HERE](#)

Latest action: from Senate Rules okay; Senate Committee of the Whole - 4/2/2018

HB2529: assisted living; referrals; disclosure (title change) Senate Fact Sheet [HERE](#) (3/28/2018)

Latest action: 3/29 passed Senate 30-0; ready for House action on Senate amendments

HB2588: misrepresentation; service animals - Strike Everything [Amendment](#) *Latest action: from Senate Appropriation with Amendment*

HCR2006: four-year terms

Latest action: from Senate Rules okay

SB1296: government communications; emergency response interpreters

Latest action: 3/22 from House Government Committee do pass

SCR1007: senior property valuation freeze; income

Latest action: 3/22 passed House 59-0; to Secretary of State

NOTE: You can find information on all these bills by opening the **FULL List** link provided below.

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*.

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](#)

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](#)

From the **Office of the Governor** - news release regarding the signing of SB1390: tpt; additional rate; education [HERE](#)

FEDERAL OVERVIEW

Updates

H.R.1625 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018

Introduced on 3/20/2017 by Representative Edward R. Royce (CA-39)

FY18 omnibus spending package; Enrolled Bill version [HERE](#)

Latest action: 3/23/2018 Became Public Law No: 115-141

H.Res.765 Expressing support for the designation of May 15, 2018 as “National Senior Fraud Awareness Day” to raise awareness about the barrage of fraud attempts that

seniors face, to encourage the implementation of policies to prevent these scams from happening, and to improve protections from these scams to seniors.

Introduced on 3/6/2018 by Representative Karen Bass (CA-37)

Latest Action: 3/9/2018 Referred to the Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection

S.1091 Supporting Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Act

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

Latest action: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous consent. 3/26/2018 Referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, Committee on Energy and Commerce

Good News for Aging Programs - the President signed \$1.3 trillion federal spending measure on 3/23 that included funding for many Older Americans Act programs.

See **National Association of Area Agencies on Aging** update:

<https://www.n4a.org/3.22.2018>

National Council on Aging - Final FY18 funding brings good news for aging services

[HERE](#)

(3/26/2018 Phillips)

FY18 Aging Program Funding Table updated 3/22/2018 to include FY18 omnibus levels

[HERE](#)

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

U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day is Saturday, April 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Locate a Collection Site Near You beginning April 1st at:
https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/

Partnership Toolbox [HERE](#)

From the Alzheimer's Association

NEW!! 2018 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures: <https://www.alz.org/facts/>

Major Alzheimer's Research Funding Increase Signed Into Law: Press Release [HERE](#)

Dementia Care Practice Recommendations [HERE](#)

[Kaiser Health News](#)

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

National Institute on Aging

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)

Justice in Aging

Supplemental Security Income 101: A Guide for Advocates [HERE](#)

National Council on Aging/NCOA

The Shoebox Project: Managing the Paperwork of Everyday Living [HERE](#)

Older Americans Month 2018

Administration for Community Living announced the 2018 theme *Engage at Every Age* back in December; resources are available [HERE](#).

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Managing someone else's money guides [HERE](#)

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is June 15 and resources are available at the USC Center on Elder Mistreatment.

<http://eldermistreatment.usc.edu/weaad-home/>

Center for Oral Health

A Healthy Smile Never Gets Old: A California Report on the Oral Health of Older Adults [HERE](#)

State Fiscal News

From the **Joint Legislative Budget Committee**

JLBC – Monthly Fiscal Highlights March 2018 [HERE](#)

“Year-to-date...FY2018 General Fund revenues are 7.2% above the prior year and are \$257.9 million above forecast.”

INFORMATION & RESOURCES

Connecting the Dots – CenPHo Advocates for Dementia Awareness / CADA

Wednesday, April 4, 2018 from 4:30 – 6:30 pm, Phoenix Art Museum, Orientation Theater, 1625 N Central Avenue, Phoenix AZ 85004

More information: www.phxart.org/event/

Dementia Friendly Tempe – “Tools for Building a Resilient Caregiver

Saturday, April 7, 10 am to 12:00 noon, Pyle Adult Center, 655 E. Southern Avenue. More information [HERE](#)

Arizona Transit Association 31st Annual Transit Conference

April 8 – 10, 2018

Registration information [HERE](#)

Conference program [HERE](#)

April 20 Arizona Alzheimer’s Association Desert Southwest Chapter - Central Arizona Annual Education Conference, 7:30 am to 4:00 pm, Scottsdale Bible Church, 7601 E. Shea Boulevard, Scottsdale AZ. More information [HERE](#)

All regional education programs listed [HERE](#).

Free workshop by the **Sonoran University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities** with the **University of Arizona** addressing identifying and tracking symptoms, the link between Alzheimer’s and Down Syndrome, health care advocacy for adults with IDD and strategies to adapt day-to-day care.

FLAGSTAFF – April 25, 2018, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, Department of Economic Security/Division of Developmental Disabilities, 1701 N. Fourth Street, First Floor, Room 30-31, Flagstaff AZ 86004

AARP Fraud Watch Network “Free Shredding” Event

Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

First Institutional Baptist Church, 1141 E Jefferson Street, Phoenix AZ 85034

Limit 5 medium-sized boxes of unwanted documents for on-site shredders per vehicle.

Prescription disposal service for old and unused medications available. Questions emailed to

aarpaz@aarp.org or contact bholt@aarp.org.

June 6, 2018 SEAGO Region VI Area Agency on Aging 4th Annual Conference on Aging, Aging Together “Power of Community” at Cochise College, Sierra Vista campus, 901 North Colombo Avenue. The event features virtual dementia tours. Space is limited. More information [HERE](#).

In case you missed it last time:

National Council on Aging/NCOA

Free Resources for Aging Services Providers [HERE](#) – a compilation of information on ten topics assembled by Brandy Bauer.

Medical costs of older adult falls is \$50 billion annually.

6 Steps to Prevent a Fall [HERE](#) and infographic in PDF [HERE](#)

NASUAD Friday Updates March 16, 2018

Demographic Turning Points for the United States: Population Projection for 2020 to 2060

The United States Census Bureau has released a report detailing population projections for 2020 to 2060. This report summarizes results from the U.S. Census Bureau’s 2017 National Population Projections. Beginning in 2030, all baby boomers will be older than 65, and one in every five Americans is projected to be retirement age. By 2035, it is projected that older adults will outnumber children for the first time in U.S. history. The focus of this report is on 2030 as a demographic turning point for the United States, but the report also explores broader changes in the age, race, and ethnic composition of the population from 2020 to 2060.

\ [Click here](#) to access the report.

Kaiser Health News

Everything You Need To Know About The New Medicare Cards (But Beware of Scams)

[HERE](#)

(Judith Graham, March 15, 2018)

New Technologies Help Seniors Age In Place - And Not Feel Alone [HERE](#)

(Gabi Redford, March 12, 2018)

ALSO: From the **Arizona Center for Disability Law** – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):
Service Animals [HERE](#)

Ongoing Resources

From the **Governor’s Office**

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

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 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.

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

Have a wonderful weekend!

~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**.

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