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Legislative Bulletin: Issue 10 – March 23, 2026



Legislative Update:

Welcome to the eleventh week of the legislative session. A total of 2,121 legislative measures have been introduced. To date, the legislature has passed 20 bills, five of which were signed by the Governor and 15 of which were vetoed. This Friday marks the deadline for bills to be heard in committees in their opposite chamber of origin.

Cody Reim Appointed to Fill LD 3 Vacancy

The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors appointed Cody Reim to fill the legislative vacancy in Legislative District 3, replacing former Rep. Joseph Chaplik who resigned to focus on his congressional campaign. Reim will serve the remainder of the term representing a district that includes Carefree, Cave Creek, Fountain Hills, Scottsdale, and portions of Phoenix.

Reim, a Rio Verde Foothills resident and small business owner, was sworn in shortly after the board's unanimous vote and will serve the remainder of the term. He previously ran for a seat on the Cave Creek Unified School District governing board and has been active in local community issues, particularly

during the 2023 Rio Verde Foothills water crisis, where he helped organize residents and advocate for long-term water solutions at the state level.

Cesar Chavez Allegations Spark Changes

Recent allegations related to the conduct of the late labor leader Cesar Chavez have prompted renewed scrutiny of his legacy, leading to a series of actions and proposals across Arizona and nationally. Some events commemorating Cesar Chavez Day (recognized on March 31) have been canceled or renamed, and several local governments are reportedly considering the renaming of parks, streets, or facilities that had been previously named in his honor.

At the state level, legislative leadership has issued statements condemning the alleged conduct, and lawmakers are exploring proposals to repeal or revise the state holiday recognizing him. The Senate Regulatory Affairs & Government Efficiency's Wednesday **agenda** notes a strike-everything amendment to HB 2072 titled "state holiday; repeal."

Upcoming Hearings

HB 2793: annexation of territory; procedures (Carbone)

Senate Committee on Federalism and Family Law

Authorizes a city or town to waive the 30-day waiting period and public hearing and to complete annexation immediately by ordinance when the annexation consists of 100 percent of the property owned by the initiating property owner. Additionally allows a city or town to publish annexation hearing notices electronically in a newspaper of general circulation's electronic edition, and to reduce posting requirements for a proposed annexation consisting of a single parcel of not more than 160 acres.

Position: SUPPORT

Hearing: March 23, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in SHR 2

HB 2118: mobile food vendors; licensure (Carter N)

Senate Committee on Government

Prohibits municipalities from requiring a mobile food vendor to obtain a local regulatory permit or license. Eliminates authority for municipalities and counties to require separate local licensure of mobile food vendors based on background checks, identification or fingerprinting of the owner.

Position: OPPOSE

Hearing: March 25, 2026, at 7:00 a.m. in SHR 1

HB 2460: business property; theft; penalties; prohibition (Kupper)

Senate Committee on Government

Prohibits municipalities and counties from adopting or enforcing ordinances that penalize a business for the theft of the business's "movable property" (defined). Prohibits fines, fees, cost recovery requirements and compliance mandates imposed on a business when the underlying conduct results from theft of the business's movable property. Establishes statewide preemption over local regulation of penalties related to theft of a business's movable property. This is aimed at preempting shopping cart ordinances enacted by cities and towns to address blight and hazards in the right-of-way.

Position: OPPOSE

Hearing: March 25, 2026, at 7:00 a.m. in SHR 1

SB 1167: cities; towns; counties; posting; website (Angius)

House Committee on Government

Allows municipalities and counties to satisfy statutory requirements for advertising, publishing, or printing notices by posting them on the entity's official website. Requires the website to include a public notices link on the homepage that organizes all required notices by category. Exempts notices of proposed city or town charters from the website-only posting option.

Position: SUPPORT

Hearing: March 25, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in HHR 5

HCR 2004: photo enforcement systems; prohibition. (Martinez)

Senate Committee on Judiciary & Elections

Prohibits state agencies and local authorities from using photo enforcement systems to identify violations of speed limits or traffic control devices unless, by December 31, 2026, the agency or authority has a signed contract to operate a photo enforcement system. Requires local authorities with such contracts to seek voter approval at the next general election, requires photo enforcement system operation to cease within 90 days if the voters fail to approve the operation, and allows the local authority to continue operation for ten years if approved by the voters. Repeals statutes authorizing and regulating photo enforcement systems. If passed by the Legislature, this legislation will be submitted to the voters at the 2026 general election.

Position: NEUTRAL

Hearing: March 25, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in SHR 2

SCR 1027: general election day; all offices (Mesnard)

House Committee on Federalism, Military Affairs & Elections

Proposes a constitutional amendment to require that general elections for all city, town, and school district offices, be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even numbered years. If passed by the Legislature, this legislation will be submitted to the voters at the 2026 general election.

Position: OPPOSE

Hearing: March 25, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in HHR 4

Session Deadlines

Every session has deadlines pertaining to bill submissions and hearings. These are established by Senate and House rule and are subject to change. This year's schedule is as follows:

March

Friday 3/27: Last day for consideration of bills in opposite chamber

April

Friday 4/17: Last day for consideration of bills in conference committee

Tuesday 4/21: 100th Day of Session

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