



Arapahoe County

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Board Summary Report

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Agenda Date: 1/25/2021

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To: Board of County Commissioners

Through: Michelle Halstead, Director, Communication and Administrative Services

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Presenter: Greg Romberg, Romberg & Associates

Subject:

11:30 AM *State Lobbyist Meeting

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 Updates
- Criminal Justice Reform (Sheriff Brown/Erin Powers/Kathy Smith)
- Community Corrections
- Preserving Family Relationships During Placement Bill
- Affordable Housing
- Transportation Funding
- Public Health Department Bill
- Redistricting Bill

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, the Director of Public Works and Development, and the Director of Communication and Administrative Services serve as staff liaisons for federal and state government relations. The Board adopted 2021 legislative principles which 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 state positions on the county's website: [arapahoegov.com/BOCC](http://www.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