February 1, 2025, the LPC voted to **OPPOSE** 4 bills, **SUPPORT** 2 bills, and processed 5 bills **FOR INFORMATION.**

BILLS PROCESSED BY THE LPC ON 2025.01.31:

SB 1273: deputy sheriff; detention officer; salary (*Payne*)

Summary: States that the starting salary of a deputy sheriff "may not be less than 5% lower than the average starting salary of law enforcement officers of the two highest paying law enforcement agencies, including the Department of Public Safety, within the same county." States that the starting salary of a detention officer "may not be less than 10% lower than the average starting salary of detention and corrections officers of the three highest paying county detention facilities in this state and the state Department of Corrections."

Discussion: Staff summarized the bill, noting the projected costs to constituent counties. One Supervisor asked if this bill required a related increase in ERE. Staff answered that the bill solely spoke to salaries.

Disposition: The LPC voted to **OPPOSE SB 1273.**

SB 1288: police vehicles; inspection; requirements (*Gowan*)

Summary: States that, for a vehicle "*to qualify as an authorized emergency vehicle operated as a police vehicle in a patrol capacity by a law enforcement agency,"* the vehicle must be inspected annually and must *either:* (a) be ten or fewer years old, or (b) have fewer than 115,000 miles on its odometer.

Discussion: Staff noted feedback they've received from responsive counties, namely: **(a)** that counties providing routine maintenance may see their vehicles remain serviceable beyond the timelines prescribed in statute, **(b)** that the bill – if implemented – could require more rural counties to replace immediately vehicles that they had previously planned to replace on a schedule, and **(c)** that the language used to refer to the vehicles could preclude older vehicles from being used by volunteers after they've transitioned out of active patrol. One Supervisor asked their County Manager if they had a similar schedule in place for replacement of patrol vehicles. The Manager responded that they did, and that while the years of service before replacement was lower than what is prescribed in statute their recommended mileage before replacement was higher than in statute.

Disposition: The LPC voted to **OPPOSE SB 1288.**

SB 1286: county board; administrative review; approval (*Gowan*)

Summary: Expands § 11-269.27, which allows a Board to authorize administrative personnel to approve "*site plans, development plans, land divisions, lot line adjustments, lot ties, preliminary plats, final plats, and plat amendments,"* to include "**ASSURANCES.**" Specifies that an administrative approval under this statute is exempted from public hearings held specifically "**BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.**" Specifies that the phrase "*license"* has the same meaning prescribed in § 9-831. Expands entities permitted to approve a subdivision plat to "**A PERSON WHO IS AUTHORIZED BY THE ADOPTED COUNTY ORDINANCE,**" amends related statute (*dealing with the how acquiring an "adequate water supply" impacts approval of a subdivision plat)* to reflect this change.

Discussion: Staff described the context of this legislation, noting that it closed loopholes left in statute by the permissive, CSA-supported P&Z legislation sponsored by Senate President Petersen two years ago (**SB 1103:** administrative review; approvals; developments (*Petersen)*). Namely, that the bill provides for localities to adopt several administrative approvals for different processes – like plats – but does not provide for the extension of processes to related actions like the approval of assurances. As such, despite best intentions, some processes are still required to go to the full Board for a vote.
Disposition: The LPC voted to **SUPPORT SB 1286.**

SB 1145: community facilities districts; prompt pay (*Carroll)*
Summary: States that a county or municipality that authorized a Community Facilities District (CFD) is liable for *unpaid payments owed by the District for the construction of its public infrastructure.* Requires the county to monitor progress and payments made under the District's construction contracts. Permits the county to periodically audit the District's construction contract payments. Permits the county to require the district to pay for the county's monitoring and auditing, and to pay penalties to the county for failing to make legally required payments under a construction contract. Requires CFDs to include prompt pay provisions in contracts for construction of public infrastructure.
Discussion: Staff summarized the legislation, noting that responsive counties had expressed concerns about the Board being made liable for decisions it had little control over. Counties that don't have CFDs will see this as additional reason to keep their distance, whereas counties *with* CFDs would want any potential increase in liability to be accompanied by a related increase in discretion over the actions of CFDs within their jurisdiction. Largely, CFDs are more prevalent in the state's cities than they are in the state's unincorporated areas. One Supervisor expressed frustration that there would be opposition without the opportunity for amendments, to which staff responded that the position recommended was merely a starting point that could be changed as the contents of the bill migrated. One Supervisor noted concern about the increased exposure that this could generate for the county.
Disposition: The LPC voted to **OPPOSE SB 1145.**

