



## Board Summary Report

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**To:** Board of County Commissioners

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

**Prepared By:**

Michelle Halstead, Director, Commissioners' Office

**Presenters:** Ed Bowditch & 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, the Director of Public Health and other subject matter experts as needed.

This week, the lobbyist team will provide updates on new and updated bills that could impact Arapahoe County, including the following:

- HB23-1113, County Impact Notes by Legislative Council (also asked to testify)
- HB23-1115, Repeal Prohibition Local Residential Rent Control (monitor)
- SB23-064, Continue Office of Public Guardianship (monitor)
- HB 23-1100, Detention with Dignity bill, (monitor)

The lobbyist team also will include any other topics staff deem appropriate for Board discussion.

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Alternatives:** N/A

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:**

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

**Staff Recommendation:** More information is available online at [arapahoegov.com/bocc](http://arapahoegov.com/bocc).

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