

“Business” Bills

January 23, 2015

NOTE: The following bills are of a “general business” nature, rather than industry specific and may or may not be of interest to you. These bill summaries were not prepared by our office and do not constitute an official record of the Arizona Legislature. They are provided for the purpose of advising you as to the general content of the legislation and should not be relied upon as an accurate interpretation of the meaning or purpose of the bill or its applicability to you or your interests. Many of these bills are apparent “vehicles” for possible strike-everything amendments and we will monitor all of them carefully throughout the session. To insure you obtain a correct interpretation of the legislation, it is important to read each bill and any amendment that may be adopted in their entirety.

Posted Calendars and Committee Hearings

- [H2032](#): OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS; CONTINUATION
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Hearing: [House Ways & Means](#) (Monday 01/26/15 at 2:00 PM, House Rm. 3)
- [H2083](#): INCOME TAX REVISIONS
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- [H2212](#): LICENSING; ACCOUNTABILITY; ENFORCEMENT; EXCEEDING REGULATION
Hearing: [House Judiciary](#) (Wednesday 01/28/15 at 10:00 AM, House Rm. 3)
- [H2213](#): INSPECTIONS; AUDITS; NOTICE; RIGHTS
Hearing: [House Commerce](#) (Wednesday 01/28/15 at 9:30 AM, House Rm. 1)
- [H2413](#): INTERNET REPRESENTATIONS; CIVIL DAMAGES
Hearing: [House Commerce](#) (Wednesday 01/28/15 at 9:30 AM, House Rm. 1)
- [S1048](#): VEXATIOUS LITIGANTS; FEES; COSTS; DESIGNATION
Hearing: [Senate Rules](#) (Monday 01/26/15 at 1:00 PM, Senate Caucus Rm.)

Bill Summaries

[H2001](#): INCOME TAX BRACKETS; INFLATION INDEX

For each tax year beginning with 2016, the Department of Revenue is required to adjust the income dollar amounts for each individual income tax rate bracket by the average annual change in the metropolitan Phoenix consumer price index. The revised dollar amounts must be raised to the nearest whole dollar and cannot be revised below the amounts prescribed in the prior tax year.

First sponsor: [Rep. Olson](#)

H2001	Daily History	Date	Action
	INCOME TAX BRACKETS; INFLATION INDEX	1/22	House ways-means do pass; report awaited.
	INCOME TAX BRACKETS; INFLATION INDEX	1/14	referred to House ways-means .

[H2004](#): TECH CORRECTION; CONSUMER FRAUD

Minor change in Title 44 (Commerce) related to consumer fraud. Apparent striker bus.

First sponsor: [Rep. Petersen](#)

H2004	Daily History	Date	Action
	TECH CORRECTION; CONSUMER FRAUD	1/20	referred to House gov-higher ed .

H2007: MARIJUANA; REGULATION; TAXATION

A person who is at least 21 years of age may possess, consume, use, display, purchase or transport one ounce or less of marijuana, may grow up to five marijuana plants and may possess, process or transport the marijuana produced by the plants on the premises where the plants were grown. Some restrictions. It is unlawful to smoke marijuana in a public place. Establishes regulations for marijuana accessories and retail marijuana stores. Establishes an excise tax on the sale or transfer of marijuana at the rate of \$50 per ounce. Revenues generated by the tax must be used to enforce these regulations, and any remaining monies are distributed as follows: 30 percent to the Department of Education, 20 percent to the Department of Health Services for specified drug programs, and 50 percent to the general fund. The Department of Health Services is required to adopt rules necessary for implementation. Due to a potential increase in state revenue, this bill requires the affirmative vote of at least 2/3 of each house of the Legislature for passage.

First sponsor: [Rep. Cardenas](#)

H2007 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill to date.		

H2008: TECH CORRECTION; UNORDERED MERCHANDISE

Minor change in Title 44 (Commerce) related to unordered merchandise. Apparent striker bus.

First sponsor: [Rep. Shope](#)

H2008 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill to date.		

H2012: TECH CORRECTION; CONSUMER FRAUD

Minor change in Title 44 (Commerce) related to consumer fraud. Apparent striker bus.