SB 1284: fireworks; aerials; licensure; penalties (*Gowan*)
Summary:

- **EXPANSION; PERMISSIBLE CONSUMER FIREWORKS:**
  - **CURRENTLY,** the following fireworks are "permissible consumer fireworks": **(a)** ground and sparkling devices, **(b)** cylindrical fountains, **(c)** cone fountains, **(d)** illuminating torches, **(e)** wheels, **(f)** ground spinners, **(g)** flitter sparklers, **(h)** toy smoke devices, **(i)** wire sparklers or dipped sticks, **(j)** multiple tube versions of **(a), (b), (c),** and **(d),** and **(k)** – in counties of more than 500,000 persons – adult snappers.
    - **SB 1284** would instead **EXPAND** this to all ground devices defined in **APA 87-1A** 3.2.2. This would **NEWLY INCLUDE: (a)** chasers, **(b)**, crackling balls, **(c)** crackling strips, **(d)** crackling tubes, **(e)** firecrackers, **(f)** flasher/strobe, **(g)** fountain nitrocellulose, **(h)** snake, **(i)** specialty device, and **(j)** wheel.
  - **EXPANDS** the definition of "permissible consumer fireworks" to include "**CAKE AND COMBINATION DEVICES AS DEFINED IN APA 87-1A 3.2.4.**"

    - **REMOVES THE FOLLOWING FROM A LIST OF WHAT IS SPECIFICALLY DISALLOWED: (a)** anything designed or intended to rise into the air and explode or detonate or fly above the ground, **(b)** mine devices, **(c)** shell devices.
- **FIREWORKS; SALE LOCATION:** Prohibits sale of fireworks in tents, canopies, or membrane structures.
- **FIREWORKS; AGE LIMIT:** Raises the age at which an individual can buy fireworks from 16 to 18.
- **SEIZURE; FIREWORKS:** Permits the State Fire Marshal, a City Fire Marshal, or a County (?) Fire Marshal to seize fireworks offered, stored, or possessed in violation of statute. Specifies that the five-year prohibition on fireworks sale for an individual that has fireworks confiscated more than two times in three years is applicable to wholesalers (and includes the revocation of their license).
- **UNLAWFUL FIREWORK USE; CIVIL PENALTIES:** Establishes a $5,000 civil penalty for individuals who sell fireworks in violation of statute. Raises the civil penalty for individuals who use fireworks on "*preservation lands owned by a city or town"* from $1,000 to $5,000.
- **LICENSURE; FIREWORK SALES; REVOCATION:** Requires a person that sells **"PERMISSIBLE CONSUMER FIREWORKS"** or a **"WHOLESALER THAT IS ENGAGED IN OFFERING PERMISSIBLE CONSUMER FIREWORKS TO PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY RETAILERS AT WHOLESALE"** to annual obtain a license from the State Fire Marshal, who shall establish the fee in rule. Requires the individual selling fireworks to "**COMPLY WITH NFPA 1124 RELATING TO THE STORAGE OF CONSUMER FIREWORKS AND TO THE RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER FIREWORKS."** Specifies that a person selling fireworks who logs three "violations" within a 36-month period shall have their license suspended for five years.

Discussion: Staff summarized the legislation, noting that it was identical to a bill that the Association had opposed in 2024. Staff shared the historic concerns counties had with this – and similar – legislation that expanded the definition of permissible consumer fireworks, noting that: **(a)** rural counties were concerned with the fire danger that the newly-permissible aerial fireworks could pose to unincorporated forested areas, **(b)** urban counties were concerned with the impact to air quality generated by additional fireworks, and **(c)** all counties were concerned with the anticipated increase in public nuisance complaints. One Supervisor asked if staff had reached out to the sponsor, to which staff responded that **(a)** they typically did so after a position was taken, and **(b)** they had spoken with the proponent lobbyist – representing the fireworks industry – during last year's legislation and had been unable to come to agreement. One Supervisor noted that, during their experience as a Board member on a special healthcare district, they had also seen the injuries that result from improper use of fireworks. One Supervisor noted that they appreciated some of the smaller steps forward the bill took.

Disposition: The LPC voted to **OPPOSE SB 1284.**

HB 2389: business; personal property; exemption (*Carter*)

Summary: Eliminates personal property that is locally assessed from the property tax beginning in tax year 2026. Additionally, removes personal property from the definition of the property tax base in various classifications, including class 6.

