



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Welcome to the Legislative Update for September 30, 2018

This e-mail is provided as a courtesy of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. The purpose of this service is to keep older Arizonans and advocates of aging services informed about bills and actions taking place at the Arizona State Legislature and highlight federal legislation or activities affecting older Americans. The information is intended to help you shape your own opinion about an issue and give you the necessary resources and contacts so that you can ensure your perspective and voice are heard. The *Legislative Update* is nonpartisan in nature.

Between sessions, we strive to offer monthly issues with a focus on information and resources at the national, state and local level. *Be sure* to open the [links](#) throughout this issue to see the latest news.

General Election is November 6, 2018

Election information including deadlines, publicity pamphlet and ballot arguments can be found [HERE](#).

Candidate and ballot measure information found [HERE](#)

Citizens Clean Elections Commission information [HERE](#)

Fiscal News

From the **Joint Legislative Budget Committee – *Monthly Fiscal Highlights September 2018*** [HERE](#) states “Year-to-date, General Fund revenues are \$85.6 million above forecast.”

Arizona Economic Trends – September 2018 [HERE](#)

FEDERAL OVERVIEW

H.R.2 Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018

H.Rept. 115-661 [HERE](#)

Latest Action: Senate – 9/5/2018 Conference held

H.R.6157 Department of Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act, 2019 and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019

Introduced on 6/20/2018 by Representative Kay Granger (TX-12)

9/27/2018 Presented to the President

Updates

Note: As part of the appropriations Act, the President signed into law a **\$425 million increase for Alzheimer's and dementia research funding at the National Institutes of Health** for fiscal year 2019 raising total annual research spending on the disease to \$2.3 billion.

H.R.5075 To encourage, enhance and integrate Ashanti Alert plans throughout the United States, and for other purposes.

Introduced on 2/20/2018 by Rep. Scott Taylor (VA-2)

Alerts to be issued through the Ashanti Alert communication network related to a missing adult.

9/26/2018 Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

H.R.6378 To reauthorize certain programs under the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act

Introduced on 7/16/2018 by Representative Susan W. Brooks (IN-5)

To reauthorize certain programs under the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response, and for other purposes.

9/26/2018 Received in the Senate

H.R.6561 Comprehensive Care for Seniors Act of 2018

Introduced on 7/26/2018 by Representative Jackie Walorski (IN-2)

9/17/2018 Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

Related: [S.3338](#)

Other Legislation

H.R.6744 Elder Protection and Abuse Prevention Act

Introduced on 9/7/2018 by Representative Matt Cartwright (PA-17)

To amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to authorize Federal assistance to State adult protective services programs, and for other purposes.

9/7/2018 Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

H.R.6952 To amend title II of the Social Security Act to credit prospectively individuals serving as caregivers of dependent relatives with deemed wages for up to five years of such service.

Introduced on 9/27/2018 by Representative Nita M. Lowey (NY-17)

H.Res.1093 Expressing support for the designation of September 2018 as “National Kinship Care Month”

Introduced on 9/27/2018 by Representative Karen Bass (CA-37) 47 cosponsors

9/27/2018 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means

Related: S.Res.637

S.3436 Women’s Pension Protection Act of 2018

Introduced on 9/12/2018 by Senator Patty Murray (WA)

To amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1975 to provide for greater spousal protection under defined contribution plans, and for other purposes.

9/12/2018 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions

Active federal legislation: [HERE](#)

Share your opinions with members of Congress!

If you are interested in sharing your thoughts or concerns, find out how to contact your Representative or Senators by visiting: <https://www.house.gov/> for the **House** or <https://www.senate.gov/> for the **Senate**.

Links to the membership lists are provided below.

[House](#) members

[Senate](#) members

Contact the **White House**: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact>

USA.gov information: <https://www.usa.gov/agencies>

News & Information

Finding resources - **BENEFITS.Gov** – <https://www.benefits.gov/>

From the Governor’s Office

Federal Funds Helping Recruit Health Care Providers For Rural and Underserved Areas in Arizona [HERE](#)

AARP Public Policy Institute’s monthly look at the latest employment numbers for people ages 55+
Employment Data Digest July 2018 [HERE](#)

National Institute on Aging – Spotting the Signs of Elder Abuse [HERE](#)
How Do I Know if an Aging Friend or Relative Need Help? [HERE](#)
No More Excuses! Overcome Exercise Barriers [HERE](#)

Medicare.gov - Identify theft resources for people with Medicare [HERE](#)