First sponsor: [Rep. Shope](#)

H2012 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill to date.		

H2025: TECH CORRECTION; ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

Minor change in Title 41 (State Government) related to the Attorney General. Apparent striker bus.

First sponsor: [Rep. Brophy McGee](#)

H2025 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill to date.		

H2032: OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS; CONTINUATION

The statutory life of the Office of Administrative Hearings is extended 4 years to July 1, 2019. Retroactive to July 1, 2015.

First sponsor: [Rep. Ugenti](#)

H2032 Daily History	Date	Action
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS; CONTINUATION 1/22 from House gov-higher ed do pass.		
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS; CONTINUATION 1/14 referred to House gov-higher ed .		

H2033: UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS; APPROPS

Appropriates the following amounts to the Arizona Board of Regents in FY2017-18 through FY2047-48 from the general fund for the following universities for lease-purchase capital financing for "research infrastructure" (defined) projects: in FY2017-18, \$27.2 million for Arizona State University, \$10.2 million for Northern

Arizona University, and \$30.5 million for the University of Arizona; in FY2018-19 and in each FY after through FY2047-48, \$29 million for ASU, \$10.9 million for NAU, and \$32.7 million for UofA. Lease-purchase financing agreements must be entered into before July 1, 2017 and are subject to specified requirements. State construction sales tax monies accruing to the state for these projects are continuously appropriated to each university. For each FY in which projects are financed and under construction, ABOR is required to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature containing specified information about the projects.

First sponsor: [Rep. Robson](#)

H2033 Daily History	Date	Action
UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS; APPROPS 1/22 referred to House gov-higher ed.		

[H2037: TECH CORRECTION; INSURANCE; UNIFORM PLANS](#)

Minor change in Title 20 (Insurance) related to uniform insurance plans. Apparent striker bus.

First sponsor: [Rep. Carter](#)

H2037 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill to date.		

[H2038: TECH CORRECTION; ACCOUNTABLE HEALTH PLANS](#)

Minor change in Title 20 (Insurance) related to accountable health plans. Apparent striker bus.

First sponsor: [Rep. Carter](#)

H2038 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill to date.		

[H2039: TECH CORRECTION; WAGE RATES](#)

Minor change in Title 23 (Labor) related to investigation of wage rates. Apparent striker bus.

First sponsor: [Rep. Carter](#)

H2039 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill to date.		

[H2041: TECH CORRECTION; WORKERS' COMP; INVESTIGATION](#)

Minor change in Title 23 (Labor) related to workers' compensation enforcement. Apparent striker bus.

First sponsor: [Rep. Carter](#)

H2041 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill to date.		

[H2054: TECH CORRECTION; TAX NOTES; DEFINITIONS](#)

Minor change in Title 35 (Public Finances) related to tax anticipation notes. Apparent striker bus.

First sponsor: [Rep. Thorpe](#)

H2054 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill to date.		

[H2057: TECH CORRECTION; PAYMENT METHOD](#)

Minor change in Title 42 (Taxation) related to transaction privilege tax payment method. Apparent striker bus.

First sponsor: [Rep. Thorpe](#)

H2057 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill to date.		

H2069: TECH CORRECTION; TAX REFUND ACCOUNT

Minor change in Title 42 (Taxation) related to the tax refund account. Apparent striker bus.

First sponsor: [Rep. Mesnard](#)

H2069 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill to date.		

H2072: BALLOT MEASURES; PROP 105 DISCLOSURE

For ballot propositions that make statutory changes, a statement that the measure "can never be changed" except by a 3/4 vote of the Legislature or be referring the change to the ballot must be included in the publicity pamphlet printed by the Secretary of State and included on any advertisement or literature to support or oppose the measure. Severability clause.

First sponsor: [Rep. Ugenti](#)

H2072 Daily History	Date	Action
BALLOT MEASURES; PROP 105 DISCLOSURE 1/14 referred to House elect .		

