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Board Summary Report

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To: Board of County Commissioners

Through: Michelle Halstead, director of communication and administrative services

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Presenter: Greg Romberg, Romberg & Associates

Subject:

Lobbyist Lunch

Purpose and Request:

The purpose of this meeting is to provide information on the status of Colorado's state legislative session, potential impacts to Arapahoe County, and seek Board direction on legislative positions or specific advocacy activities. In preparation for the legislative session, the meeting will cover the following topics:

- SB 217 changes
- Community Corrections
- Transportation Funding
- Housing
- Redistricting
- Reserving Family Relationships
- Solitary Confinement
- Energy Benchmarking
- Pretrial Services
- 23rd Judicial District Preparation

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 Romberg & Associates for state advocacy activities and the director of human services, the county attorney, the director of community resources, director of public works and the director of communication and administrative services serve as staff liaisons for federal and state government relations. The Board adopted 2021 legislative principles describe the County's underlying interest on specific issues. These principles serve as a consistent guide for the county in developing positions on federal and state legislation, rulemaking, and proactive issue advocacy. During session, the County publishes bills of interest and any stated positions on the county's website, [arapahoegov.com/BOCC](http://www.arapahoegov.com/BOCC) <<http://www.arapahoegov.com/BOCC>>.

Fiscal Impact: None.

Alternatives: N/A.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

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

Staff Recommendation: Refer to the bill tracking spreadsheet for recommendations on specific legislative bills.

Concurrence: N/A.