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Budget Update

On Wednesday evening, a leaked version of the draft Senate budget revealed that the 15 county priority to eliminate the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections (ADJC) fee is in jeopardy.

In 2015, the state shifted 25% of the cost of ADJC to the counties to patch a state budget shortfall, even though counties already pay millions locally for juvenile justice costs. Thankfully, for the past three years, state law-makers have provided one-time relief to counties, while acknowledging that the county tax-payer should not be funding the state agency.

This year, the Executive budget plan recommended elimination of the fee, which would save the county general fund \$11.3 million. Senator Leach sponsored an ADJC fee repeal bill, [SB 1140](#), that passed unanimously out of the Senate as well as the House Appropriations Committee. However, the released spreadsheet showed that the needed \$11.3 in ADJC relief had been reduced to \$2.8 million, eliminating any relief to the two largest counties.

Counties continue to urge the legislature to enact the local taxpayer relief contained in CSA's 15 county budget solution, ending recession-era policies that have tapped local dollars to fund the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections ([SB 1140](#)) and providing partial relief to rural counties related to 162% increase in EORP costs ([SB 1293](#)).

To view CSA's Budget Priorities document please click [here](#).

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County Planning Directors Meeting

On Monday, the Arizona Association of County Planning Directors (AACPD) met to discuss a variety of issues facing counties, including drone programs, potential human trafficking awareness training, and hazard contingency plans.

CSA staff provided a legislative update and discussed the forthcoming licensure to allow growing, manufacturing and transportation of industrial hemp by the Arizona Department of Agriculture (AZDA). The AZDA has started taking early applications for industrial hemp licenses and the program goes live on June 1, 2019.

To view AZDA's industrial hemp license applications, please click [here](#). For more information about the hemp program, please click [here](#).

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Wildfire Prevention in Arizona

With the heavy winter rain in many areas across Arizona, it is predicted that some areas may see less fire activity this season, while other areas could see increased fire activity. The Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management (AZDFFM) lists many different resources that Arizonans can use during wildfire season. Southwest Wildfire Awareness Week was held April 7-13th this year; a collaboration between the AZDFFM, the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Park Service, and the New Mexico State Forestry Division. The theme of Southwest Wildfire Awareness Week was "Prevention today for protection tomorrow." To view suggestions and information provided by the AZDFFM, please click [here](#).

In early 2019, the AZDFFM released their new mobile phone application that provides individuals with notifications, current news information, fire prevention tips, and a Q&A page. To download the app, search "Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management" in the Apple or Google Play stores.

For additional wildfire resources and up to date information on wildfires, please visit the following sources:

[Arizona Fire Restrictions: Map](#)
[Arizona Interagency Wildfire Prevention](#)
[Arizona State Forestry Division](#)
[Arizona Wildfire Watch: Map](#)
[Forest Service Active Fire Map](#)



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CSA Legislative Update

Today, May 3rd marks the 110th day of session. This week, the House and Senate passed an additional 40 bills to the Governor, to reach a total of 211, with a total of 17 memorials/resolutions as well, and a total of 6 vetoed bills.

The Governor vetoed 3 bills this week including: 1) [HB 2596 public land management; sovereign immunity](#) (Finchem); 2) [SB 1141 distracted driving](#) (Mesnard); and 3) [SB 1164 ombudsman-citizens aide; executive session; access](#) (D. Farnsworth).

To view the Governor's veto letters please click on the following links [HB 2596](#), [SB 1141](#), [SB 1164](#).

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), was moved through COW and is pending 3rd Read in the Senate.
- 3) [SB 1084 funeral; last illness; expenses; lien](#) (Borrelli), was 3rd Read in the House and sent to the Governor's office.

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Next Week: Committee Agendas

- The [Senate Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, May 8, at 11:00 am in Senate Hearing Room 1

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NACo Webinar: Counting All Children in the 2020 Census

Together with the Count All Kids Campaign, NACo will be hosting the "Counting All Children in the 2020 Census: What Counties Need to Know And What They Can Do" webinar. The undercount of children has been growing over the last 40 years, and research shows that one in 10 young children were missed in the 2010 Decennial Census. If each of those children would have been counted correctly, it would have amounted in states receiving over half a billion dollars more each year in funding from federal programs.

This webinar will discuss why counting children helps them thrive, which children are at risk for being missed in the Census, why those children are being missed, what tools the Count All Kids Campaign is developing to improve the count of children, and what steps counties can take now and in 2020 for the Census count. To learn more about the Count All Kids Campaign, please click [here](#). The webinar will be held on Tuesday, May 14th at 11:00 am. For more information and to register for this webinar, please click [here](#).

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NACo Webinar: Veterans and Homelessness

On May 22nd, NACo will be hosting the webinar "Veterans and Homelessness: County Solutions for Ensuring Veterans Have an Affordable and Healthy Home." This webinar will discuss barriers that veterans encounter when trying to find affordable housing and health services. The webinar will have input from housing and health care experts, a personal account from a veteran who has faced these barriers, and also from a county that is currently working to eliminate the barriers that these veterans face on a local level.

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