ARIZONA STATE SENATE  
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PROGRAM PRESENTATION  
Government Expenditure Transparency

Background

Laws 2008, Chapter 312, requires the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA) to establish and maintain a comprehensive public Internet database detailing receipts and expenditures of state monies. Information in the database must be presented in a manner that is intuitive to the general public and must allow users of the database to search records by individual budget units, programs and owners.

Budget units are required to cooperate with ADOA in the creation and maintenance of the database and to provide ADOA with information in a manner prescribed by ADOA. Payment information within the database must include the manner of payment, the funding source, a descriptive title of the type and purpose of transactions, the date and amount of payments, the paying budget unit, the name of contractors receiving payments and the primary location of performance.

ADOA must submit a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by September 1, 2009, on the progress and plans for the full implementation of the database.

Committee Activity

1) The Government Institutions Committee received an update from ADOA regarding the implementation of Laws 2008, Chapter 312.
2) The State Treasurer remarked on the current status of Arizona’s technology infrastructure.
3) A representative from N.I.C. gave a presentation about expenditure transparency successes in other states.
4) Chris Bradley, Deputy Budget Director from Maricopa County, gave a presentation regarding Maricopa County’s Managing for Success program.

Attachments

1) Laws 2008, Chapter 312
2) ADOA Transparency Update
3) NASBO Transparency in Government: State Finances on the Web
4) Maricopa County Managing for Success

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