H2079: LOCAL BONDING; PROPERTY TAX MEASURE

For an election to authorize bond indebtedness for a political subdivision, all election materials prepared, issued or used by the political subdivision are required to use the words "property tax measure" to describe the bond question.

First sponsor: [Rep. Petersen](#)

H2079 Daily History	Date	Action
LOCAL BONDING; PROPERTY TAX MEASURE 1/14 referred to House ways-means .		

H2083: INCOME TAX REVISIONS

Various changes relating to income taxes. For tax years beginning with 2016, the Department of Revenue is required to adjust the income dollar amounts for each individual income tax rate bracket by the average annual change in the metropolitan Phoenix consumer price index. The revised dollar amounts must be raised to the nearest whole dollar and cannot be revised below the amounts prescribed in the prior tax year. A taxpayer is permitted to take an expense deduction for property placed in service in tax years beginning with 2014, in the amount of the difference between the expense amount allowed under the internal revenue code and the amount that would be allowed under the Internal Revenue Code if the maximum deduction allowed were \$500,000 and the limitation were reduced by the amount that the cost of the property placed in service in the tax year exceeds \$2 million. A taxpayer is also permitted to take an expense deduction for "qualified property" (defined) that is placed in service in tax years beginning with 2014, in the amount of an allowance equal to 50 percent of the adjusted basis of the qualified property remaining after the adjustment for the previous expense deduction and any other depreciation allowance under the Internal Revenue Code. Establishes additions to Arizona gross income to avoid a double deduction if a taxpayer uses these expensing provisions. The lists of additions to and subtractions from Arizona gross income are modified to delete obsolete calculations. More. Some provisions are retroactive to tax years beginning January 1, 2015.

First sponsor: [Rep. Mesnard](#)

H2083 Daily History	Date	Action
INCOME TAX REVISIONS 1/15 referred to House ways-means , appro .		

H2122: COUNTIES; SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS; REPORT

The deadline for the board of supervisors to compile a report of all special taxing districts in the county during the preceding fiscal year is moved to December 1, from October 1.

First sponsor: [Rep. Coleman](#)

H2122 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill to date.		

H2129: MUNICIPAL TAX CODE COMMISSION; CONTINUATION

The statutory life of the Municipal Tax Code Commission is extended 10 years to July 1, 2025. Retroactive to July 1, 2015.

First sponsor: [Rep. Mitchell](#)

H2129 Daily History	Date	Action
MUNICIPAL TAX CODE COMMISSION; CONTINUATION 1/15 referred to House ways-means .		

H2131: TAX ADJUDICATIONS; ATTORNEY FEES

The court is required, instead of permitted, to award fees and other expenses to any party other than the state or a county or municipality that prevails by an adjudication on the merits in an action brought by that party against the state or a county or municipality challenging the assessment or collection of taxes, or the denial of a tax refund. The definition of "fees and other expenses" is expanded to include contingent fees.

First sponsor: [Rep. Mitchell](#)

H2131 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill to date.		

H2151: DOR AUDITS; THREE-YEAR LIMIT

The Department of Revenue is required to mail a notice for additional tax due regarding individual income tax adjustments that are not "based on federal information" (defined) within three years, decreased from four years, after the report or return is filed or required to be filed, whichever is later. For individual income tax changes or corrections based on federal information, the Dept may conduct an audit after an assessment has been issued within that same time period, and the audit must be limited to changes based on federal information. Effective beginning tax year 2015.

First sponsor: [Rep. Weninger](#)

H2151 Daily History	Date	Action
DOR AUDITS; THREE-YEAR LIMIT 1/22 referred to House ways-means .		

H2177: TECH CORRECTION; REVENUE DEPT

Minor change in Title 42 (Taxation) related to the Department of Revenue. Apparent striker bus.

First sponsor: [Rep. Thorpe](#)

H2177 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill to date.		

H2178: TECH CORRECTION; TAX CORRECTION

Minor change in Title 43 (Taxation of Income) related to tax corrections. Apparent striker bus.

First sponsor: [Rep. Thorpe](#)

H2178 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill to date.		

H2179: TECH CORRECTION; TPT

Minor change in Title 42 (Taxation) related to transaction privilege taxes. Apparent striker bus.

