

# AZ Legislative Landscape

TACOS Fall Conference



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**Vision:** End cancer as we know it, for everyone.

**Mission:** Advocate for evidence-based public policies to reduce the cancer burden for everyone.

# More than 41,000 Arizonans will be diagnosed with a new cancer in 2023

- 1 6,240 Breast (Female)
- 2 5,060 Prostate
- 3 4,450 Lung
- 4 3,220 Colon & rectum
- 5 2,800 Melanoma of the skin
- 6 1,960 Urinary Bladder
- 7 1,710 Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma
- 8 1,260 Uterine Corpus
- 9 1,190 Leukemia

Estimated cancers by state *Cancer Facts and Figures 2023*

# Cancer is the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of death in Arizona. More than 13,000 Arizonans

- 1 2,290 Lung
- 2 1,300 Colon & rectum
- 3 1,140 Pancreas
- 4 920 Breast
- 5 850 Prostate
- 6 690 Liver
- 7 530 Leukemia
- 8 430 Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma
- 9 420 Brain

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# 2006: Big Wins Against Big Tobacco



- Prop 201 Smoke Free Arizona passes with 54.7% of the vote
- Prop 206 increases tobacco tax by 80 cents per pack

# 2012: BCCTP Policy Change 2013: Medicaid Expansion



More than 300,000  
Arizonans receive  
access to healthcare

# 2022: Biomarker Testing Coverage



## Support HB2144: Biomarker Testing Coverage

### What does HB 2144 do?

HB 2144 requires health insurers to cover comprehensive biomarker testing when supported by medical and scientific evidence. Biomarker testing helps connect patients with the most effective treatments for their disease.

Progress in improving cancer and other disease outcomes increasingly involves the use of precision medicine, which uses information about a person's own genes or proteins to prevent, diagnose or treat diseases.

Biomarker testing is an important step to accessing precision medicine which includes targeted therapies that can lead to improved survivorship and better quality of life for cancer patients.

Biomarker testing can help providers determine which drugs or treatments are most likely to be effective for an individual patient. In other words, biomarker testing can help "match" patients to the right medicine.

Not all communities are benefitting from the latest advancements in biomarker testing and precision medicine, in part because insurance coverage for biomarker testing is failing to keep pace with innovations and advancements in treatment.

We must work to dismantle barriers that prevent patients from benefiting from biomarker testing and precision medicine, and work to ensure all patients benefit, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status or zip code. Join ACS CAN in calling on the Arizona Legislature to require appropriate coverage of biomarker testing for public and private insurance plans.



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# Arizona Legislature 2023 Regular Session

Legislative session begins the second Monday of January. Recommended to *sine die* (adjourn) in the week of the 100<sup>th</sup> day – not required!



## Session by the Numbers

- House: 31R, 29D
- Senate: 16R, 14D
- Days of Session: 204\*
- Bills Introduced: 1,672
- Memorials and Resolutions Introduced: 110
- Bills Sent to the Governor: 345
- Bills Signed: 202
- Bills Vetoed: 143\*

\* *Record for most ever*



Gov. Katie Hobbs (D)



Senate President  
Warren Petersen (R)



Speaker of the  
House Ben Toma (R)



# Arizona Legislature Policy Provisions 2023



- HB2826. Medicaid continuation. Continues the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) through July 1, 2029. More than two million Arizonans rely on AHCCCS for health care.
- Included in budget: Funding for Arizona Well Woman HealthCheck Program \$1,369,400
- Defeated tobacco preemption *twice*: HB2630; SB1225 striker. These bills would have prevented local jurisdictions from regulating tobacco at the point of sale or establishing density or proximity requirements.
- Pilot coverage of rapid whole genome sequencing, in AHCCCS for under the age of one for certain conditions.
- SB1601. Requires state regulated health policies that cover mastectomy to also cover breast screening including 3D.

# Questions

# Thank You

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