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The Exclusive Online Newsletter for the Members of the Arizona Pest Professional Organization

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Hello AZPPO Members

Well another Great Western Conference is behind us. We would like to thank all of our sponsors, vendors and attendees, who made this annual event better than ever. If you didn't attend, you missed out on some fantastic presentations! Be sure to mark your calendars for the 2018 event which takes place March 27-29 in Mesa.

Your **legislative committee** stays vigilant monitoring issues that could affect your bottom line. A brief overview of the latest activity is below. More information can also be found on our website [HERE](#).

Do you know about our bill, SB1121? This bill will require fingerprint clearance cards for all qualified applicators, and require the Department of Agriculture to inquire whether or not an applicant has ever been convicted of a felony. See the overview [HERE](#). **Please contact your legislators to request their support!**

Finally, don't miss out on our annual **Bugs 'N Balls Golf Tournament, May 26th**. Funds raised at this fun event support the important work the legislative committee does. Sign up [HERE](#).

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Presents

The 5th Annual AZPPO Bugs N' Balls Golf Tournament

Friday May 26, 2017

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Legislative News 4/28/17

Day 110 - We are still waiting for a budget! After weeks of positive news regarding 110 FY2018 state budget, we're starting to hear that things are taking a turn for the worse. The main sticking point seems to be centered around the Governor's proposal to provide the state's three universities more bonding authority. The Governor's \$1 billion plan would provide the universities up to \$30 million a year by allowing universities to keep sales taxes they generate to bond for infrastructure projects.

In a somewhat unusual turn of events, House and Senate democrats have offered their support for the plan if it is retooled to hold the cities and towns harmless since the plan, as it stands now, would take roughly \$7 million from the municipalities. But the very fact that democrats have come onboard may be a sign that the plan has lost

most, if not, all GOP support.

The other main budget sticking point from what we are hearing is related to the Governor's proposal to create a performance-based funding program to provide \$400 per student to high-performing schools in low-income areas and \$250 per student to high-performing schools in higher-income areas. The governor is asking for \$38 to fund the program.

Unfortunately this budget impasse could mean that session could go on for a few more weeks. The good news is that once the budget is complete, Session should wrap-up in a matter of days since there aren't many bills left to consider. In fact, only 60 bills in the Senate and 53 bills in the House need final approval from lawmakers. And most of the bills that are still in the pipeline are contingent on the budget since they have a fiscal note attached to them.

The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors appointed former Peoria City Councilman Ben Toma to replace Phil Lovas in District 22. Representative Lovas resigned earlier this month to take a position with the Trump administration.

And finally, just a reminder, AZPPO's proactive bill, [SB1121 \(certified qualified applicators; fingerprinting requirement\)](#), was signed by the Governor last week. The bill will go into effect 90 days after the legislature adjourns.

To view the entire AZPPO Hot List of bills, click [here](#).

Visit our website to stay up to date on legislative issues. <http://azppo.org/Legislative-Issues>

Upcoming Events

Click on an event below for more information

May 10

[AZPPO Board Meeting](#)

May 10

[Tucson Monthly Meeting - Dr. Freder Medina on Termites](#)

May 11

[Phoenix Monthly Meeting - Dr. Freder Medina on Termites](#)

May 18

[Certification Training: CORE and I&I](#)

May 19

[Certification Training: WDO and T&O](#)

May 26

[Bugs 'N Balls Golf Tournament](#)

August 20

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