



Arizona Pest Professional Organization Legislative Update March 9, 2018

Dear Supporter:

Day 61 - With only two weeks to go until the March 23 committee hearing deadline legislators are busily working to push their bill towards this important milestone. Although many of the committee and floor calendars were relatively short this week, things were moving at a fever pitch behind the scenes. As deadlines approach the pressure continues to mount on legislators and stakeholders alike to achieve their 2018 policy goals before the end of the legislative session.

In other news; yesterday the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors certified the Congressional District 8 primary special election results with Republican Debbie Lesko and Democrat Hiral Tipirneni winning their party nominations. After the highly contested primary the two candidates will now turn and face one another in the April 24 general special election.

As for AZPPO, we are in the process of scheduling meetings with the Governor's staff and key members of the House Land, Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee and the Senate Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee as well as members from each chamber's Appropriations committees to discuss the sweep of the Pest Management Fund. Be on the lookout for an email urging you to contact your legislator. We will include legislator contact information, directions on how to look- up your legislators, and sample emails.

This week we met with an official from the Governors Office to discuss the proposed \$2.1 million sweep of the Fund. We expressed our deep concerns with the sweep especially in light of the fact that the Fund is in Trust and should not be subject to such a sweep. Budget discussions will be a topic of increasing discussion as the 2018 legislative session marches forward.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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