

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

MAY 5, 2026
TOWN COUNCIL



OVERVIEW

- General Assembly in session through mid next week
- Staff monitors, but does not take any positions on, legislation unless Council directs it
- Staff is presently tracking ~55 potential and introduced bills
- If Council is interested in information on any specific bills not addressed tonight, staff can provide an update at a future meeting

RECOMMENDED OPPOSE ITEM UPDATE

SB 176: STATE REMEDIES FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS VIOLATION

The bill would create a new state cause of action against public employees in state courts for alleged violations of an individual's right under the U.S. Constitution, also referred to as a converse 1983 action. While the stated intent is to provide a cause of action against federal officials, the proposal applies to all public employees and elected officials. And while these new claims are intended to be similar to federal Section 1983 claims, the bill can't guarantee that courts will treat it the same. There are numerous ways in which these new claims could diverge, resulting in increased litigation, costs and liability. *This was Pl'd in committee on May 4*

SUPPORTED ITEM UPDATE

SB 172: FRONT RANGE PASSENGER RAIL DISTRICT

Makes a number of changes to the boundaries and operation of the Front Range Passenger Rail District, to include removing Castle Rock. With this change, Town Council would have to approve inclusion within the district and, under TABOR, put the question of joining to a vote of its electors. *Hearing today House Transportation, Housing & Local Government*

OPPOSED ITEMS UPDATES

SB 5: RIGHTS VIOLATION IN IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT REMEDY

Creates a statutory cause of action for a person who is injured during a civil immigration enforcement action by another person who, whether or not under color of law, violates the United States constitution while participating in civil immigration enforcement. A person who violates the United States Constitution while participating in civil immigration enforcement is liable to the injured party for legal, equitable or any other appropriate relief. *On the House floor for second reading*

OPPOSED ITEMS UPDATES

SB 70: BAN GOVERNMENT ACCESS HISTORICAL LOCATION INFORMATION DATABASE (PEEPS ACT)

Aimed at creating guardrails on data-sharing of license plate reader technology among Colorado law enforcement agencies and other states and federal law enforcement. This would effectively ban the Flock system CRPD uses. *This bill died on the Senate floor on April 29*

SB 71: USE OF SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY BY LAW ENFORCEMENT

Regulates how law enforcement agencies can use red light cameras, license plate reader systems, pole-mounted cameras, drones, facial recognition and other technology, requiring this technology to only be used for a “lawful purpose” without defining what this means. Requires a warrant to access data from facial recognition systems, going further than existing Fourth Amendment standards. Imposes on storing data unless it’s part of an active investigation. Requires log each time data is accessed and bill allows residents to request data to check compliance at no cost, placing a significant administrative burden and unfunded mandate on departments. *Hearing tomorrow in Senate Judiciary*

OPPOSED ITEMS UPDATES

SB 93: WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE COVERAGE VERIFICATION

Requires workers' compensation insurance verification or proof of rejection be submitted before a local licensing or permitting authority may issue or renew a building or construction permit or contractor's license. Local licensing or permitting authorities must investigate coverage-related complaints. Will drive substantial costs for municipalities for permit and license application review; investigation processes; and litigation related to appeals. Will impact administrative review and project completion times. May also decrease municipal permit revenue and sales and use tax. *Hearing tomorrow in House Business Affairs & Labor*

OPPOSED ITEMS UPDATES

SB 100: YOUTH SPORTS SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

requires youth sports organizations and local governments to ensure that at least one adult present at all athletic activities holds current first aid, CPR and AED certification. All coaches and chaperones working directly with youth must complete a fingerprint-based criminal background check every three years. Individuals who have lived outside the United States for more than 180 days in the past 10 years must also complete an international background check. The bill disqualifies individuals convicted of specified serious felonies from serving as coaches or chaperones. The bill creates a civil private right of action against a youth sports organization or local government for failure to complete a required background check when an unsupervised individual who should have been screened causes harm and limits defenses based on ordinary negligence or oversight. *This was Pl'd in committee on April 30*

SB 164: REGULATION OF LAWFUL TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL BEVERAGES

Sought to regulate and allow the sale of high-dose THC-infused beverages in restaurants, bars and venues. *This was Pl'd in committee on April 28*

OPPOSED ITEMS UPDATES

HB 1037: Ban Government Purchase of Personal Data from Third Party

Would prohibit law enforcement agencies from accessing commercially available personal data from third parties without a warrant and would bar agencies from using data obtained indirectly from another agency if that data was originally acquired through a third party. *This was Pl'd in committee on April 22*

HB 1054: PROTECTIONS FOR WORKER SAFETY

Would allow the State to develop its own OSHA-like health and safety standards in the event that the Federal government weakens its requirements. *On the House floor for third reading*

HB 1114: ALLOWED MINIMUM LOT SIZE FOR SUBJECT JURISDICTIONS

Would prohibit local governments from requiring single-family lots to be larger than 2,000 square feet starting in October 2031. *This was Pl'd in committee on April 23*

OPPOSED ITEMS UPDATES

HB 1255: SOCIAL MEDIA DUTY TO REPORT & SEARCH WARRANTS

Would require social media platforms to provide a streamlined process for law enforcement contacts.

Hearing tomorrow in Senate Judiciary

HB 1272: EXTREME TEMPERATURES WORKER PROTECTIONS

Would require employers whose people work outside to have a plan in place to protect those workers from extreme hot and cold. *On the House floor for third reading*

HB 1308: LOT SPLITTING APPROVAL BY SUBJECT JURISDICTIONS

Requires local governments to approve a residential lot split through an administrative approval process under certain conditions. *This was Pl'd in committee on April 30*