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LEGISLATIVE REPORT UPDATE

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LEGISLATIVE DEADLINES

FEBRUARY & MARCH 2021

- February 25: House Bills and House Joint Resolutions out of Standing Committees
- March 11: Third Reading of Bills and Joint Resolutions in their Chamber of Origin
- March 29: Senate Bills and Senate Joint Resolutions out of Subcommittee

9-1-1 & PUBLIC SAFETY

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ACOG PRIORITIZED BILLS

- SB838: Support the creation of public safety protection districts, which would provide ad valorem tax funding for municipal police and fire services (Passed Senate General Government Committee; Continuing Resolution (CR) Filed)
- HB1021 & SB3: Endorse reforms to current policies within the Department of Mental Health regarding patient transports by law enforcement agencies, including reimbursement rates and third-party services (HB1021 Passed House A&B Health Subcommittee; SB3 Passed Senate Appropriations)
- SB240: Add municipal EMS as a qualifying entity for the Warrant Intercept program via the state income tax collection process (Passed Senate Finance Committee; Coauthored by Rep. Mize)



9-1-1 & PUBLIC SAFETY

ACOG PRIORITIZED BILLS

- HB2217: Support legislation that allows local governments to regulate the location and spacing of medical marijuana dispensaries (Referred to House Committee on Alcohol, Tobacco & Substances)
- SB445: Updates provisions related to medical marijuana to reflect protections and restrictions on medical marijuana dispensaries and adjusts provisions prohibit smoking on county & municipal property to include marijuana and vapor products (Passed Senate Health & Human Services Committee)
- HB1897: Authorizes municipalities to allow for the carry of concealed firearms by municipal employees for personal protection (Referred to House Rules Committee)



AIR QUALITY & CLEAN CITIES

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ACOG PRIORITIZED BILLS

• SB246: Requires the use of an air curtain incinerator for controlled burn operations when the operation is within a metropolitan statistical area that has a population of 500,000 or greater (Passed Senate Energy Committee)

BILL NUMBER LEGEND:



ACOG OPPOSES

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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ACOG PRIORITIZED BILLS

- HB1058: Adjusts calculations of municipal income when determining if certain audits are required, sets municipal audits and reporting to be biennial and creates a Special Investigative Unit Audit Revolving Fund under the State Auditor (Passed County & Municipal Government Committee)
- HB1124: The Corporation Commission to work with the Rural Broadband Expansion Council to promulgate rules relating to the establishment of the State Broadband Deployment Grant Program and related revolving fund (Technology Committee Hearing on 2/24/21)



COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CONTINUED)

ACOG PRIORITIZED BILLS

- HB2744: Creates the Tax Exemption Fraud Prevention Act of 2021 which establishes certain requirements and standards for Sale for Resale Permits and permits the Tax Commission to release certain vendor data (Hearing in A&B Committee 2/24/21)
- SB277: Allows municipalities the authority to require contact information from property owners to be used in addressing public safety concerns. This will enable municipal governments to enforce public safety regulations developing out of public nuisances and dilapidated properties (Passed Senate General Government)



COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CONTINUED)

ACOG PRIORITIZED BILLS

• SB299: Establishes and clarifies the rights of public agencies, schools, and procurement units to enter into cooperative agreements for the purchasing of commodities and services, including public construction contracts (Referred to Senate General Government, Coauthored by Rep. Lepak)



TRANSPORTATION PLANNING SERVICES

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ACOG PRIORITIZED BILLS

- HB1712: Creates the Oklahoma Road User Charge Program and a related task force to study and make recommendations on the administration of fees for roadways (Passed Transportation Committee)
- HB1770: Updates hand signaling laws and provides certain exceptions for bicyclists at traffic-control devices (Passed Public Safety Committee)
- HB1924: Endorse efforts by the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) of Central Oklahoma to bring commuter rail and enhanced bus transit to our region by including an indemnification provision for non-commercial purposes which would ensure that Class I railroads are not held liable (Pending in Rules Committee)



TRANSPORTATION PLANNING SERVICES (CONTINUED)

ACOG PRIORITIZED BILLS

- HB2234: Creates the Driving on Road Infrastructure with Vehicles of Electricity Act (DRIVE) which provides for a tax on electricity used to charge electric motor vehicles and establishes regulations for charging stations and electric vehicles (Passed A&B Committee)
- **SB184**: Establishes a speed limit of 20-miles-per-hour on trails for electricassisted bicycles (Passed Transportation Committee)
- SB618: Directs the Oklahoma Department of Transportation to implement a complete streets policy after consulting with various authorities and requires compliance with such policies for any projects utilizing state funds (Pending Transportation Committee)



WATER & WASTEWATER

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ACOG PRIORITIZED BILLS

 HB1093: Establishes a date by which the Water Resources Board must update the Oklahoma Water Quality Standards to include a provision to allow for the development of nutrient trading programs by state environmental agencies (Passed Agriculture & Rural Development Committee)



OTHER RELEVANT ISSUES

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ACOG PRIORITIZED BILLS

- SB224: Prevent cities and towns the right to regulate mask mandates (Pending second reading in General Government Committee)
- SB254: Allows cities and counties to publish public meeting notices online and not require mandatory publishing in a local newspaper (Pending second reading in Judiciary Committee)
- SB1031: Extends certain virtual meeting provisions established in response to the COVD-19 health emergency to until 30 days after the termination of health emergency order (Signed by Governor on 2/10/21)



OTHER RELEVANT ISSUES (CONTINUED)

ACOG PRIORITIZED BILLS

• SB1032: Requires public bodies which operate websites and utilize high-speed internet to stream meetings live and post recordings of their meetings (Passed General Government)







HOUSE BILLS STUCK IN COMMITTEE

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- HB1970: Creates the Public Safety Protection District Act (House Rules Committee 2/2/21)
- HB1719: Creates the Green Power Technology Act of 2021 (House Rules Committee 2/2/21)
- HB1720: Provides a certain tax credit to qualified employees of certain businesses or governmental units that engage in the research, development, production or sale of batteries for electric energy storage or electric vehicles (House Rules Committee 2/2/21)



WHAT BILLS ARE YOU LOOKING AT THAT WE MIGHT BE OVERLOOKING?

QUESTIONS?

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