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What's New

Capital Connection:  Legislative Updates

Legislative Updates from Representative Selina Bliss

Rep. Selina Bliss Named 2025 Legislator of the Year

Representative Selina Bliss was honored to receive the **2025 Legislator of the Year Award** from the **Arizona Alliance for Community Health Centers**. This recognition reflects her ongoing commitment to advancing access to quality healthcare, strengthening community-based services, and supporting Arizona's most vulnerable populations.

“I’m deeply grateful for this recognition and proud to champion policies that uplift the health and well-being of all Arizonans,” said Rep. Bliss.



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As your representative for Legislative District 1, I'm pleased to share the significant strides we've made recently at the Capitol. Our focus continues to be on enhancing public safety, protecting our children, and ensuring responsible governance.

Legislative Achievements:

- **HB 2581:** This bill mandates the Phoenix Police Department's participation in Arizona's real-time Sexual Assault Kit Evidence Tracking System, ensuring survivors can monitor the status of their kits. The bill has successfully passed both the House and the Senate and is now awaiting the Governor's signature.
- **HB 2179:** To safeguard our youth, this legislation imposes stricter regulations on marijuana advertising, preventing its appeal to individuals under 21. The bill has passed the House and is currently under consideration in the Senate.
- **HB 2127 & HB 2128:** In response to environmental concerns, particularly the situation with Senator Mine in Yavapai County, these bills aim to ensure accountability for hazardous substance releases and facilitate the cleanup of contaminated sites. Both measures have passed the House.

Additionally, hosting the Prescott Delegation of the YMCA's Youth & Government program was a highlight. These young leaders are preparing to make significant contributions to our state's future.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement. Together, we're making strides toward a safer and more accountable Arizona.

Warm regards,

Representative Selina Bliss

Arizona House of Representatives, District 1

AZ HOUSE BILL 2581

I am proud to have introduced House Bill 2581, which mandates the Phoenix Police Department's participation in Arizona's real-time **Sexual Assault Kit Evidence Tracking System**. This system allows survivors to monitor the status of their sexual assault kits from collection through analysis, ensuring transparency and accountability. Notably, Phoenix PD was the only law enforcement agency in the state not utilizing this crucial system. The bill has passed the House and recently received unanimous approval from a Senate committee, reflecting our commitment to supporting survivors and enhancing public safety.

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I was proud to sponsor **HB 2127**, a commonsense, bipartisan bill that strengthens transparency in real estate transactions and protects Arizona property owners from unfair environmental liability.

This bill ensures that buyers are informed if a property is known to be contaminated by hazardous substances, while also establishing clear exemptions for property owners who had no role in the contamination or who comply with state environmental regulations. It's a balanced approach that promotes both public health awareness and property rights.

HB 2127 passed unanimously in both chambers—proof that when we focus on fairness and facts, good policy prevails.

HB 2145 Signed Into Law: Strengthening Arizona's Public Health Workforce

I'm proud to share that **HB 2145**, which I sponsored, has officially been signed into law. This legislation modernizes the certification process for Registered Sanitarians— environmental health professionals vital to public safety. By updating experience and education requirements, HB 2145 helps build a stronger public health workforce while maintaining rigorous professional standards. This is a win for both our workforce and community well-being.

In the Community



Community Events and Happenings



Honoring America’s Legacy: Liberty Tree Dedication at Sharlot Hall Museum

What a special opportunity it was to take part in local history at the AZ America 250 Celebration hosted at the Sharlot Hall Museum in Prescott. **Representative Selina Bliss** was honored to be one of the featured speakers at this patriotic event, which celebrated our nation’s journey toward its 250th anniversary in 2026.

As part of the celebration, a Liberty Tree and commemorative marker were dedicated on the museum grounds. This symbolic planting, generously sponsored by the General George Crook Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), serves as a lasting tribute to the ideals of freedom and the enduring spirit of the American Revolution.

The **Liberty Tree** stands as a powerful reminder of the unity, resilience, and shared values that define us as Americans. Representative Bliss extends her deepest thanks to the NSDAR and the Sharlot Hall Museum for preserving our rich heritage and creating spaces where history lives on for future generations.

Stay tuned for more events and initiatives across Arizona as we continue the countdown to America 250!

