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## National Crime Victims' Rights Week



Each year, the Office for Victims of Crimes (OVC) National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) is April 7-13. The OVC is part of the Office of Justice Programs within the U.S. Department of Justice. The 2019 theme of the NCVRW is "Honoring Our Past. Creating Hope for the Future." This theme "celebrates the progress made by those before us as we look to a future of crime victim services that is even more inclusive, accessible, and trauma-informed." To view the OVC's NCVRW Resource Guide, please click [here](#). To learn more about the OCV, please click [here](#).

Both Governor Ducey and President Trump have released proclamations declaring April 7-13, 2019 as Arizona Crime Victims' Rights Week. To read Governor Ducey's proclamation, please click [here](#). To read President Trump's proclamation, please click [here](#).

The Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC) was statutorily created in 1982 and "serves as a resource and service organization for Arizona's criminal justice community on a myriad of issues ranging from drugs, gangs and victim assistance to record improvement programs." The ACJC is one of Arizona's largest funders of victims' services and oversees Arizona's Crime Victim Compensation and Crime Victim Assistance programs. In commemoration of NCVRW, a statewide event was held on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at El Zaribah Shrine. At this event, participants heard from former US Senator Jon Kyl and honored victim services workers across the state of Arizona who assist crime victims every day. To view ACJC's Press Release on NCVRW, please click [here](#).

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## County Managers Meeting Update

During the April County Managers Meeting at CSA, Keith Watkins and Jeff Sobotka from the Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA) spoke to managers about broadband in rural Arizona. Keith Watkins is currently the Senior Vice President, Economic/Rural Development and Jeff Sobotka is the Vice President & State Broadband Director for the ACA. The ACA is Arizona's leading economic development organization that is focused on growing and strengthening Arizona's economy. The ACA works with existing companies "to grow their business in Arizona and beyond" and also partners with entrepreneurs and companies "to create new jobs and businesses in targeted industries." In regards to broadband development, Watkins and Sobotka recommended to the managers that they plan ahead and complete the technical planning that is required for grant applications. To visit the ACA website, please click [here](#). To learn more about different programs that the ACA facilitates, please click [here](#). To learn more about the U.S. Department of Agriculture ReConnect Loan and Grant Program, please click [here](#).



CSA staff also provided a legislative update, described the Arizona Administrative Office of the Courts Proposed Rule Change that would permit attorneys to issue their own subpoenas, gave a presentation regarding EORP Actuarial Assumptions and provided a briefing on updated revenue numbers and expenditures discussed at this week's Financial Advisory Committee meeting.

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## Governor Ducey Appoints David Tenney as State Forester

On April 9<sup>th</sup> Governor Ducey announced that David Tenney will serve as the Director of the Department of Forestry and Fire Management (DFFM), commonly referred to as the State Forester. The Governor stated that with the over 30 years of experience, Tenney is well-suited for the position of State Forester. Previously, Tenney served as a Navajo County Supervisor from 2004-2015.

To read Governor Ducey's news release on the appointment of Director Tenney, please click [here](#). Congratulations Director Tenney!



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## Distracted Driving Awareness Month

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month and this year's message is [U Drive. U Text. U Pay](#). According to the National Highway Transit Safety Administration (NHTSA), reading a text takes your eyes off the road for 5 seconds. At 55 mph, that is like driving the entire length of a football field with your eyes closed, endangering not only the driver, but also passengers, other vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists.

The County Supervisors Association passed [Resolution Number 3-18](#) last December urging the Arizona State Legislature and Governor to ban the use of in-hand hand-held portable electronic communication devices while operating a motor vehicle and to make failure to comply a primary offense. The majority of states have enacted legislation making texting and the use of hand-held electronic devices a primary offence. Arizona is one of only two other states (Montana, Missouri) that have not enacted a statewide ban.



However, Arizona is moving closer to establishing additional protections with two bills ([HB 2318](#) (Campbell) & [SB 1165](#) (Brophy McGee)) currently pending in the House of Representatives that would prohibit the use of a wireless communication device or stand-alone electronic device while operating a motor vehicle. The bills have a long delayed effective date that will enable public education over the next year and a half to ensure there is time to change driving behavior before January 2021.

For more information on distracted driving awareness month please, [click here](#).

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## Finance Advisory Committee Revises Forecast Down, Still Anticipates Growth

The Joint Legislative Budget Committee's (JLBC) Finance Advisory Committee (FAC) met on Thursday to discuss the outlook for the Arizona economy and revenues. The FAC was expected to revise down the projections for FY 2019 to FY 2023 revenues since Individual Income Tax revenues have been weak for the past several months. They did so, lowering the anticipated year-over-year growth for FY 2019 to 6.2 percent, from 7.0 percent and keeping the estimated revenue growth for FY 2020 at 3.9 percent. Additionally, the four-sector consensus forecast anticipates lower growth in FY 2021 and FY 2022 at 3.0 percent and 3.7 percent respectively.

