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## Arizona Annual Distracted Driving Summit



On Wednesday, ACTA Safety held their Arizona Annual Distracted Driving Summit (Summit) in the Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza across from the capitol. The Summit was focused on the importance of ending distracted driving through education, engagement, and enforcement. Coconino County Supervisor Art Babbott was on a panel focused on the expanding number of local communities that have enacted distracted driving ordinances. Additional panel members included: Senate President Karen Fann; Senator Brophy McGee; Georgia State Representative John Carson; and Prescott Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Billie Orr.

Senator Brophy McGee said that her perspective on this issue has changed and she plans to introduce legislation with Senator Otondo for a statewide ban on the use of handheld portable electronic devices. She said "this is the education issue of our times and we need to educate our driving public to follow the rules" and "we need to educate people on how dangerous this is, it only takes one nanosecond to end someone's life."

Supervisor Babbott shared why his county created their ordinances regulating the use of portable communication devices in 2014 and the need to establish statewide regulation. He noted that the CSA Board of Directors passed a resolution urging the Legislature to regulate the use of portable communication devices and the concern over the growing patchwork of regulations across the state.

Georgia recently expanded their distracted driving law from a no-texting ban to become the 16th state to ban hand-held wireless devices. Georgia State Representative John Carson noted that the new law has lowered fatalities and crashes on their roadways and they are starting to see insurance premiums drop.

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## Maricopa County District 5 Legislative Lunch



On Tuesday, Maricopa County Supervisor Steve Gallardo held a legislative lunch to discuss priorities for the 2019 legislative session. He stressed the importance of state and county relationships to achieve positive results for Arizonans and encouraged continued partnership. Maricopa County Manager, Joy Rich, discussed the importance of eliminating the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections cost shift to the counties and improvements underway at their intake transfer and release facility. CSA Executive Director, Craig Sullivan, discussed CSA's legislative and policy priorities with the legislators.

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## FAC Meets and JLBC Monthly Fiscal Highlights Released

Last Friday, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) staff released their monthly report on the state's revenues and expenditures for December 2018. Additionally, the Finance Advisory Committee (FAC) met on Thursday to discuss Arizona's economic outlook and the state's projected revenues for the next budget cycle.

JLBC's director Richard Stavneak presented the four-sector forecast to the FAC that is used in the JLBC Baseline Budget. The forecast anticipates the following year-over-year revenue growth: FY 2019 – 7.0 percent, FY 2020 – 3.9 percent, FY 2021 – 3.4 percent and FY 2022 – 3.8 percent. The FAC also heard from economist Elliot Pollack, who discussed the state's economic outlook. Pollack stated that there is no clear sign of a recession looming, but the momentum of the current expansionary period is slowing.

The state's December 2018 General Fund revenues were \$968.9 million, which is (4.7) percent below the previous year. However, JLBC noted that December 2017 collections were abnormally high due to a one-time spike in Individual Income Tax payments. Year-to-date state General Fund revenues are 6.7 percent higher than in December 2017, and 4.1 percent above the enacted budget forecast. Year-to-date state General Fund expenditures are \$6.11 billion, and the state's Budget Stabilization Fund currently has a balance of \$438.2 million. The Highway User Revenue Fund year-to-date revenues are \$751.1 million, which is 5.1 percent above December 2017.

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## Senate Natural Resources & Energy Committee Meeting



This week in the Senate Natural Resources & Energy Committee Arizona Game and Fish Department Director, Ty Gray, presented to the committee on services that the Arizona Game and Fish Department (Department) provides and the programs offered through the Heritage Fund (Fund). The Department conserves and protects over 800 wildlife species, at no cost to the state General Fund. The Department receives almost 70% of their revenue from sportsmen's discretionary purchases, 38% from licenses and tags, 20% from gaming, and the remaining from various other sources.

