



Board Summary Report

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To: Board of County Commissioners

Through: Michelle Halstead, Director, Commissioners' Office

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Presenter: Ed Bowditch and Jennifer Cassell, Bowditch and Cassell Public Affairs

Subject:
12:30 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

- HB25-1269 Building Decarbonization Measures

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

- HB25-1096 Automated Permits for Clean Energy Technology
- HB25-1169 Housing Developments on Faith and Educational Land
- SB25-030 Increase Transportation Mode Choice Reduce Emissions
- SB25-001 Colorado Voting Right Act
- HB25-1147 Fairness & Transparency in Municipal Court
- SB25-024 Judicial Officers

- Lobbyist Updates on JBC, TANF, & CCCAP

Time permitting, the lobbyist and staff will also discuss the following bills:

- HB25-1272 Construction Defects
- HB25-1247 County Lodging Tax Expansion
- HB25-1208 Local Governments Tip Offsets for Tipped Employees

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.