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Arapahoe County

Board of County Commissioners Study Session

Meeting Minute Summaries

Tuesday, April 22, 2025
11:00 AM

Administration Building
5334 S. Prince St.
Littleton, CO 80120
West Hearing Room

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Commissioners Present

Carrie Warren-Gully
Jeff Baker
Jessica Campbell
Leslie Summey
Rhonda Fields

Others Present

Ron Carl
John Christofferson
Michelle Halstead
Cooney Sarracino
Callie Pecore
Ed Bowditch
Jennifer Cassell
Mike Dino
Mara Sheldon
John Criscuolo
Philip Savino
Dan Makelky

11:00 AM Administrative Meeting on Animal Services

12:00 PM BREAK

12:30 PM *Legislative Update

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)
[2025 Legislative Issues Guide](#)
[Internal Legislative Report](#)
[Public Legislative Report](#)

The purpose of this study session was 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.

Staff provided background information regarding updates on SB25-001 Colorado Voting Rights Act, SB25-276 Protect Civil Rights Immigration Status, HB25-1300 Workers' Compensation Benefits Proof of Entitlement, and HB25-1097 Placement Transition Plans for Children.

SB25-001 Colorado Voting Rights Act updates were discussed. BOCC position is currently at amend. Amendments made to bill were reviewed and staff agreed that not all requested amendments were included. Lobbyist team plan to continue advocating for amendments.

Commissioner asked staff if an email from Commissioner would be beneficial to assist with the proposed amendments due to short timeframe before legislative session concludes.

Discussion was held regarding positions of CCI and CCAT. CCI and CCAT currently hold no position.

Commissioner will ask CCI to add SB25-001 to the agenda at their next committee meeting to continue the discussion regarding amendments.

BOCC to stay at amend. Further discussion was held to determine next steps for BOCC and lobbying team regarding SB25-001.

Updates were presented on SB25-276 Protect Civil Rights Immigration Status. BOCC currently at a monitor position. Desired amendments to language in bill were discussed.

Further discussion was held regarding the civil penalty language that is still included in the re-engrossed bill.

Commissioners discussed moving to amend from monitor position.

5-0 in favor of moving to amend position.

Updates on HB25-1300 Workers' Compensation Benefits Proof of Entitlement were discussed.

The bill would shift the current workers' compensation benefits policies to allow an employee to choose their own doctor versus having the employer provide the employee with a list of eligible providers they

could use for their claims.

Lobbying staff provided information on the worries about increased costs, and delays of care. HB25-1300 is widely opposed by other parties.

Commissioner asked regarding CCI and CCAT positions to HB25-1300.

Discussion was made regarding BOCC taking an opposed position.

5-0 in favor of an oppose position for HB25-1300.

Staff provided updates on HB25-1097 Placement Transition Plans for Children. BOCC currently at an amend position. Staff recommend moving to a monitor position due to amendments that were included in the bill.

5-0 in favor of a monitor position for HB25-1097.

Staff provided updates on HB25-1056 Local Government Permitting Wireless Telecommunications Facilities. Staff presented tolling amendments that have been added. BOCC currently at an amend position.

Updates on HB25-1319 County Commissioner Vacancies bill were presented. The bill passed in House and discussions on the amendments made were discussed. BOCC currently at an amend position. Staff recommendation for BOCC to stay in amend.

Staff provided updates on HB25-1169 Housing Developments on Faith and Educational Land. BOCC currently at a monitor position.

Commissioner asked staff regarding position of Senator as well as other parties.

Further discussion was held regarding other bills and updates which included SB25-002 Regional Building Codes for Factory-Built Structures, SB25-285 Updating Food Establishment Inspection Fee, and the Long Bill.

Lobbyist team discussed Housing and Transit, and Artificial Intelligence bills that are to be introduced within the last 15 days of legislative session. No draft bills have been seen.

Discussion concluded without a vote.

STUDY SESSION TOPICS

2:00 PM *Federal Lobbyist Update

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)

The purpose of this study session was to provide an update on federal advocacy activities to the Board of County Commissioners.

Item was heard after “HS Connects Modernization Update”

A PowerPoint presentation was presented, a copy of which has been retained for the record.

The current stage of Congress’s Budget Reconciliation was presented. The focus on Reconciliation is to bypass the Senate and to focus purely on budget discussions. Discussion was held on the possible cuts and items Congress is looking at.

Staff presented the Recission Package. This package is based on cuts on national spending.

The next year’s fiscal year spending appropriations were reviewed. The proposed presidential budget outline is expected to come out in May. The impacts of the anticipated cuts were discussed.

The earmarks or submitted projects were listed and reviewed.

The lobby team reviewed the U.S. House schedule for the reconciliation mark-ups. Some areas of cuts were discussed such as agriculture and education. The Ways and Means budget analysis was presented.

The lobby team presented news updates regarding funding. DOGE interactions and federal firings were reviewed. Updates on the Food and Drug Administration and the IRS were presented. Concerns were raised about cuts and those in need.

Lobby team presented matching Medicaid funds and how that can be impacted. Colorado’s hospital fees could be impacted by Congress’s cuts to Medicaid funds.

A graph was displayed showing and tracking the current tariffs. A graph was displayed showing Trump’s spending compared to previous administrations.

Concerns were discussed about the relationship between the executive and the judiciary.

Commissioner asked the lobby team when the Reconciliation changes would go into effect.

Discussion concluded without a vote.

3:00 PM *HS Connects Modernization Update

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)

The purpose of this study session was to update the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on current status of the HSC Modernization and current expenditures.

Item was heard before “Federal Lobbyist Update”.

A PowerPoint presentation was presented, a copy of which has been retained for the record.

The background for the capability assessment was presented.

The objective of the assessment was to analyze the discovery, cybersecurity control implementation, and technical stack and digital accessibility. .

A chart of the cost breakdown was displayed and reviewed.

The next steps were presented. Staff would request the funding to solve the funding gap.

Commissioner asked for clarification regarding the funding and cost breakdown.

5-0 in favor of funding request.

The meeting was adjourned.

***Virtual/Streamed**