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Legislative Overview

Today is the 54th day of the legislative session. Committee activity this week was at a moderate pace, but most of the action was on bills unrelated to cities and towns. Continued rumors of a looming budget introduction are circulating the Capitol. However, legislators with knowledge of the budget negotiations contend the budget is not yet ready to be introduced as there are still negotiations on key items.

Short-Term Rentals

HB2875 regulation; short-term rentals, sponsored by Representative John Kavanagh (R-Fountain Hills), failed in Third Read on Thursday 25-35 with bipartisan opposition. The League signed in support of the measure as it took into consideration reasonable occupancy limits and best practices in the short-term rental industry that legislators and stakeholders discussed during the Short-Term Rental Ad Hoc Committee this winter. Lawmakers from both parties had various concerns with the bill. Some believed that the measure went too far and infringed on private property rights, others did not believe the measure went far enough in giving cities and towns the necessary tools to regulate short-term rentals. The League continues to be a part of ongoing discussions in the Senate to address short-term rentals and their impact on communities throughout the state.

State Liquor Board Membership

HB2144 state liquor board; membership, sponsored by Representative Anthony Kern (R-Glendale), requires one member of the State Liquor Board to a current elected municipal official, to ensure there is a local perspective on Board decisions. This legislation is a League resolution that was adopted at the 2018 League conference. The measure has passed the House of Representatives, and this week

passed out of the Senate Commerce committee with unanimous support. The bill is scheduled for Senate Rules committee on Monday.

Utility Condemnation

HB2499 eminent domain; existing contracts, sponsored by Representative Jeff Weninger (R-Chandler), was heard in the Senate Commerce Committee on Thursday. The bill will require cities and towns exercising eminent domain to acquire a utility to assume all its assets and contractual obligations, regardless of whether they can be assumed by local governments based on restrictions provided in statute and the state's Constitution. The bill passed out of the Senate Commerce committee with a vote of 7-1. It now awaits a hearing in the Rules committee.

Legislative Bill Monitoring

All bills being actively monitored by the League [can be found here](#).