The changes in the forecasted revenue means that the JLBC staff estimates fewer available dollars for new one-time and ongoing spending initiatives. The staff now estimates that policy makers could add approximately \$150 million in ongoing items and \$840 million in additional one-time items and maintain a positive structural and cash balance. Overall, the revenues available to the state are down (\$84) million in FY 2019, (\$94) million in FY 2020, (\$137) million in FY 2021 and (\$148) million in FY2022 from the January Baseline Forecast.

The members of the FAC did note that while the forecast was revised down, state revenues are still anticipated to grow in the short term. Several members pointed to positive trends in demographic and economic indicators including increased labor force participation, population, and employment. However, a recent Wall Street Journal survey of leading economists says that 53% of those economists predict a recession by the end of CY 2020.

To view the presentations from the April 11th meeting please click [here](#).

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## 2019 Gabe Zimmerman Public Service Awards Nominations



The Center for the Future of Arizona is now accepting nominations for the Gabe Zimmerman Public Service Awards. The Gabe Zimmerman Public Service Awards are named in honor of Gabe Zimmerman, who lost his life while serving Arizona as Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords' community outreach director on January 8, 2011. These awards recognize non-elected public servants contributing to their communities and shaping the future of Arizona. The awards recognize honorees in the following categories: Community Builder (2 Awards), Emerging Leader, and Civic Leader. To view more information about the awards and qualifications for nominations, please click [here](#).

The deadline for nominations is Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 11:50 pm. To nominate an individual for one of the Zimmerman Public Service Awards, please click [here](#).

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## Legislative Session Snapshot

Today, April 12<sup>th</sup> is the 89<sup>th</sup> day of session. Since the beginning of session, 1,289 bills and 98 memorials/resolutions have been introduced. This week, the House and Senate passed an additional 66 bills (112 total) to the Governor, with a total of 14 memorials/resolutions as well, and a total of 3 vetoed bills.

Next Friday is the last day for bills to be heard in Conference Committee. Currently, 1 bill has been refused and 15 bills are pending concurrence (8 House / 7 Senate). In addition, there are 102 bills pending rules (47 House / 55 Senate), 73 bills pending COW (33 House / 40 Senate), and 129 bills (67 House / 62 Senate) pending 3<sup>rd</sup> or Final Read.

Budget negotiations are underway and both chambers are having small group discussions on budget requests, but there are only two short weeks until they reach the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of Session.

To view more important dates for the legislative session, please click on the following links:

- [Senate deadlines](#)
- [House deadlines](#)

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## CSA Legislative Update

The status of CSA's legislative agenda package is as follows:

- 1) CSA Legislative Budget Priorities
  - [SB 1140 county contributions; committed youth; repeal](#) (*Leach*), is waiting in Rules as the budget is negotiated.
  - [SB 1293 appropriations; EORP contributions; counties](#) (*Gowan*), is waiting in Rules as the budget is negotiated.
  - [HB 2702 TPT; marketplace facilitators; nexus](#) (*Toma*), pending action by the House Rules Committee, but is not expected to move forward and will need to be part of budget negotiations or part of a comprehensive tax package.
- 2) [HB 2467 NOW: committees; west basin water users](#) (*Cobb*), is pending 3<sup>rd</sup> Read in the Senate.
- 3) [SB 1084 funeral; last illness; expenses; lien](#) (*Borrelli*), is pending 3<sup>rd</sup> Read in the House.

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## Next Week: Committee Agendas

- The [Senate Rules Committee](#) will meet on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm in Senate Caucus Room 1
- The [Senate Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee](#) will meet on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in Senate Hearing Room 1
- The [Senate Water and Agriculture Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in Senate Hearing Room 1

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## NACo Webinar: Meeting the Needs of Individuals with Substance Use Disorders

NACo will hold part two of a three part webinar series on Substance Abuse Interventions for Justice-Involved Individuals on "Strategies for Jails." This part of the webinar series will focus on strategies that counties can use in order to effectively treat individuals who have substance use disorders while they are in jail. Some of the topics that will be discussed are "substance abuse screenings, medicated—assisted treatment (MAT), and population review teams."

This webinar is scheduled for Thursday, April 18 at 2:00 pm Eastern Time. To register for the webinar, please click [here](#). To view part three of this webinar series on "Strategies for Reentry from Jail," please click [here](#).

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## NACo Webinar: Stepping Up

NACo will be holding a webinar on Stepping Up, "Three Steps to Identifying and Collecting Data on People with Mental Illnesses in Your Jail." In May 2015, the National Association of Counties (NACo), the American Psychiatric Association Foundation, and The Council of State Governments Justice Center launched the Stepping Up initiative that is focused on reducing the number of people with mental illnesses in jails. Since the launch in 2015, more than 475 counties have joined the Stepping Up initiative. Identifying and collecting data on individuals with mental illnesses in jails allows counties to "better connect people to treatment and services, make data-driven decisions to identify gaps in services and supports and more efficiently use resources." This webinar will provide information on the three steps that counties can take to accurately identify and collect data on individuals with mental illnesses in their jails, and how counties are already implementing those three steps. To learn more about the Stepping Up Initiative, please click [here](#).

This webinar is scheduled for Thursday, May 2 at 2:00 pm Eastern Time. To register for this webinar, please click [here](#).

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