NASUAD – National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities
Measuring the Value of AAA Services – Making the Case to Health Care Partners [HERE](#)

Social Security – 9/27/2018 press release: Social Security OIG Expand National Anti-Fraud Program [HERE](#)

National Council on Aging/NCOA
Changes to Medicare Parts C & D in 2019 [HERE](#)

Justice in Aging
Medicare and Disasters: Information for Advocates [HERE](#)

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U.S. Home Care Workers: Key Facts 2018 [HERE](#)

Wisdom Tooth Project – Oral Health America
An Oral Health Benefit in Medicare Part B: It’s Time to Include Oral Health in Health Care
[HERE](#)

National Alzheimer’s Project Act

What’s New: [HERE](#) (be sure to scroll down the page)

Alzheimer’s Association

2018 Alzheimer’s Disease Facts and Figures: <https://www.alz.org/facts/>
Dementia Care Practice Recommendations [HERE](#)

Kaiser Health News

Aging related articles at: <http://khn.org/topics/aging/>

SAMHSA recently awarded more than \$930 Million in State Opioid Response grant to expand access to treatment and recovery support services. Announcement [HERE](#)

AHCCCS has posted the Electronic Visit Verification Request for Proposal. More information [HERE](#)

AZ Big Media - Sky Harbor has added video relay services to assist deaf travelers. More information [HERE](#)

Is your community interested in becoming Dementia Friendly?
November 1 at 2:00 pm ET – Dementia Friendly America: What Your Community Needs to Know to Get Involved
[Register here.](#)

INFORMATION& RESOURCES

October 4, 2018 Memory Café – Espresso Yourself! Sing Along with Shana!
10 am to 11:30 am, Beth El Congregation, 1118 W Glendale Ave., Phoenix AZ
No charge; open to the community. RSVP to Kathy Rood at **602-452-4627** or

Kathy.rood@jfcsaz.org

October 5, 2018 – Become a Dementia Friend – information session

Desert Foothills Library, 38443 N. Schoolhouse Road, Cave Creek AZ 85331

Classes are free but registration is required. Call 602-839-6850 or email

BAIFCS@bannerhealth.com

October 18, 2018 - Duet Family Caregiver Symposium Finding Hope

9:00 am to 1:30 pm, First Christian Church of Phoenix, 6750 North 7th Avenue, Phoenix AZ 85013

More information and register [HERE](#)

Social Security Workshops

· *Pima County Murphy-Wilmot Library* - Tue. October 16 at 5:00 P.M., 530 N Wilmot Rd, Tucson, AZ 85710. Please **register in person** at the Murphy-Wilmot Library **or by phone at 520-594-5420 by October 12, 2018.**

· *Phoenix Mesquite Library* - Thur. October 25 at 5:30 P.M., 4525 Paradise Village Pkwy N, Phoenix, AZ 85032. The library can be reached at (602) 262-4636 [register here starting Sept 27 at 8 A.M.](#)

October 25, 2018 - Banner Alzheimer's Institute 14th Annual Conference on Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia in Native Americans

We Ko-Pa Resort and Conference Center

More information [HERE](#)

Stand up to Falls Symposium & Community Education Event, October 26, 2018 from 9 am – 3 pm, Honor Health Cowden Center, 9209 N. 2nd Street, Phoenix

More information [HERE](#)

2018 Arizona Alzheimer's Consortium Public Conference, Wednesday, October 31, 2018

from 8:00 to 1:00 pm, Black Canyon Conference Center. More information at:

Mark Your Calendar:

Friday, November 16 – 3rd Annual Developmental Disabilities Family Resources Conference, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm, Black Canyon Conference Center, 9440 N. 25th Ave., Phoenix AZ

More information – call The Arc of Arizona **602-234-2721** arcarizona.org

ASU Morrison Institute for Public Policy – State of the State Conference is Monday, November 19 at the Phoenix Airport Marriott.

