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## Distracted Driving Bill Signing



On Monday, the Governor signed [HB 2318 NOW: texting while driving; prohibition; enforcement](#) into law making Arizona the 48<sup>th</sup> state to ban texting and the 18<sup>th</sup> state to ban the use of hand-held portable electronic devices while driving. The law took effect immediately upon the Governor's signature, but law enforcement officers will not begin issuing citations right away. Instead law enforcement officers will educate drivers and issue a warning allowing citizens time to change their driving behavior until January 1, 2021.

Coconino County Supervisors Lena Fowler and Jim Parks attended the signing ceremony, Coconino County was the first county to establish an ordinance banning the use of portable electronic devices while driving back in 2014 ([Ordinance No. 2014-09](#)).

The County Supervisors Association passed a resolution last December urging the Legislature and Governor to ban the use of in-hand hand-held portable electronic communication devices while operating a motor vehicle and make failure to comply a primary offense due to the concern about the patchwork of regulations emerging across the state ([Resolution Number 3-18](#)).

The new law will allow local governments with existing prohibitions on the use of portable electronic devices while driving to continue to issue citations for violations through December 31, 2020 or adopt conforming rules without the delayed warning period. The law also allows local governments that do not have an existing prohibition to establish local laws mirroring the state.

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## WIR Conference

The 2019 Western Interstate Region (WIR) conference will be held on May 15-17<sup>th</sup> in Spokane County, Washington. The conference brings together county officials from across the nation to focus on issues facing counties within the 15 western states. Attendees are given the opportunity to interact with federal, state and regional policymakers and participate in educational sessions. To learn more about the conference, please click [here](#).

Advanced registration discounts are available through Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. To register online, please click [here](#).

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## JLBC Monthly Fiscal Highlights

This week, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) staff released their monthly fiscal highlights, outlining state revenues and expenditures through March. March general fund revenues were up 32.9 percent from March of 2018, largely due to a technical timing issue with Insurance Premium taxes and the variance that can occur during income tax filing season. General Fund year-to-date revenues remain (1.6) percent, (\$118.8) million, below the January Baseline forecast. March general fund spending was \$599.1 million, up \$9.5 million from March 2018.

The state's Budget Stabilization Fund currently has a balance of \$439.8 million. The Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) collections in March were \$121.3 million, 3.0 percent above March 2018 but (3.2) percent below the January Baseline Forecast. Year-to-date HURF revenues have grown 4.6 percent above the prior year.

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## Affiliate Group ACDEHSA Meets

On Wednesday, the Arizona County Directors of Environmental Health Services Association (ACDEHSA) met with state agency partners at the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) regarding a variety of functions delegated to counties by the state. They also had a presentation by Dan Bogert from the Restaurant Association on discussed food code uniformity beyond adoption of the 2017 Food Code by ADHS.

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

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## Legislative Session Snapshot

Today, April 26<sup>th</sup> marks the 103<sup>rd</sup> day of session, going forward the President and Speaker must call for an extension of up to seven days, which must then be approved by a majority of members present ([House Rule #2](#), [Senate Rule 27](#)). However, it is not until the 120<sup>th</sup> day of session that members see a decrease in their per diem pay.

Since the beginning of session, 1,289 bills and 98 memorials/resolutions have been introduced. This week, the House and Senate passed an additional 33 bills to the Governor, to reach a total of 171, with a total of 16 memorials/resolutions as well, and a total of 3 vetoed bills.

Floor action was limited this week, spreading out the bills to be heard over the week. Conference committees were extended for two additional House bill refused amendments made in the Senate. There are 85 bills pending rules (49 House /36 Senate), 54 bills pending consent/COW (33 House / 21 Senate), and 101 bills (54 House / 47 Senate) pending 3<sup>rd</sup> Read.

Budget negotiations are underway and both chambers have had small group discussions on budget requests, but there has not been a lot progress resolving the larger budget issues. We expect negotiations to continue as they work to resolve their differences.

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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*), 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*), is pending 3<sup>rd</sup> Read in the Senate.
- 3) [SB 1084 funeral; last illness; expenses; lien](#) (*Borrelli*), is pending 3<sup>rd</sup> Read in the House.

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## Next Week: Committee Agendas

- The [Senate Commerce Committee](#) will meet on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 pm in Senate Hearing Room 1
- The [Senate Rules Committee](#) will meet on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm in Senate Caucus Room 1
- The [Senate Water and Agriculture Committee](#) will meet on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm am in Senate Hearing Room 3

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