Discussion: Staff summarized the legislation, noting that it would have a disparate impact on one county – Graham County – due to a little-known sector of personal

property tax. Staff subsequently noted that the sponsor had demonstrated interest in solving this issue, and that there was a possibility that this bill could halt as other reforms progressed.
Disposition: HB 2389 was presented for **INFORMATION ONLY.**

SB 1223: ACJC; continuation (*Kavanagh*)
Summary: Continues the *Arizona Criminal Justice Commission* until July 1, 2033.
Discussion: Staff summarized the legislation, noting **(a)** the role Supervisors play on the Commission, **(b)** CSA's partnership with the Commission, **(c)** CSA's role in adding a Public Defender to the Commission during last year's session, and **(d)** the bipartisan support for this bill, and **(e)** the dueling nature of the two continuation bills currently being contemplated.
Disposition: The LPC voted to **SUPPORT SB 1223.**

SB 1241: animal bites; owner contact information (*Kavanagh*)
Summary: Requires the individual who owns or is responsible for the care of a dog that bites another individual when the individual is in or on a public or private place, including the property of the owner, to provide their contact information to the individual who suffered the bite.
Discussion: Staff summarized the legislation, noting that it was necessary due to an increasing number of individuals escaping responsibility for their pets having bitten another individual One Supervisor asked if this included circumstances of unlawful entry, to which staff responded that they did not believe this was the case. Another Supervisor chimed in, noting that the bill only dealt with bites when the bitten individual was lawfully present. One Supervisor noted that they had seen increasing incidences of bites in their district, while another Supervisor noted that they were concerned with how the statutory language was specific to dogs and not general enough to cover all pets.
Disposition: The LPC voted to **SUPPORT SB 1241.**

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE LPC FOR INFORMATION ON 2025.01.31:
HB 2376: county candidates; clean elections pamphlet (*Carter, P.*)
Summary: Requires the Arizona Citizens Clean Elections Commission to include countywide offices on their publishing documents for primary and general elections.

HB 2515: truth in taxation; bonds; notices (*Olson*)
Summary: Among other things, increases the value of a home against which a property tax increase must be measured (via *Truth in Taxation* noticing) to $400,000 from $100,000.

HB 2182: ALTCS; preadmission screening; cognitive impairment (*Bliss*)
Summary: Modifies the preadmission screening requirements for participation in the elderly and physically disabled long term care program (ALTCS) administered by AHCCCS. Modifications include requiring that weights for cognitive impairment be the same as those for physical impairment.

HB 2452: appropriation; AHCCCS; provider increases (*Willoughby*)

Summary: Appropriates $15 million in FY 2026, $7.5 million in FY 2027 and FY 2028 from the state general fund for provider increases for home and community-based service providers in the ALTCS program administered by AHCCCS.

STATUS OF BILLS PROCESSED BY THE LPC:
AWAITING FLOOR (*1st Chamber*)

- **SB 1013:** municipalities; counties; fee increases; vote (*Petersen*) (Text)

AWAITING COW

- **SB 1011:** early voting; ballot deadlines; certificates (*Petersen*) (Text)
- **HB 2065:** counties; indigent deceased persons; cremation (*Gress*) (Text)
- **HB 2017:** voting centers ban; precinct size (*Keshel*) (Text)

AWAITING RULES

- **SB 1100:** Maricopa County; division; new counties (*Hoffman*) (Text)
- **SB 1101:** Maricopa County; new counties; division (*Hoffman*) (Text)
- **SCR 1004:** prohibit tax; monitoring; vehicle mileage (*Hoffman*) (Text)
- **HB 2043:** harassment; intent; defense (*Kolodin*) (Text)
- **HCR 2002:** voting centers; precinct voting (*Keshel*) (Text)

AWAITING COMMITTEE

- **SB 1144:** jail facilities excise tax; extension (*Payne*) (Text)
- **SB 1148:** CORP; defined contribution; membership election (*Payne*) (Text)
- **SCR 1008:** municipalities; counties; vote; fee increases (*Petersen*) (Text)
- **HB 2222:** settlement agreements; report; approval (*Marshall*) (Text)
- **HB 2368:** auditor general; records; financial institutions (*Gress*) (Text)
- **HB 2369:** auditor general; county treasurer; review (*Gress*) (Text)
- **HB 2433:** county treasurers; continuing education (*Gress*) (Text)
- **HB 2606:** appropriation; local border support (*Nguyen*) (Text)
- **HB 2660:** affordable housing tax credits; extension (*Wilmeth*) (Text)