



Board Summary Report

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To: Board of County Commissioners

Through: Michelle Halstead, Director, Commissioners' Office

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Presenter: Staff Legislative Committee

Subject:

1:15 PM * 2025 CCI Legislative Proposals Discussion

Purpose and Request:

The purpose of this study session is to review the legislative proposals under consideration and finalize recommendations for official voting at the Oct. 4, 2024, Colorado Counties Inc. (CCI) legislative committee and membership meeting.

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 Colorado Constitution. The County contracts with Bowditch and Cassell Public Affairs for state advocacy activities, guided by the Arapahoe County legislative principles.

CCI identifies six to eight legislative priorities each year and works with legislators to run bills in alignment with these priorities. As a CCI member, Arapahoe County is provided the opportunity to vote on potential CCI priority legislation. CCI solicited legislative ideas this summer, held multiple meetings to discuss the ideas with members, and is now asking each county to vote on which issues to advance at a legislative committee meeting on Friday, October 4, 2024.

Staff prepared recommendations (attached) for Board consideration based on steering committee presentations, current legislative principles, historical County positions, and various analysis of impacts to Arapahoe County.

Pending the outcome of the study session, staff will finalize a memo for use during the October 4th legislative committee meeting.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Alternatives: The Board could choose to take positions on the CCI priority issues other than the recommended positions.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

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

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends taking the CCI positions as presented.

Concurrence: Staff Legislative Committee.