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Senator Barbara McGuire, D-8

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Sen. McGuire-backed bills sent to Brewer *CPR training, illegal dumping, Medicaid among key issues*

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX - Senator McGuire saw two of her bills passed by the Legislature and sent to the governor this past session; the most of any Democratic legislator. Numerous other measures co-sponsored by Sen. McGuire are also headed to the governor's desk.

[SB 1266](#) adds restrictions and tougher punishments for illegal dumping and directs criminal fines and restitutions resulting from illegal dumping convictions be deposited into a city or county's general fund.

Senator McGuire took the lead on ensuring this year's budget included funds for all 13 of Arizona's rural counties, instead of just 10. Previously, Pinal, Yavapai and Mohave have been denied the \$550,000 given to each small county's general funds.

Sen. McGuire's [SB 1337](#) puts important statutory guidance in place for districts that elect to provide CPR training for their students. This is an important first step in what will hopefully be a mandatory statewide program.

For her leadership on this issue, Senator McGuire was awarded the first-ever Legislator of the Year Award from the Phoenix division of the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association.

Senator McGuire also drafted a letter last month to Congressman Gosar in support of the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act and the development of the Resolution Copper Mine. Signed by 73 legislators from both sides of the aisle, the letter encourages giving the green light to this project that promises to create jobs, help Arizona's economy, promote modern mining operations in Arizona and protect critical conservation and recreation areas.

"My CPR bill will encourage schools to teach students this important life-saving technique and my illegal dumping bill will make penalties tougher on criminals while increasing the financial fines and reparations that allow cities and counties to clean up these messes," said Sen. McGuire.

"I am proud of what we accomplished this year at the Legislature. The bipartisan budget that included AHCCCS restoration and expansion will help hundreds of thousands of Arizonans stay healthy and will keep the doors of our rural hospitals open for business and create jobs for our healthcare professionals."

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