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## 2019 Session: One more day to sign bills...

After weeks of negotiations, the Legislature passed out an \$11.9 billion dollar budget package on Memorial Day. Once the budget was complete, the Legislature was able to quickly wrap up the session and adjourn *Sine Die* at 12:58 a.m. on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, making the general effective date for bills August 27, 2019 (90 days after *Sine Die*).

Of the 1,318 bills introduced this year, the legislature passed 331 bills and Governor Ducey has signed 280 of them (so far) and vetoed 7. A total of 51 bills remain on the Governor's desk and he has until midnight on Saturday to sign or veto the remaining legislation.

For the Joint Legislative Budget Committee outline of the enacted state budget, please click [here](#).

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## Session Wrap Up Webinar

Friday morning, CSA staff hosted a legislation session wrap up webinar. The briefing covered the results associated with key county priorities as well as new legislation relevant to county operations. A recording of the webinar will be distributed along with the slide deck early next week. Also, the 2019 CSA Legislative Summary will be available soon and will contain brief summaries, arranged by subject, of new laws impacting county government that were enacted during the *First Regular Session of Arizona's 54<sup>th</sup> Legislature*. This compilation contains all county relevant bills enacted into law and is a useful guide for county professional staff responsible for implementation of new policies. In addition, next week we will distribute the 2020 legislative policy proposals request form.

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## CSA on the Road



Each year, after the legislative session ends, CSA staff travels the state to meet with county supervisors and professional staff.

Our outreach began this week in La Paz and Yuma counties and will be followed by Mohave County on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Over the course of the summer, we will visit each of the 15 counties to brief them on the recent legislative session and our work going into 2020.

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## PILT Funding

The Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2020 ([H.R. 3050](#)) recommends full FY 2020 Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding in FY 2020, in FY 2019 PILT was fully funded with \$500 million. The U.S. House Appropriations Committee approved the bill and it is currently pending consideration by the House Committee of the Whole (COW).

U.S. Representative Ann Kirkpatrick (AZ District 2) introduced [H.R. 3043](#) on May 30<sup>th</sup>. The bipartisan legislation would permanently authorize the PILT program. In Arizona, the federal government owns over 38 percent of all the land. PILT helps offset the lost tax revenues for property owned by the federal government. PILT helps local governments provide essential services such as law enforcement, search and rescue, road maintenance for the public and users of public lands. H.R. 3043 would help bring assurance to local governments, eliminating the uncertainty of the annual budget appropriation process.

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## Wildfire Update

County leaders have deployed resources to protect public safety in communities threatened by wildfires. There are currently two wildfires and two prescribed fire burning throughout Arizona, which include:

- Maroon Fire - is burning 18 miles northeast of Flagstaff off Leupp Road near Maroon Crater, was caused by a lightning strike and has consumed 8,605 acres and is currently 50 percent contained.
- Coldwater Fire – started by a lightning strike, the fire has burned 2,300 acres since last Thursday. The fire is located approximately four miles south of Clints Well and one mile east of state Route 87.
- Kaibab NF South Zone RX Fire – is a prescribed fire of about 300 acres about 3 miles northeast of Tusayan
- South Rim – is a prescribed burn in the Aravaipa Canyon area.

For up to date information on wildfires, please click on the following links:

[Arizona Interagency Wildfire Prevention](#)

[Arizona State Forestry Division](#)

[Arizona State Parks Fire Restrictions and Information](#)

[InciWeb – Interagency All-Risk Incident Information Management System](#)

[Federal: Active Fire Maps](#)

[Fire Restrictions](#)

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## NACo Webinar: Engagement on BLM Planning Regulations

On Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00-11:00am MST, NACo will be hosting the webinar “Engagement on BLM Planning Regulations.” The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is rewriting their Planning Regulations and this webinar will allow elected officials the opportunity to share their ideas and expertise with the agency on what should be included in the land use planning regulations as the rule is developed.

For more information and to register for this webinar, please click [here](#).

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