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Legislation Text

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To: Board of County Commissioners

Through: Michelle Halstead, Director, Commissioners' Office

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Presenter: Greg Romberg, Romberg and 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 topics below and recommend staff positions (in parentheses).

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 the Commissioners' Office 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 positions on the county's website through a bill tracker: <https://statebillinfo.com/SBI/index.cfm?fuseaction=Public.Dossier&id=28263&pk=273>

During the meeting, the following topics and bills will be discussed:

- Legislative Overview - Greg Romberg
- Criminal Justice Update - Ron Carl/Erin Powers
- Joint Budget Committee Human Services Package Update - Cheryl Ternes
- SB21-260 Sustainability of the Transportation System - Greg
- HB21-1315 Costs Assessed to Juveniles in the Criminal Justice System - Greg
- SB21-279 Delinquent Interest Payments Property Tax - Greg
- Post-Session Look Ahead - Greg

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