

## JLBC MEETING

At its October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee considered the following issues:

**Commission of Deaf and Hard of Hearing** – The Committee gave an unfavorable review at this time to the telecommunication relay services contract. Through this contract, the deaf and hard of hearing are able to access the phone system through the use of telecommunication devices. Prior to taking further action, the Committee wishes to receive more information on a vendor bid protest and efforts to create more competition in the provision of services.

**Other Reports** – The Committee also received written summaries on 6 other issues, including the Attorney General's Model Court program, the Children Services program in the Department of Economic Security and the Department of Environmental Quality's Vehicle Emissions identification, testing and repair research study. The Committee also received a report on the Governor's Emergency Fund, which had been drawn down by \$200,000 through early October for homeland security issues.

## JCCR MEETING

At its October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Joint Committee on Capital Review considered the following issues:

**ASDB Transportation Building** – The JCCR favorably reviewed the scope, purpose, and estimated cost of a new transportation building at the Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and Blind Phoenix campus. The \$427,700 project will fund a new 4,350 square foot modular building and demolish the existing 1,939 square foot building. Structural problems with the roof, rundown conditions, and the presence of asbestos make renovation of the existing facility impractical.

**ASU Digital Television Conversion** – The JCCR favorably reviewed the scope, purpose, and estimated cost of the Arizona State University digital television conversion project. Of the \$4.9 million estimated cost of the project, \$1.5 million from a General Fund appropriation will be used to reimburse fund sources that helped finance an early start for the project, and \$1 million from a federal grant and \$2.4 million from gifts will finance the remaining costs. Federal law requires public television stations to be converted to digital broadcasting by May 2003. The Committee favorably reviewed the University of Arizona digital television conversion project at its last meeting.

**University Capital Project Financing** – The JCCR received the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) follow up report on the use of Certificates of Participation (COP) versus bond financing. The report provided detail on the current ABOR review process for university capital projects. ABOR staff is currently drafting guidelines for the use of COP or bond financing for capital projects. The JCCR requested that any

guidelines for capital project financing adopted by ABOR be submitted to the Committee for its comments. ABOR is expected to consider capital financing guidelines at its November meeting.

**UofA Lease-Purchase Projects** – The JCCR received the University of Arizona report on its intent to issue \$26.4 million in Certificates of Participation (COP) to finance 4 capital projects. The projects include the expansion of the Ina E. Gittings Facility (School of Music and Dance), the Highland District planning and site preparation, shell space completion and plaza deck replacement, and new Arizona International College facilities at the Pima County Community College District campus.