First sponsor: [Rep. Thorpe](#)

H2179 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill to date.		

H2183: PROP 105; DISCLOSURE; BALLOT MEASURES

For ballot propositions that make statutory changes, a statement that the measure can never be changed except by a 3/4 vote of the Legislature or by referring the change to the ballot must be printed on the official ballot and included in the publicity pamphlet printed by the Secretary of State.

First sponsor: [Rep. Boyer](#)

H2183 Daily History	Date	Action
PROP 105; DISCLOSURE; BALLOT MEASURES 1/22 referred to House elect .		

H2188: EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION; PROHIBITION

The list of attributes for which a person cannot be discriminated against in employment practices is expanded to include gender, gender identity or expression or sexual orientation. A religious organization is allowed to take certain employment actions on the basis of gender, gender identity or expression or sexual orientation if the employee's position is directly related to the religious functions of the organization or directly involved in providing education to students of an educational institution substantially controlled or supported by the religious organization.

First sponsor: [Rep. Mach](#)

H2188 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill to date.		

H2201: PROCUREMENT; ARIZONA BIDDERS; PREFERENCE

For procurement contracts awarded by competitive sealed bid, Arizona bidders must be given preference over nonresident bidders if there are two or more low, responsive offers from responsible bidders that are identical in price.

First sponsor: [Rep. Sherwood](#)

H2201 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill to date.		

H2212: LICENSING; ACCOUNTABILITY; ENFORCEMENT; EXCEEDING REGULATION

Statute prohibiting municipalities, counties, special taxing districts and state agencies from basing licensing decisions on requirements or conditions that are not specifically authorized by statute, rule, ordinance or code may be enforced in a private civil action and relief may be awarded against a municipality, county, special taxing district or the state. The court is required to award reasonable attorney fees, costs, damages and license application fees to a party that prevails in an action against the municipality, county, special taxing district or state. The language of these statutes must be prominently printed on all license applications.

First sponsor: [Rep. Petersen](#)

H2212 Daily History	Date	Action
LICENSING; ACCOUNTABILITY; ENFORCEMENT; EXCEEDING REGULATION 1/21 additionally referred to House gov-higher ed .		
LICENSING; ACCOUNTABILITY; ENFORCEMENT; EXCEEDING REGULATION 1/20 referred to House jud .		

H2213: INSPECTIONS; AUDITS; NOTICE; RIGHTS

An agency inspector, auditor or regulator who enters any premises of a regulated person to conduct an inspection is required to inform each person who is interviewed during the inspection or audit that participation in an interview is voluntary (unless the person is legally compelled to participate), that the person may have an attorney present during the interview and that the person is allowed at least 24 hours to review and revise any written statement on which the person's

signature is requested. The written information that must be provided to the person subject to inspection or audit is expanded to include a notice that if documents provided become a public record, the person may redact trade secrets and proprietary information, and the time limit for filing a compliance action arising from the inspection or audit.

First sponsor: [Rep. Petersen](#)

H2213 Daily History	Date	Action
INSPECTIONS; AUDITS; NOTICE; RIGHTS 1/22 referred to House com .		

H2251: CORPORATE TAX CREDITS; ANNUAL REPORT

Beginning January 1, 2016, the Department of Revenue is required to annually report to the Governor and the Legislature specified information on corporate tax credits for any corporation that claims aggregate credits in any taxable year of \$5,000 or more. The Dept is authorized to disclose confidential taxpayer information for this purpose.

First sponsor: [Rep. Mitchell](#)

H2251 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill to date.		

H2252: TAX; DELINQUENCY DATES; TAX LIENS

The date on which unpaid property taxes become delinquent is moved to December 31, from November 1. The county treasurer is permitted, instead of required, to notify the purchaser of a tax lien of a pending expiration at least six months, increased from 30 days, before the expiration date. Tax liens that are assigned to the state do not expire unless the lien is resold.

First sponsor: [Rep. Mitchell](#)

H2252 Daily History	Date	Action
TAX; DELINQUENCY DATES; TAX LIENS 1/22 referred to House ways-means .		

