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## Special Session to Address Opioid Crisis

On Monday, Governor Doug Ducey called the State Legislature into Special Session to address the opioid epidemic in Arizona.

Yesterday, after just a few days of debate and discussion on the legislation, the opioid omnibus bill - [SB 1001 controlled substance: regulation; appropriation \(Yarbrough\)](#) - passed both chambers with unanimous support, 30 yes votes in the Senate and 58 yes votes in the House (two legislators missed the vote in the House, Representative Shooter and Representative Stringer).

For details on the county related components of the legislation, please [click here](#).

Governor Ducey signed the bill into law this morning. After the legislature passed the bill, Governor Ducey stated, "The Arizona Opioid Epidemic Act provides thoughtful, aggressive policy solutions to address this growing crisis and help save lives across our state. I thank legislative leaders and all legislators—Democrats and Republicans—for working together during this special session to give this issue the urgency it deserves and for passing this critical legislation."

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

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## JLBC Releases Estimated State Impact of Conforming to Federal Tax Changes

On Monday, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) released a report outlining the fiscal impact of aligning state tax policy with the recently revised federal tax code. According to the report, conforming with federal tax policy would increase state revenues for fiscal year 2019 by approximately \$130 million. The revenue increase comes from approximately \$173 million in increased individual income tax revenue and a decrease of \$40 million in business related tax revenue. JLBC staff noted that this estimate is speculative, and differs from the Arizona Department of Revenue's estimate of approximately \$236 million in increased revenues. Conforming to federal policy would require the legislature to act this legislative session.

To access the report, please click [here](#).

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## JLBC Monthly Fiscal Highlights

The Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) produced their Monthly Fiscal Highlights for December 2017 with General Fund revenues of \$1.02 billion, an increase of 19.5 percent over December 2016. The monthly collections are \$129.7 million above forecast. The impressive month was the result of Individual Income Tax gains 31.4

percent above forecast. Year-to-date (YTD) General Fund revenue is \$142.3 million above budget forecast, a 2.8 percent surplus, and up \$288.1 million, or 6.3 percent, from this time a year ago.

Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) collections of \$123.8 million in December are 5.6 percent higher than December 2016 and \$1.7 million above monthly forecast. YTD collections are up 3.7 percent over last year.

December General Fund spending totaled \$596.3 million with YTD spending of \$5.8 billion. This represents a (\$23.6) million decrease from December 2016 and a \$283.9 million YTD increase from fiscal year 2017.

The State's Budget Stabilization Fund (or Rainy Day Fund) has a current balance of \$455.1 million.

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## Legislative Session Snapshot

The 53<sup>rd</sup> Legislature, Second Regular Session marks its 19<sup>th</sup> day of the legislative session today. As of today 910 bills and 60 memorials/resolutions have been introduced. Last year only 1,079 bills were introduced, which was a significant decrease from the 1,247 bills that were introduced in the 2016 legislative session.

Some upcoming legislative deadlines are as follows:

- Monday, January 29 is the final day for Senate bills to be introduced.
- Friday, February 2 is the final day for House members to submit bill requests to legislative council.
- Monday, February 5 is the final day for House bills to be introduced.
- Friday, February 16 is the last day for bills to be considered in their house of origin.

To view all of the deadlines, 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) [HB 2190 county improvement districts; repayment agreements](#) (*Mitchell*)-Passed House Energy, Environment & Natural Resources, awaiting Rules.
- 2) [HB 2274 county contributions; hospitalization; medical; repeal](#) (*Thorpe*) –Referred to House Appropriations.
- 3) [HB 2413 public road maintenance; primitive designation](#) (*Cook*)- Will be heard in the House Local & International Affairs committee on January 31, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in House Hearing Room 5.
- 4) [HB 2415 juvenile dependency proceedings fund](#) (*Cobb*) –Referred to House Appropriations.
- 5) [SB 1038 state land payments; payment method](#) (*Griffin*)-Passed Senate Natural Resources, Energy & Water, Rules and Caucus, awaiting floor action.
- 6) [SB 1113 zoning violations; notice; service](#) (*Fann*)-Passed Senate Government, awaiting Rules.
- 7) [SB 1410 transient lodging tax; rural counties](#) (*Borrelli*)
- 8) Super Majority to Levy County Excise Taxes

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## NACo Webinar: County Roles and Opportunities in Opioid Treatment

On February 8, 2018, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. EST, the National Association of Counties (NACo) is hosting a webinar titled [County Roles and Opportunities in Opioid Treatment for Justice-Involved Individuals](#). Counties are uniquely positioned to lead efforts to advance safety and justice, as they run 91 percent of all jails with nearly 11 million people admitted every year. The three-part webinar series will focus on key areas of local criminal justice systems that most affect counties and offer strategies counties can employ to address these issues, make their justice systems work more effectively and efficiently, and ultimately lead to safer and healthier communities. Counties face many challenges in trying to treat opioid misuse and addiction in justice-involved individuals. This webinar will explore strategies counties can take to address this issue, including community-based treatment, treatment within the justice system and reentry planning.

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

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## Next Week: Committee Agendas

- The full schedule for the Joint Appropriations Committee Budget Hearing and House Appropriation Subcommittee meetings can be found [here](#).
- The [Senate Commerce and Public Safety Committee](#) will meet on Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 1

- The [Senate Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee](#) will meet on Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 109
- The [House Education Committee](#) will meet on Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 1
- The [House Military, Veterans and Regulatory Affairs Committee](#) will meet on Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 3
- The [Senate Appropriations Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 109
- The [Senate Transportation and Technology Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 1
- The [House Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Welfare](#) will meet on Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 5
- The [House Commerce Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 1.
- The [House Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 3
- The [House on Federalism, Property Rights and Public Policy](#) will meet on Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 4
- The [Senate Finance Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. in Senate Hearing Room 1
- The [House Local and International Affairs Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. in House Hearing Room 5
- The [House Appropriations Subcommittee on Education](#) will meet on Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, at 10:30 a.m. in House Hearing Room 4
- The [House Ways and Means Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. in House Hearing Room 1
- The [House Appropriations Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 1
- The [Senate Government Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 109
- The [Senate Health and Human Services Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 1
- The [House Judiciary and Public Safety Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 4
- The [House Transportation and Infrastructure](#) will meet on Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 3
- The [House Appropriations Subcommittee on Public Safety, Infrastructure and Resources](#) will meet on Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, at 8:00 a.m. in House Hearing Room 5

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