



Legislation Text

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Subject:

11:00 AM *2023 Legislative Session Debrief

Purpose and Request:

The purpose of this meeting is to review key points from the 2023 state legislative session and a proposed plan for the remainder of the year.

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 County's legislative team, consisting of the Director of Human Services, the County Attorney, the Director of Community Resources, and the Director of Public Works and Development.

During the 2023 legislative session, Arapahoe County tracked approximately 73 of the 683 introduced bills. At this study session, our lobbyists from Bowditch & Cassell Public Affairs and members of the legislative team will provide an overview of key points from the 2023 legislative session, facilitate a discussion on potential program improvement, and present a proposed plan for the remainder of the year.

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

Concurrence: Members of the legislative team will be in attendance to answer questions as needed.