

Overview

Summary from February 20, 2023 Legislative Conference Call

1. Last week was the final week to submit a bill in the chamber of origin except for appropriation-related bills. Those bills get one extra week submittal and review due to the number of appropriation-related bills that are submitted.
2. The budget that was passed last week was vetoed by the Governor.
3. René Guillen reviewed the [bill status tracking function](#) on [azleg.gov](#). You can create a free account and track bills of interest. Due to this meeting being held on a holiday, it was recorded and can be viewed at the link below. Additionally, Rene reviewed a draft he created of legislative terms, which is attached.

Bill	Summary	League Position	City/Town Position (S) Support / (O) Opposition	Status	Input
SB 1184 – Municipal tax exemption; residential leases	Beginning October 1, 2024, municipalities and other taxing jurisdictions are prohibited from levying a transaction privilege, use, or other similar tax or fee on the business of renting or leasing residential property for residential dwellings of up to four units. Would increase to dwellings of more than four units on January 1, 2028.	Oppose	Most (all?) cities and towns oppose	Vetoed by Governor on February 23, 2023	This bill was discussed during 02-20-2023 Leg Conference call. See Governor’s veto letter below.
HB 2808 – public records; time frame	A custodian of public records is required to furnish copies, printouts, or photographs within five business days after receiving a request for the records. Allows an entity to extend the time for a response for specified reasons. A public body in violation of public records request laws is subject to a civil penalty of \$500 for each day the request is unfulfilled, for up to a total of \$5,000.	Oppose	Most (all?) cities and towns oppose	Bill passed (amended) out of House Government Committee. Has not been heard by House Rules Committee.	This bill was not discussed during 02-20-2023 Leg Conference call, but an update was requested during 02-22-2023 Clerk Conversations call. Amendment increased time frame from five business days to 15 business days.



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<p>SB 1006 – municipal notices and ordinances; posting</p>	<p>Notices of election, invitations for bids, notices of letting contracts, laws and ordinances, and other public notice issued by a municipal governing body can be posted on the municipality's website in lieu of being published in a newspaper. A municipality that posts notices on the website is required to provide a link to a listing of all current notices and ordinances on the website's home page.</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Most (all?) cities and towns support</p>	<p>Senate Rules Committee found bill proper for consideration.</p> <p>Bill passed (amended) out of Senate Government Committee.</p>	<p>This bill was not discussed during 02-20-2023 Leg Conference call, but an update was requested during 02-23-2023 Leg Committee Meeting.</p> <p>Amendment allowed exception for exhibit publishing if words “exhibits on file” and where exhibits are located are printed at the bottom of the ordinance.</p>
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SB 1184 veto letter:

February 23, 2023

Senator Warren Petersen
President of the Senate
1700 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: SB 1184

President Petersen,

I have vetoed SB1184. I appreciate the legislature's interest in addressing rising housing costs, particularly for renters. Lowering costs for Arizona families is a priority of my administration. Unfortunately, this bill suffers from two important defects at this time.

First, this bill lacks any enforceable mechanism to ensure relief will be provided to renters. As noted by the legislature's own attorney, provisions in the bill that purport to require that tax savings be passed on to renters face challenges under both the state and federal constitutions. If we are going to promise relief to renters, it's important that we are able to ensure they actually receive it. For working families faced with ever-increasing rental prices, this proposal just doesn't fit the bill.

Second, the bill includes an appropriation of roughly 270 million dollars over the next eighteen months. To approve of such an appropriation outside of a comprehensive budget agreement would be irresponsible. If the majority caucus is committed to such an appropriation, I expect that it will be brought to bipartisan budget negotiations for consideration.

Sincerely,

Katie Hobbs
Governor
State of Arizona