H2253: PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS; ONE-YEAR CYCLE

Numerous changes relating to property tax assessment processes, including modifying the definition of "valuation date" to mean January 1 of the year in which taxes are levied for property valued by the county assessor. Various deadlines relating to the property tax valuation process are modified. Repeals sections of statute regulating valuation in the case of new construction. The Department of Revenue is required to conduct sales-ratio studies and issue equalization orders to the county assessor for areas identified as inconsistent with the valuation directives, rules and guidelines issued by the Dept. Changes to sections of statute related to the valuation of assessed property become effective January 1, 2017. Changes to sections of statute related to the assessment process become effective January 1, 2018. More.

First sponsor: [Rep. Mitchell](#)

H2253 Daily History	Date	Action
PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS; ONE-YEAR CYCLE 1/22 referred to House ways-means .		

H2254: MUNICIPAL TAX EXEMPTION; RESIDENTIAL LEASE

Municipalities or other taxing jurisdictions are prohibited from levying a transaction privilege or other similar tax or fee on the business of renting or leasing "real property for residential purposes" (defined). A municipality or other taxing jurisdiction that levies a tax or fee on the business of renting or leasing real property for residential purposes on January 1, 2015 is prohibited from increasing the rate of the tax or fee and is required to annually reduce the rate by 25 percent of the initial rate for four consecutive years beginning on July 1, 2016 and each July 1 thereafter. Beginning July 1, 2019, municipalities and other taxing jurisdictions are required to repeal any tax or fee on the business of renting or leasing real

property for residential purposes. Retroactive to January 1, 2015.

First sponsor: [Rep. Mitchell](#)

H2254 Daily History	Date	Action
MUNICIPAL TAX EXEMPTION; RESIDENTIAL LEASE 1/22 referred to House ways-means .		

H2297: STATE AGENCY RULEMAKING; RESTRICTIONS

State agencies are prohibited from adopting any new rule that would increase existing regulatory restraints or burdens on the free exercise of property rights or the freedom to engage in an otherwise lawful business or occupation, unless the rule is a component of a comprehensive effort to reduce regulatory restraints or burdens or is strictly ministerial in implementing legislation standards. Some exceptions. Any person subject to a civil or criminal proceeding arising from the enforcement of a rule in violation has a defense to the enforcement action.

First sponsor: [Rep. E. Farnsworth](#)

H2297 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill to date.		

H2320: FIREARMS; PERMIT HOLDERS; PUBLIC PLACES

It is not considered misconduct involving weapons to carry a deadly weapon at a public establishment or event if the person possesses a valid concealed weapons permit. Does not apply to public establishments or events that have security personnel and electronic weapons screening devices and that require each person carrying a deadly weapon to leave it in possession of the security personnel while the person is in the establishment or event.

First sponsor: [Rep. Barton](#)

H2320 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill to date.		

H2323: ARIZONA JOB FINANCE BONDS

Corporations organized as an industrial development authority are authorized to issue "jobs bonds" (defined) to finance or refinance any "jobs project" (defined) costs or to refund any outstanding jobs bonds. The bonds must be authorized by resolution of the corporation and may be sold by public or private sale at a price determined by the corporation in its sole discretion. Jobs bonds are legal investments for all banks, trust companies and insurance companies in Arizona. Municipalities and counties are not liable for the payment of the principal or interest on any jobs bonds, and the credit or taxing power of a municipality or county cannot be pledged in connection with jobs bonds. Establishes criteria for demonstrating that a jobs project will create full-time private sector employment in Arizona in order to qualify for jobs bond financing. Severability clause.

First sponsor: [Rep. Weninger](#)

H2323 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill to date.		

H2331: WORKERS' COMPENSATION; FRAUDULENT CLAIMS; FORFEITURE

For a person who forfeits all right to workers' compensation because of knowingly making a false statement, a class 6 (lowest) felony, that forfeiture does not terminate on any subsequent designation of the offense as a misdemeanor. A claimant for workers' compensation is required to personally sign any document that requests the claimant to report employment status or earnings to the insurance carrier or self-insured employer. The reporting document must contain a statement that is in substantially a specified form, which includes a statement that knowingly making a false statement to obtain compensation, benefits or payments is a class 6 felony and is subject to prison, fines, and forfeiture of benefits.