It is always a treat to host our youth at the Capitol—this was the third year for the **Prescott Delegation of the YMCA’s Youth & Government program**. This active group just held its 77th year of The Freedom Festival held on March 1, 2025, at Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza in Phoenix, Arizona, was organized by Gun Owners of America (GOA) to celebrate and advocate for Second Amendment rights. The event featured national vendors, speakers, food trucks, a Kid Zone, entertainment, and celebrity influencers, all emphasizing the importance of the right to keep and bear arms. Additionally, two \$500 scholarships were awarded to high school seniors, and attendees had opportunities to participate in firearm raffles, door prizes, and receive SWAG bags. This festival marked the first annual event under GOA's leadership, succeeding the previous 11 years of Second Amendment celebrations organized by Riders U.S.A. the Y&G Model Legislation Conference in December at the State Capitol. They are getting ready to serve!



Ad Hoc Committee on Executive Budget Mismanagement

Arizona House Speaker Steve Montenegro has formed an Ad Hoc Committee to address ongoing financial issues under the Hobbs administration, including budget shortfalls in key state programs like the Department of Child Safety, Developmental Disabilities, and AHCCCS. Chaired by Representative Matt Gress, the bipartisan committee will review current executive agency spending and the Governor's proposed budget to recommend solutions that prevent further financial mismanagement and protect essential state services.

"As a member of this committee, I'm committed to ensuring transparency and restoring fiscal accountability across our state agencies," said **Representative Selina Bliss**. "Our taxpayers deserve a government that plans responsibly and prioritizes essential services, especially for our most vulnerable populations."



Arizona Medical Association

What an honor to have not just one, but two outstanding physicians from Legislative District 1 visit the Capitol in the same week as part of the Arizona Medical Association’s Doctor of the Day program! This initiative brings frontline medical professionals to the Legislature to provide care if needed and share firsthand insights on the challenges facing healthcare in our state. It was a particular privilege to welcome Dr. Edward Kalpas, who was recently featured in ArMA’s Member Spotlight for his distinguished service in both clinical care and public health. His visit exemplifies the dedication and expertise that LD1 physicians bring to our communities every day. I’m grateful for their commitment and for their willingness to advocate for patients and providers alike at the Capitol.

HB 2179



Protecting Our Youth: Advocating for Responsible Marijuana Advertising

As your representative, I am committed to safeguarding the well-being of our community's youth. To this end, I introduced House Bill 2179, which aims to implement stricter regulations on marijuana advertising to prevent its appeal to individuals under 21 years of age. This legislation prohibits the use of imagery and themes that

could attract minors, such as cartoon characters, toys, or imitations of food and drink brands popular among children. Additionally, it restricts advertisements from depicting marijuana consumption or highlighting THC potency levels. The bill also enforces limitations on billboard placements, ensuring they are not within 1,000 feet of child-centric areas like schools and parks. HB 2179 successfully passed the House with a 51-3 vote on February 13, 2025, and is currently under consideration in the Senate. I am dedicated to seeing this bill enacted to promote responsible advertising practices and protect our children from undue exposure to marijuana marketing.

What's Next

Upcoming votes, Events, Committee Hearings and Policies

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As we move into April, several key legislative activities are on the horizon:



Legislative Deadlines:

- **Conference Committees:** The deadline for bills to be considered in Conference Committees is **Friday, April 18, 2025**.
- **Adjournment Sine Die:** The Legislature is scheduled to adjourn sine die (end the session) on **Saturday, April 26, 2025** [Arizona State Senate](#).

Committee Oversight:

- **House Ad Hoc Committee on Executive Budget Mismanagement:** On **April 3, 2025**, the committee held its inaugural hearing to address a \$122 million shortfall in the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) budget. The hearing aimed to uncover the causes of the deficit and discuss solutions to prevent service disruptions for vulnerable populations. Notably, key agency directors and Democratic committee members did not attend the hearing, following a directive from Governor Hobbs. [Arizona Legislature+4Arizona Globe+4Arizona Capitol Times+4](#)

Engagement Opportunities:

- **Request to Speak (RTS) System:** Constituents are encouraged to participate in the legislative process by using the RTS system. This platform allows you to register your opinions on bills and request to speak during committee hearings. Your input is invaluable in shaping our state's policies.

Staying informed and engaged during these final weeks of the session is crucial. I will continue to advocate for the interests of District 1 and keep you updated on significant developments.

Reach Out



Stay engaged! Follow along for more updates as we continue to work on issues impacting District 1 and Arizona families.

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