

WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Arizona Transit Association

March 31, 2006

AzTA Legislation Advances

Legislation (SB 1166) granting the authority for local jurisdictions to provide transit service on state highways, under specific and limited conditions, passed out of the House this week with a 52-0 vote.

As the legislation was amended in the House to require the local jurisdiction to conduct a traffic and engineering study on selected locations, the bill will require a final vote in the Senate within the next few weeks.

A Preview for the Week Ahead

As the deadline has passed for committee hearings, except for the Committees on Appropriations, there are no hearings scheduled for either the House or Senate Committees on Transportation for the week of April 3rd.

Comments

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LEGISLATIVE TRACKING REPORT

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| BILL | TITLE | SPONSORS | SUMMARY | HOUSE COMMITTEES | SENATE COMMITTEES | ACTION |
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| 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. AMENDMENT: Permits the Director of ADOT and the appropriate local authority to determine if a pullout or any other method is necessary. AMENDMENT: Requires the local authority to conduct a traffic and engineering study of the proposed location. | Transportation, Rules | Transportation, Rules | passed House 52-0, 3/30 |
| 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 | passed, Senate Higher Education, 2/15 |
| 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 | passed, Senate Transportation, 2/7 |



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| | | | AMENDMENT: Inserts "Highway Revenue User Fund" for the referenced "State Highway Fund." | | | |
| 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 General Fund dollars to replace any lost VLT dollars. | | Transportation, Appropriations, Finance, Rules | passed, Senate Transportation, 2/14 |
| SB 1521 | transportation board; Native American member | Hale and (2) | As introduced, requires that a Native American is a member of the transportation board. AMENDMENT: Changes the Native American member to a representative of a tribal government. | | Transportation, Rules | passed, Senate Rules, 3/13 |