First sponsor: [Rep. Fann](#)

H2331 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill to date.		

H2333: TAX CREDIT; RESEARCH ACTIVITY; REFUND

The maximum amount of income tax refunds for increased research activities that the Arizona Commerce Authority is authorized to approve each year is increased to \$7.5 million in 2016, \$10 million in 2017, \$12.5 million in 2018 and \$15 million in 2019 and after, increased from \$5 million. During the first six months of a calendar year, the Authority cannot approve refunds exceeding 50 percent of the limit. During the second six months, the Authority may approve the remaining balance of the limit. Effective January 1, 2016.

First sponsor: [Rep. Fann](#)

H2333 Daily History	Date	Action
TAX CREDIT; RESEARCH ACTIVITY; REFUND 1/20 referred to House ways-means .		

H2334: UNFAIR CLAIM PROCESSING; PROCEDURE; PENALTIES

A complaint of unfair workers' compensation claim processing or bad faith must be filed with the Industrial Commission within 60 days after the action or omission alleged as the basis of the complaint occurred. For cases where the Commission finds that unfair claim processing or bad faith occurred, new benefit penalty amounts are established and are based on the specific findings of the claim. In determining the amount of the benefit penalty, the Commission is required to consider the extent of the proven harm to the employee and various other factors. The benefit penalty is the employee's exclusive remedy for unfair claim processing or bad faith, with some exceptions. The process by which an employer or carrier that is ordered to pay a benefit penalty must pay the penalty is established. The maximum civil penalty the Commission may impose for an employer or carrier with a history or pattern of repeated unfair claim processing practices or bad faith is increased to \$5,000, from \$1,000.

First sponsor: [Rep. Fann](#)

H2334 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill to date.		

H2413: INTERNET REPRESENTATIONS; CIVIL DAMAGES

A person who is engaged in the business of providing internet access service or who owns a web page or trademark and who is adversely affected by a violation of the prohibition on using the internet to induce another person to provide identifying information by representing that the person is an online business may recover the greater of actual damages or \$2,500 for each violation, increased from \$500. Any other person who is adversely affected by a violation may recover the greater of actual damages or \$5,000 for each violation. The Attorney General is authorized to bring an action against a person in violation to enjoin further violations and recover \$2,500 per violation. An action must be brought within three years after the violation is discovered. Retroactive to January 1, 2011.

First sponsor: [Rep. Stevens](#)

H2413 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill to date.		

H2468: CORPORATE TAX FREEZE; EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES

In lieu of the statutory income tax rates for corporations, a tax is levied on the entire Arizona taxable income of every corporation, unless specifically exempt by law, in an amount of six percent of net income or \$50, whichever is greater, unless the Superintendent of Public Instruction determines that the statewide high school graduation rate for the preceding school year was at least 95 percent. Effective January 1, 2016.

First sponsor: [Rep. Mendez](#)

H2468 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill to date.		

H2477: CANNABIS; REGULATION; TAXATION

Establishes a new article in Title 36 (Public Health) regulating cannabis for personal use, including allowing a person who is at least 21 years of age to possess, consume, use, display, purchase or transport one ounce or less of cannabis and grow and transport up to five cannabis plants. Establishes regulations for personal cultivation of cannabis plants and prohibits public smoking of cannabis. Also establishes regulations for cannabis establishments, including registration with the Department of Health Services. Levies a tax on the sale or transfer of cannabis from a cannabis cultivation facility to a retail cannabis store or cannabis product manufacturing facility at the rate of \$50 per ounce, to be adjusted annually for inflation or deflation. Provides for distribution of tax revenues as follows: 30 percent to the Department of Education, 20 percent to the Department of Health Services, and 50 percent to the general fund. Due to a potential increase in state revenue, this bill requires the affirmative vote of at least 2/3 of each house of the Legislature for passage.

First sponsor: [Rep. Mendez](#)

H2477 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill to date.		

