

# AZ Legislative Landscape

TACOS Spring Conference



**April 13, 2024**



**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 42,000 Arizonans will be diagnosed with a new cancer in 2024

- 1 6,830 Breast (Female)
- 2 4,630 Prostate
- 3 4,350 Lung
- 4 3,280 Colon & rectum
- 5 3,020 Melanoma of the skin
- 6 2,060 Urinary Bladder
- 7 1,690 Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma
- 8 1,380 Uterine Corpus
- 9 1,260 Leukemia

Estimated cancers by state *Cancer Facts and Figures 2024*

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

- 1 2,380 Lung
- 2 1,220 Colon & rectum
- 3 1,090 Pancreas
- 4 950 Breast
- 5 890 Prostate
- 6 590 Leukemia
- 7 560 Liver
- 8 430 Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma
- 9 410 Brain

Estimated cancers by state *Cancer Facts and Figures 2024*

# Arizona Legislature 2024 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: 97\*
- Bills Introduced: 1,629
- Memorials and Resolutions Introduced: 130
- Bills Sent to the Governor: 5
- Bills Signed: 2
- Bills Vetoed: 1

\* As of April 13; April 16 is Day 100



Gov. Katie Hobbs (D)



Senate President  
Warren Petersen (R)



Speaker of the  
House Ben Toma (R)

# Arizona Legislature 2024 Regular Session

## Themes:

- Resignations/Replacements (10% of the 90 lawmakers were appointed)
- Resolutions v. Bills (Gov. Hobbs set a record for vetoes last session)
- Use of ARPA funds – retiring medical debt
- Court cases – Governor's cabinet appointments
- Budget????

# Arizona Legislature Policy Provisions 2024



- SB1164 Sen. Shamp - Prohibits a pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) from limiting or excluding coverage of a prescription drug for any medically-stable, covered individual on a specific prescription drug if outlined conditions are met. Establishes a prescription coverage exemption determination process. Passed Senate 27-1.
- Included in Governor's budget: Funding for Arizona Well Woman HealthCheck Program \$1,369,400
- HB 2758 Rep. A. Hernandez – establishes rare disease advisory council. Passed House 46-11

## **Tobacco Legislation – no committee votes**

SB1130 Sen. Bennett, comprehensive tobacco control – good bill. This is essentially the bill that we've run for the past several years. Correct definitions of tobacco, raises the age to 21, establishes a tobacco retail license; expressly prohibits preemption of local jurisdictions to further regulate tobacco.

SB1212 Sen. Shope, vapor product directory – bad bill. Requires the AG to establish a list of products allowed to be sold in the state based on federal decisions and then enforce those decisions at the state level. Had a hearing, but no vote

HB2277 Rep. Biasucci, heated tobacco, taxation – bad bill. Excludes newish heated tobacco products from the definition of tobacco in the tax code – these products would therefore not be taxed other than basic sales tax. Department of Revenue determined these products to be cigarettes (following federal guidance) in 2020. This bill would overturn that DOR ruling.

# Arizona Legislature Policy Provisions 2024 cont.

- HB2117 Rep. Payne - firefighter cancer presumption. Clarifies that a cancer survivor who is determined remission and who becomes a firefighter and tests negative for cancer on intake is entitled to the cancer presumption in current law. Bill is moving through the House, should get a vote in House this week. 56-0
- HB2035 Rep. Cook – insurance claims denials process. Establishes procedures and timeframes for when a health care insurer denies a health care service claim and provides a process for health care providers to request a hearing with the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) if their claim denial grievance is unresolved. Passed House 57-1
- HB2113 Rep. Willoughby - medical assistant scope of practice. Expands the scope of practice of medical assistants to include communicating documented medical advice, test results and documented orders, as well as obtaining, processing, and communicating medication or procedure prior authorization orders made by a doctor of medicine (MD), physician assistant (PA) or nurse practitioner (NP), outside the direct supervision of the practitioner. Passed House 55-0.



# Questions

# Thank You

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