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## Legislative Budget Discussions

With legislative leadership eager to keep pace for a late April *Sine Die*, legislative budget negotiations are now fully engaged. Both chambers are holding small group meetings within the majority caucuses and working to figure out what it will take to get enough members support a spending plan.

At this point, the House budget framework lists counties receiving full Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections (ADJC) relief (\$11.3 million) and in-lieu lottery appropriations for 13 counties. Other county priorities are left to compete in a “spending box” that totals \$36 million and currently there are at least \$128 million in member requests vying to be included. On the Senate side, details are scarce, but all indications are that the county position is similar to the House.

As it stands, the identified relief falls massively short of creating the local financial capacity to absorb the \$20 million annual Elected Officials Retirement Plan (EORP) liability that [HB2357 EORP: employer contributions](#) (*Livingston*) proposes to ship to the counties. It is critical that the legislature enact the [15 County Budget Solution](#), eliminating recession-era costs shifts and creating an EORP circuit breaker, to ensure that the county taxpayer is insulated from the costs.

Key legislators are working in both chambers to improve the county position. It is critical that county officials continue to urge their local law-makers to accomplish county objectives.

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### A FIFTEEN COUNTY BUDGET SOLUTION

- Eliminate recession-era cost shifts including:
  - Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections (ADJC)
  - Arizona State Hospital (ASH) - Sexually Violent Persons (SVP)
  - Superior Court Judges' Salaries
  - Disproportionate Uncompensated Care (DUC) Pool Payments
  - Maintain thirteen counties' share of lottery revenues
- Establish an Elected Officials Retirement Plan (EORP) circuit breaker that protects county taxpayers and the counties' ability to meet the health, safety and welfare needs of their communities
- Extend county "flexibility language" as a tool to meet county fiscal obligations

Cost Shifts and EORP Solution Set

County	ADJC	ASH-SVP	Judges	DUC Pool	Lottery
Apache	\$125,904	-	-	-	\$87,200
Cochise	\$231,375	\$32,534	-	-	\$42,700
Cocoonino	\$236,792	\$64,512	-	-	\$160,500
Gila	\$144,415	-	-	-	\$65,900
Graham	\$65,566	-	-	-	\$44,800
Greenlee	\$148,62	-	-	-	\$12,000
La Paz	\$36,093	-	-	-	\$24,900
Maricopa	\$6,724,128	\$2,167,328	\$9,479,049	-	-
Mohave	\$352,642	\$166,506	-	-	\$187,400
Navajo	\$189,279	\$32,135	-	-	\$122,800
Pima	\$1,726,804	\$499,275	-	-	\$1,115,900
Pinal	\$641,846	\$115,639	-	-	\$223,500
Santa Cruz	\$83,534	\$32,927	-	-	\$51,400
Yavapai	\$371,750	\$158,995	-	-	\$204,200
Yuma	\$344,830	-	-	-	\$185,900
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,260,000</b>	<b>\$3,249,851</b>	<b>\$9,479,049</b>	<b>\$2,464,200</b>	<b>\$1,430,105</b>

KEY BENEFITS

- Properly aligns costs across government
- Creates an actuarially sound solution
- Promotes state administrative accountability

State General Fund Impact

Eliminate Recession-Era Cost Shifts	\$28,305,203
EORP County Circuit Breaker*	\$3.6M-\$5.2M

\*circuit breaker impact depends on exact relief

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## Preliminary Draft of School Safety Bill Released

This week, a [draft copy](#) of Governor Ducey's proposal to improve school safety was released. Some of the major components of the proposed draft bill include:

- Investment for mental and behavioral health resources at schools;
- Restricting firearms access for dangerous individuals through a Severe Threat Order of Protection (STOP);
- Enhancing background checks by improving the completeness and accuracy of the criminal history database; and
- Increasing school resource officers and law enforcement resources for schools.

Negotiations are ongoing between the Governor's Office, the legislators and major stakeholder groups. It is unclear when a final version will be introduced.

For more information on Governor Ducey's proposal, please [click here](#) for a short outline and please click here for the [draft language](#).

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## Governor Ducey Honors Legacy of Former Governor Rose Mofford

On Thursday, Governor Doug Ducey issued a proclamation recognizing April 5, 2018 as Rose Mofford Day.

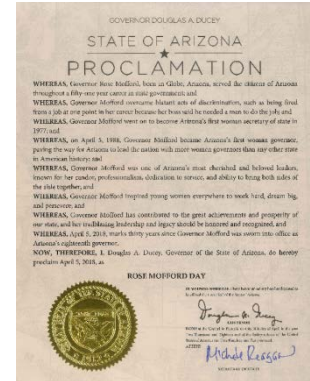
Governor Rose Mofford was sworn into office thirty years ago on April 5, 1988, becoming Arizona's eighteenth governor and the state's first woman chief executive. In doing so, she paved the way for Arizona to lead the nation with more women governors to date than any state in American history.

Yesterday, Governor Ducey shared, "Today marks thirty years since a true trailblazer shattered the glass ceiling through all nine floors of the Executive Tower, right up to the Governor's Office. Rose Mofford didn't set out to be a role model; but she became one. Today we honor her legacy and pioneering spirit."

To view the proclamation, please [click here](#).

Source: [azgovernor.gov](http://azgovernor.gov)

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## Legislative Session Snapshot

The 53<sup>rd</sup> Legislature, Second Regular Session marks its 89<sup>th</sup> day of the legislative session today. A total of 1,165 bills and 118 memorials/resolutions have been introduced, of that 204 bills have passed, 153 have been signed into law and five have been vetoed.

Some upcoming legislative deadlines are as follows:

- Next Friday, April 13 is the final day for conference committees.
- Tuesday, April 17 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> day of the Legislative Session.

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

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## CSA Legislative Agenda

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

- 1) [HB 2190 county improvement districts; repayment agreements](#) (*Mitchell*) - Passed the House 57-0. Passed Senate 29-0, and signed into law, **Chapter 80**.
- 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.
- 3) [HB 2413 public road maintenance; primitive designation](#) (*Cook*) - Passed the House 58-0, passed the Senate 29-1 and signed into law, **Chapter 16**.
- 4) [HB 2415 juvenile dependency proceedings fund](#) (*Cobb*) -Passed the House 51-7, transmitted to the Senate. Passed the Senate Judiciary Committee 7-0, passed Senate Appropriations, awaiting Rules.
- 5) [HB 2439 county contributions; committee youth; repeal](#) (*Thorpe*) -Passed the House 55-3, transmitted to the Senate. Passed the Senate Judiciary Committee 6-0-1, passed Senate Appropriations, awaiting Rules.
- 6) [SB 1038 state land payments; payment method](#) (*Griffin*) -Passed the Senate 30-0, passed the House 57-1-2 and was signed into law, **Chapter 18**.
- 7) [SB 1113 zoning violations; notice; service](#) (*Fann*) -Passed the Senate 23-5, passed the House 51-8, awaiting Senate concurrence and Senate Final Read.

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## NACo Webinar: Building Healthy Places ~ Strategies for Partnership Development in Rural Counties

On April 12, 2018, from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm EST, the National Association of Counties (NACo) is hosting a webinar titled, [Building Healthy Places: Strategies for Partnership Development in Rural Counties](#).

Join the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the Build Healthy Places Network for an informational webinar that highlights the importance of forming collaborative partnerships with community development sectors in rural communities and strategies and tools to guide this process.

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

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