H2505: PAID SICK & SAFE TIME

Effective January 1, 2016, employees who work in Arizona accrue a minimum of one hour of paid sick and safe time for every 30 hours worked. Situations where an employee may use paid sick and safe time are specified, as well as provisions governing accrual, carry over, and transfer of paid sick and safe time.

First sponsor: [Rep. Andrade](#)

H2505 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill to date.		

S1013: EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION; ENFORCEMENT; DAMAGES

Increases the statute of limitations on filing employment discrimination charges to 2 years from 1 year. Allows the recovering party in unlawful employment practice cases to recover punitive or compensatory damages if specified conditions are met.

First sponsor: [Sen. Ableser](#)

S1013 Daily History	Date	Action
EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION; ENFORCEMENT; DAMAGES 1/12 referred to Senate gov.		

S1048: VEXATIOUS LITIGANTS; FEES; COSTS; DESIGNATION

A party is permitted to make an amended request for the superior court to designate a pro se litigant a vexatious litigant if specified conditions are met. The court is prohibited from granting a waiver of court fees or costs for civil actions filed by a pro se litigant who has previously been declared a vexatious litigant.

First sponsor: [Sen. Kavanagh](#)

S1048 Daily History	Date	Action
VEXATIOUS LITIGANTS; FEES; COSTS; DESIGNATION 1/22 from Senate jud with amend #4005 . (SEE BELOW)		
VEXATIOUS LITIGANTS; FEES; COSTS; DESIGNATION 1/13 referred to Senate jud .		

S1061: TECH CORRECTION; WAGE RATES

Minor change in Title 23 (Labor) related to investigation of wage rates. Apparent striker bus.

First sponsor: [Sen. Griffin](#)

S1061 Daily History	Date	Action
TECH CORRECTION; WAGE RATES 1/14 referred to Senate rules only.		

S1067: UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS; APPROP

Appropriates the following amounts to the Arizona Board of Regents in FY2017-18 through FY2047-48 from the general fund for the following universities for lease-purchase capital financing for "research infrastructure" (defined) projects: in FY2017-18, \$27.2 million for Arizona State University, \$10.2 million for Northern Arizona University, and \$30.5 million for the University of Arizona; in FY2018-19 and in each FY after through FY2047-48, \$29 million for ASU, \$10.9 million for NAU, and \$32.7 million for UofA. Lease-purchase financing agreements must be entered into before July 1, 2017 and are subject to specified requirements. State construction sales tax monies accruing to the state for these projects are continuously appropriated to each university. For each FY in which projects are financed and under construction, ABOR is required to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature containing specified information about the projects.

First sponsor: [Sen. Dial](#)

[S1067](#) Daily History

Date Action

UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS; APPROP 1/20 referred to Senate [educ](#), [appro](#), [fin](#).

S1108: TASK FORCE; GAS TAX REPLACEMENT

Establishes a 24-member Highway User Fee Replacement Task Force to develop a design for revenue collection for the state's transportation system that will replace the motor fuel tax and use fuel tax. The Task Force is required to design pilot programs to be used to test alternative approaches by December 15, 2016. By October 1, 2017, the Department of Transportation is required to develop and implement pilot programs as directed by the Task Force to test alternatives to motor vehicle fuel taxes and use fuel taxes to pay for highway use. The Dept is authorized to use monies in the State Highway Fund to implement and support the Task Force and pilot programs. Effective September 1, 2015. Self-repeals October 1, 2025.

First sponsor: [Sen. Farley](#)

[S1108](#) Daily History

Date Action

TASK FORCE; GAS TAX REPLACEMENT 1/22 referred to Senate [trans](#), [appro](#), [fin](#).

Fifty-second Legislature

First Regular Session

S.B. 1048

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO S.B. 1048

(Reference to printed bill)

Page 4, line 13, after "ACTIONS" insert "OTHER THAN CASES OF DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE, LEGAL SEPARATION, ANNULMENT OR ESTABLISHMENT, ENFORCEMENT OR MODIFICATION OF CHILD SUPPORT"

Amend title to conform