

TOWN OF
QUEEN CREEK
ARIZONA

2011 State Legislative Update

March 2, 2011



Legislative Action to Date

- The 50th Arizona State Legislature convened on January 10, 2011.
- More than 1300 bills have been introduced.
- Overall theme of anti-city and anti-local control in many of the bills.
- The League is tracking roughly 250 bills that have municipal impacts on some level.
- Since cities and towns provide different services, the list of bills the Town is tracking and talking to legislators about is much shorter.



Legislative Calendar

- Recently we've seen a spike in activity and several lengthy committee hearings because Feb. 18th was the deadline for the House committees to hear House bills and Senate committees to hear Senate bills.
- This is the first week that bills have started to be heard in the opposite chamber.
- The next rush will happen next week and the following week due to deadlines for House bills to be heard in the Senate and Senate bills to be heard in the House.
- Staff anticipates several last minute legislative action alerts.



Specific Bills of Interest

All of the bills below eliminate local control at some level whether it be decisions concerning local revenue, the expenditure of funds, or local policy making. The Town strongly opposes all of these bills.

- SB 1220
- SB 1221
- SB1525
- SB1165
- HB2289
- SB1286
- HB2275/SB1333



Invest Arizona SB1041

- **Invest Arizona** is a program designed to grow the state's economy; will make AZ more competitive.
- Program is separate from the Jobs Package that was signed into law on February 17, 2011.



Invest Arizona SB1041

- Main Policy Changes:
 - Non-refundable income tax credit for the creation of new “quality” jobs with healthcare coverage.
 - Temporary real and personal property tax reduction for “new” investments.



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- Program Requirements:
 - Business must be a “new” operation in Arizona or an in-state expansion.
 - A non-retail business
 - Average wage must be at least the county median wage (\$33,151 in Maricopa County)
 - Create a minimum amount of qualified new full-time jobs/level of capital investment.
 - Rural – populations less than 50,000 (5 qualified net new jobs/\$1M in capital investment)



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- Program Requirements:
 - A consenting resolution from the local government in which the business is locating or expanding must be obtained
 - No more than 10,000 new jobs for all employers qualify for the first year credits each year.



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- Benefits:
 - Tax credit of \$3,000 per year for 3 years
 - Real and personal property reclassified at the Class 6 assessment of 5% (10 years)
 - After the 10 year period, the parcel is ineligible from any future reclassification.



More Bad Legislation

There are a handful of other bills that at this point only apply to large cities, the Town strongly opposes these bills as well.

SB1332 Managed Competition

SB1327 Recall of City/County Managers

SB1375 Staffing levels and
compensation



Getting Legislative Updates and Contacting Legislators

- Residents can sign up for legislative action alerts on the Town web site www.queencreek.org.
- Contact information for the District 21 and 23 legislators who represent Queen Creek is also available on the Town's website.

