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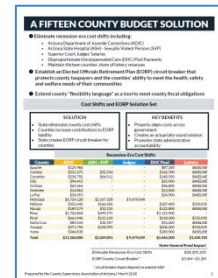


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Counties Press for County Taxpayer Relief and EORP Solution

With the legislature now placing budget negotiations at the top of the agenda, county elected officials continue to urge state lawmakers to prioritize county taxpayer relief. Specifically, counties are requesting a fifteen county solution that ends the practice of diverting local tax dollars to fund state agency obligations and creates an Elected Officials Retirement Plan (EORP) circuit-breaker, protecting the local taxpayer from additional costs. This solution properly aligns costs across government, places EORP on actuarially sound footing, and promotes state and local administrative accountability.



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Arizona Office of Economic Opportunity Projects Statewide Job Growth Through 2019

2017-2019 Projected Job Growth by Region	
Area Name	2-Year Annualized Percentage Growth
Arizona	2.6%
Coconino County	1.6%
Mohave and La Paz	2.0%
Maricopa County	2.9%
Northeastern Arizona <i>Apache, Gila, Navajo</i>	1.5%
Pima County	1.7%
Pinal County	2.1%
Santa Cruz County	0.3%
Southeastern Arizona <i>Cochise, Graham, Greenlee</i>	1.6%
Yavapai County	2.1%
Yuma County	1.5%

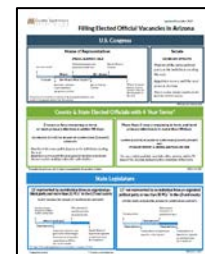
On Thursday, the Arizona Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) released its short term job projections through the first half of 2019. Statewide job growth is expected to increase by 2.6 percent annually, with the fastest growth projected to be within Maricopa County. Over the next two years, all counties are projected to experience some amount of job growth. In eight counties, construction employment is expected to experience the fastest growth rate. The largest statewide increase in the number of jobs over the two year period is expected to be in office and administrative support positions. To read the OEO's full report, please [click here](#).

For more information regarding historic data for each of Arizona's counties, please [click here](#) to access the CSA County Encyclopedia.

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State Treasurer DeWitt to Become Next CFO of NASA

On Wednesday, Arizona State Treasurer Jeff DeWitt was unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate to become the next Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of NASA. As a result, he will not fulfill the remainder of his term as State Treasurer, which runs through the end of 2018. DeWitt's transition out of office will occur over the next few weeks, and in that time it falls to Governor Ducey to nominate a republican to fill the position. If they choose to, the individual that the governor appoints will be able to run in this year's primary and general



elections, along with any other candidates for treasurer. The winner of the fall general election will then be sworn in as the state treasurer in 2019.

For more information on how statewide, congressional and legislative vacancies are filled, please click on the image above.

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Legislative Session Snapshot

The 53rd Legislature, Second Regular Session marks its 68th day of the legislative session today. A total of 1,165 bills and 115 memorials/resolutions have been introduced, of that 44 bills have passed and two have been signed into law.

Some upcoming legislative deadlines are as follows:

- Friday, March 23 is the last day for House consideration of Senate bills and Senate consideration of House bills, leaving just one week to hear bills in the opposite chamber.
- Friday, April 13 is the final day for conference committees.

To view all of the deadlines, please click on the following links:

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Two CSA Bills Reach Governor

The status of CSA's legislative agenda package is progressing through the process as two bills are already on the Governor's Desk. The status of all of the CSA bills is as follows:

- 1) [HB 2190 county improvement districts; repayment agreements](#) (*Mitchell*) - Passed the House 57-0, transmitted to the Senate. Passed Senate Natural Resources Energy & Water Committee, awaiting 3rd Read.
- 2) [HB 2274 county contributions; hospitalization; medical; repeal](#) (*Thorpe*) - Passed the House 58-0, transmitted to the Senate. Referred to Senate Health & Human Services and Appropriations Committees.
- 3) [HB 2413 public road maintenance; primitive designation](#) (*Cook*) - Passed the House 58-0, passed the Senate 29-1 and has been transmitted to the Governor.
- 4) [HB 2415 juvenile dependency proceedings fund](#) (*Cobb*) - Passed the House 51-7, transmitted to the Senate. Referred to Senate Appropriations and Judiciary Committees.
- 5) [HB 2439 county contributions; committee youth; repeal](#) (*Thorpe*) - Passed the House 55-3, transmitted to the Senate. Referred to Senate Appropriations, passed the Senate Judiciary Committee 6-0-1.
- 6) [SB 1038 state land payments; payment method](#) (*Griffin*) - Passed the Senate 30-0, passed the House 57-1-2 and has been transmitted to the Governor.
- 7) [SB 1113 zoning violations; notice; service](#) (*Fann*) - Passed the Senate 23-5, transmitted to the House. Passed House Local & International Affairs, Rules and Caucus. Awaiting House COW.
- 8) [SB 1410 transient lodging tax; rural counties](#) (*Borrelli*) - Referred to Senate Finance.

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NACo Webinar: Engaging Local Utilities in Energy Planning

On March 21, 2018, from 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm EST, the National Association of Counties (NACo) is hosting a webinar titled, [Resilient Counties: Engaging Local Utilities in Energy Planning](#).

This interactive webinar will explore how your county can best engage and partner with local utilities in energy planning, including utility-scale renewable energy projects, key regulatory issues, grid modernization and storage, and energy assurance strategies.

To register for the webinar, please [click here](#).

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Next Week: Committee Agendas

- The [House Banking and Insurance Committee](#) will meet on Monday, March 19th, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 5.
- The [House Education Committee](#) will meet on Monday, March 19th, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 1.

- The [House Military, Veterans and Regulatory Affairs Committee](#) will meet on Monday, March 19th, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 3.
- The [Senate Commerce and Public Safety Committee](#) will meet on Monday, March 19th, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 1.
- The [Senate Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee](#) will meet on Monday, March 19th, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 109.
- The [Senate Appropriations Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, March 20th, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 109.
- The [Senate Transportation and Technology Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, March 20th, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 1.
- The [House Commerce Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, March 20th, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 1.
- The [House Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, March 20th, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 3.
- The [House on Federalism, Property Rights and Public Policy Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, March 20th, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 4.
- The [House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 21st, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 3.
- The [House Energy, Environment and Natural Resources](#) will meet on Friday, March 23rd, at 10:00 a.m. at Yuma City Hall.

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