

WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Arizona Transit Association

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Legislative and Executive Impasse Continues

The stalemate over the English learner's lawsuit known as *Florez*, continued this week with the Legislature rejecting the Governor's proposed package. Late last week, after the Governor twice vetoed Republican-backed proposals, the federal judge presiding over the case ruled that the \$500,000 per day fines would go toward the English learner's issue. The Republicans had argued that the fines should go toward a less specific issue in order to maintain a level bargaining position for both sides.

As previously highlighted, this stalemate will continue to jeopardize an early adjournment, as originally predicted by Legislative Leadership.

Week in Review

SB 1166, relating to stopping on state highways, passed out of the Senate Committee on Transportation. AzTA prepared and The Committee adopted an AzTA-initiated amendment which provides ADOT and local jurisdictions with the discretionary authority to require pullouts or other traffic mitigation devices along state routes.

A Preview for the Week Ahead

SB 1298, relating to HURF repayment, is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Committee on Transportation on Tuesday, February 7th at 1:30 p.m.

Comments

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LEGISLATIVE TRACKING REPORT

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BILL	TITLE	SPONSORS	SUMMARY	HOUSE COMMITTEES	SENATE COMMITTEES	ACTION
HB 2332	appropriations; highway monies; repayment	McClure and (2)	As introduced, appropriates \$52,215,300 in FY 2006-2007 from the state general fund to the Highway Users Revenue Fund for payment of monies diverted in FY 2004-2005.	Transportation, Appropriations (P), Rules		passed, House Transportation, 1/26
SB 1166	stopping vehicles on highways	Verschoor and (3)	As introduced, permits public transportation service vehicles to stop on specified state highway routes for the purposes of embarking and disembarking passengers. These highways must conform to specified conditions, including: a speed limit that does not exceed forty-five miles per hour, designated and marked stopping locations and signalized intersection controls.		Transportation, Rules	passed as amended, Senate Transportation, 1/31
SB 1278	lottery proceeds; university scholarships	Hale and (10)	As introduced, establishes the Lottery Tuition Fund to pay for a percentage of tuition costs for in-state students who maintain at least 2.5 grade point average and served in the military.		Higher Education, Appropriations, Rules	committee assignment, 1/25
SB 1298	appropriation; highway fund repayment	Flake and (22)	As introduced, appropriates \$63,200,000 from the state General Fund in fiscal year 2006-2007 to the State Highway Fund for repayment of monies diverted last year for Department of Public Safety salaries.		Transportation, Appropriations, Rules	committee assignment, 1/25
SB 1466	vehicle license tax reduction	Rios and (25)	As introduced, reduces the vehicle license tax by a percentage (up to 75%) depending on the fuel efficiency of a motor vehicle. Requires the use of		Transportation, Appropriations, Finance, Rules	committee assignment, 2/1



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			General Fund dollars to replace any lost VLT dollars.			
SB 1521	transportation board; Native American member	Hale and (2)	As introduced, requires that a Native American is a member of the transportation board.		Transportation, Rules	committee assignment, 2/2