The Fund helps the Department provide education and programs. Established in 1990 the Fund supports wildlife conservation in Arizona through the Arizona Lottery. The Fund involves five different sub-funds which are Identification, Inventory, Acquisition, Protection and Management (IIAPM), Habitat Evaluation and Protection, Urban Wildlife, Public Access, and Environmental Education.



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## Affiliate Group ACDEHSA Meets

On Wednesday, the Arizona County Directors of Environmental Health Services Association (ACDEHSA) met to discuss a variety of issues including food safety, Nitro-Coffee kegs at Starbucks, mobile food, rabies updates, legislation related to food safety and updating of the state food code.

CSA staff gave a legislative update on the 2019 Legislative Session.

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## Legislative Session Snapshot

The 54th Legislature, First Regular Session marks its 12<sup>th</sup> day of the legislative session today. As of today 737 bills and 43 memorials/resolutions have been introduced. This number will continue to increase as the legislature has not introduced fewer than 900 bills since 1993. Last year there were 1,206 bills introduced, a significant increase from the 1,079 bills introduced during the 2017 legislative session.

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

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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*), will be heard in the Senate Appropriations committee on Tuesday, January 29th, at 2:00 pm in Senate Hearing Room 109
  - [SB 2429 appropriations; EORP contributions; counties](#) (*Thorpe*), pending committee assignment
- 2) [HB 2143 Water Basin Advisory Councils](#) (*Cobb*), pending committee assignment
- 3) [HB 2316 junk vehicles; removal; counties](#) (*Campbell*), pending committee assignment
- 4) [HB 2277 indigent defense funds](#) (*Biasiucci*), pending committee assignment
- 5) [SB 1084 funeral; last illness; expenses; lien](#) (*Borrelli*), assigned to Senate Judiciary
- 6) Rural Transient Lodging Tax

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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](#).

### Monday

- The [House Ways & Means Committee](#) will meet on Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am in House Hearing Room 1
- The [Senate Finance Committee](#) will meet on Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am in Senate Hearing Room 1
- The [Senate Rules Committee](#) will meet on Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm in Senate Caucus Room 1
- The [House Education Committee](#) will meet on Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 1
- The [House Regulatory Affairs Committee](#) will meet on Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 5
- The [House Military & Veterans Affairs Committee](#) on Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm was cancelled
- The [Senate Government Committee](#) will meet on Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in Senate Hearing Room 3
- The [Senate Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee](#) will meet on Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00pm in Senate Hearing Room 1

### Tuesday

- The [House Commerce Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 3
- The [House Elections Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 4
- The [House Natural Resources, Energy & Water Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 1
- The [Senate Appropriations Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in Senate Hearing Room 109
- The [Senate Education Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in Senate Hearing Room 1

### Wednesday

- The [House Judiciary Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am in House Hearing Room 4
- The [House Public Safety Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am in House Hearing Room 3
- The [House Technology Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am in House Hearing Room 5
- The [Senate Health and Human Services Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am in Senate Hearing Room 1
- The [Senate Transportation and Public Safety Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am in Senate Hearing Room 109
- The [House Appropriations Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 1
- The [House Federal Relations Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 4
- The [House State & International Affairs Committee](#) will not meet with the permission of the Speaker
- The [House Transportation Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in House Hearing Room 3
- The [Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in Senate Hearing Room 109

### Thursday

- The House Government Committee will meet on Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, at 9:00 am in House Hearing Room 1
- The [House Health & Human Services Committee](#) will meet on Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, at 9:00 am in House Hearing Room 4

- The [House Land & Agriculture Committee](#) will meet on Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, at 9:00 am in House Hearing Room 3
- The Senate Commerce Committee will meet on Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, at 9:00 am in Senate Hearing Room 1
- The [Senate Judiciary Committee](#) will meet on Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, at 9:00 am in Senate Hearing Room 109
- The Senate Water and Agriculture Committee will meet on Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, at 9:00 am in Senate Hearing Room 3

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