

2018 LEGISLATIVE SESSION WRAP-UP

After all the bills were introduced this session, the Building Chapter's agenda started with 25 bills of interest. Based on discussion and decisions by the Legislative Committee, the agenda focused on:

- 12 bills directly related to the industry
- Monitoring key tax reform bill that included expansion of sales tax on more services/labor
- Monitoring couple of bills that related to financing of public building projects

We supported two bills; one passed, one did not. We opposed five; one passed, four did not. With one exception, everything we monitor did not go anywhere.

Here are the highlights:

- **LB775** (supported) passed. The State Park System Construction Alternatives Act allows the Game and Park Commission to use CM@Risk and Design-Build in project deliver. The wording is taken from the Transportation Innovation Act 2016.
- With one exception, all the bills dealing with codes did not go anywhere. (720, 767, 806, 890, 921, 1025) The Chapter had supported **LB720**.
- LB889 was one fire code bill that passed. It was a clean-up bill for wording and updating.
- **LB874**, which made major changes to the Community Development Law, and we opposed, did pass. However, there was a highly negotiated amendment that neutralized a few of the top concerns. A more in-depth analysis of the changes will be out soon.
- The other Community Development bills (relating to TIF) did not go anywhere. However, some elements of LB 846 ended up in 874.
- **LB1031** started as a "monitor" bill but turned into an "oppose" bill. It did not go anywhere. However, there will be an Interim Study on the elements and issues addressed in this bill. The study is authorized as Legislative Resolution 426.
- LB784 was a monitor bill and sat in Committee until late in session key elements were amended into LB 953. The language amended to 953 states that if a contractor has unpaid fines for a violation of Employee Classification Act said contractor is barred from contracting with the state or political subdivision until the fines are paid. LB953 passed on the last day of session. As of today, it is awaiting Governor's signature. Key concern on our part is how this plays out with GC's and downstream contractors. An interpretation will be out soon.

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