



Arizona Pest Professional Organization Legislative Update April 28, 2017

Dear Supporter:

Day 110 - We are still waiting for a budget! After weeks of positive news regarding the 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 on-board 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 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), [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.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Have a great week.

Regards,

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