



Legislation Text

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To: Board of County Commissioners

Through: Michelle Halstead, Director, Commissioners' Office

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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 and recommended staff positions (in parentheses):

- Update on HB21-1047 County Commissioner Districts Gerrymandering
- HB21-1019 Modification To Regulations Of Factory-built Structures
- HB21-1101 Preserving Family Relationships In Child Placement (recommend Monitor)
- HB21-1222 Regulation Of Family Child Care Homes
- HB21-1250 Measures to Address Law Enforcement Accountability
- SB21-031 Limits On Governmental Responses To Protests
- Update on Transportation 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.

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 (<https://statebillinfo.com/SBI/index.cfm?fuseaction=Public.Dossier&id=28261&pk=717>) for recommendations on specific legislative bills.

Concurrence: N/A