



## Board Summary Report

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**To:** Board of County Commissioners

**Through:** Michelle Halstead, Director, Commissioners' Office

**Prepared By:**  
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**Presenter:** Ed Bowditch and Jennifer Cassell, Bowditch and Cassell Public Affairs

**Subject:**  
1:00 PM \*Legislative Update

### **Purpose and Request:**

The purpose of this meeting is to provide information on the status of Colorado's state legislative session, including potential impacts to Arapahoe County, and seek Board direction on legislative positions or specific advocacy activities.

**Background and Discussion:** As a constitutional subdivision of Colorado state government, Arapahoe County can only exercise those powers specifically expressed in statute or in the constitution. Arapahoe County contracts with Bowditch and Cassell Public Affairs for state advocacy activities. The Director of the Commissioners' Office coordinates federal and state intergovernmental relations, in partnership with the Director of Human Services, the County Attorney, the Director of Community Resources, the Director of Public Works and Development, and the Director of Public Health (staff legislative team).

Staff reviews proposed legislation through the lens of operational and fiscal impacts to the county, in the context of the County's legislative guide (attached for reference).

This week, the lobbyist team will provide updates on bills that could impact Arapahoe County as well as other topics deemed appropriate.

### **Bills For Discussion**

- SB25-151 Measures to Prevent Youth from Running Away
- HB25-1169 Housing Developments on Faith and Educational Land
- HB25-1190 Expanding Cottage Foods Act

Additionally, the lobbyist and staff legislative team will provide updates on the following bills and topics:

- HB25-1146 Juvenile Detention Bed Cap
- SB25-020 Tenant and Landlord Law Enforcement
- Update on SB25-024 Judicial Officers
- Update on SB25-030 Increase Transportation Mode Choice Reduce Emissions
- Update on Construction Defects Draft

**Permissive/Neutral/No Impact Bills for Awareness**

- SB25-134 Uninform Guardianship & Conservatorship Act
- HB25-1200 Modifications to Office of Child Protection Ombudsman
- HB25-1188 Mandatory Reporter Task Force Recommendations
- HB25-1198 Regional Planning Roundtable Commission

**Fiscal Impact:** Please refer to the attached 2025 Internal Legislative Report.

**Alternatives:** The Board could decide to not move forward with staff recommendations.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:**

- Be fiscally sustainable
- Provide essential and mandated service
- Be community focused

**Staff Recommendation:** Please refer to the attached reference documents.

**Concurrence:** The staff legislative team will be in attendance to answer questions as needed.