Arizona Summit on Volunteerism & Civic Engagement December 6 and 7, 2018, ASU West Campus, Glendale

In case you missed it last time:

Arizona Capitol Times – Opinion – August 2, 2018

Older Arizonans front and center as decision day looms [HERE](#)

Arizona’s Voter Crisis report [HERE](#) - Morrison Institute for Public Policy and Citizen’s Clean Elections Commission

National Council on Aging

Falls Prevention Awareness Day is September 22nd

More information [HERE](#)

7 Facts about Older Adults and SNAP blog [HERE](#)

September is Senior Center Month – 2018 National Senior Center Month Program Guide [HERE](#)

Justice in Aging

Resource Library [HERE](#)

AARP Research

Social Isolation: Myths vs. Realities Among Adults Age 40 and Older [HERE](#)
AARP Public Policy Institute [HERE](#)

AARP – Disrupt Dementia
\$60 Million to Fund Research for Cures to Dementia and Alzheimer’s
Press release [HERE](#)

[Kaiser Health News](#)
First Edition 7/31/2018
U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services, Office of Inspector General - Hospice report [HERE](#)

First Edition 7/30/2018
1,400 Nursing Homes Get Lower Medicare Ratings Because of Staffing Concerns [HERE](#)
(Rau and Lucas, 7/30/2018)

First Edition, 7/9/2018
Feel Like The Last Friend Standing? Here's How To Cultivate New Buds As You Age [HERE](#)
(Horovitz, 7/9/2018)

Support Circle: Family Caregivers Share Stories And Tips To Ease Alzheimer's Toll [HERE](#)
(Farmer, Nashville Public Radio 7/11/2018)

Aging2.0 [OPTIMIZE Conference](#) , Nov. 14-15, San Francisco CA

AzHHA End of Life - [Thoughtful Life Conversations](#)

Arizona Commerce Authority
Arizona Assets map - an interactive tool that identifies infrastructure, land ownership, educational resources, community profiles and more.
<http://azcommerce.com/resources/arizona-assets/>

Health Current [2017 Annual Report](#)

National Institute on Aging

July 24, 2018 announcement on wider use of transformative Alzheimer’s research resources

[HERE](#)

[Fall-Proofing](#) Your Home and Prevent Falls and Fractures [HERE](#)

Heart Health and Aging [HERE](#)

TRACKING LIST: The Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging tracks legislation that has the potential to impact older Arizonans; the bills are found in the **FULL List** linked [HERE](#).

Please be advised that the presence of a bill on a tracking list *does not* represent support or opposition by the Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging. It *does* mean that the topic is something likely to be of interest or have an impact on older Arizonans. Information about bills is a purchased service provided by *Arizona Capitol Times*.

Ongoing Resources

From the **Governor’s Office**

See the latest news at: **Newsroom:** <http://azgovernor.gov/newsroom>

ADOT:

Latest news releases, blogs and more [HERE](#)

AHCCS News & Updates:

<https://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/news.html>

Arizona Department of Economic Security Feature Stories [HERE](#)

Arizona Attorney General’s Latest News [HERE](#) and Senior Resources [HERE](#)

Arizona Department of Health Services

Latest News [HERE](#)

Public Health Licensing [HERE](#)
Arizona Healthy Aging (A- HA) [HERE](#)

Arizona Association of Area Agencies on Aging/AZ4A
Map of Regions [HERE](#)

Plan now for next session

Arizona State Legislature website: www.azleg.gov

Need to learn more about the legislative process? See [Arizona Bill](#) or [Bill to Law](#).

Find and review bill information [HERE](#).

Learn about the budget process [HERE](#).

Research the State Constitution [HERE](#).

Learn more at *Frequently Asked Questions* linked [HERE](#).

Voice your opinion at any time! If you have a particular perspective to share with the Governor or your Legislators ***at any time***, you may voice your thoughts by contacting the:

- **Governor’s Office of Constituent Services** at **602-542-4331 in Phoenix; 520-628-6580 in Tucson; in-state toll-free at 1-800-253-0883 (outside Maricopa County only)** or email: engage@az.gov
- **Legislators** from your area. You can locate your legislator by going to the **Arizona State Legislature** website and looking for: [Legislative Maps](#)

Past issues of the *Legislative Updates* are linked on the Council website at: <http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/LegUpdates.asp>

You can help circulate resource information. If you would like to submit an **educational** or **public service event** for consideration, be sure to send an email with the description and a link to: gaca@az.gov. Please note: we try to include events of interest to older Arizonans and aging service advocates and refrain from including marketing or fundraising materials.

If you would like on-going education and public service event information, send a request to be added to the **Aging in Community Committee** of the Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging.

Between legislative sessions, it is our intent to offer the *Legislative Update* monthly.

Enjoy the Fall Season!

~Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging



If you wish to be REMOVED from or know someone who would like to be ADDED to the Update, please send an email to: gaca@az.gov and ask to be unsubscribed or subscribed to the **Legislative Update**.

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