

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

JANUARY 20, 2026
TOWN COUNCIL



OVERVIEW

- General Assembly in session January-May
- Staff monitors, but does not take any positions on, legislation unless Council directs it
- Staff is presently tracking roughly 50 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 ITEMS

NOT YET INTRODUCED: FAIRNESS & TRANSPARENCY IN MUNICIPAL COURT

Would create an unfunded mandate by requiring the live streaming of all municipal court proceedings where jail is a possible penalty, regardless of existing staffing levels or technology, among other provisions.

NOT YET INTRODUCED: HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES MADE EASIER (HOME) ACT

Would preempt local zoning to allow schools, institutions of higher education, certain housing-related nonprofits and public housing authorities to develop residential properties on land they own, disregarding local governments' comprehensive planning.

NOT YET INTRODUCED: PROTECTING EVERYONE FROM EXCESSIVE POLICE SURVEILLANCE (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.

RECOMMENDED OPPOSE ITEMS

SB 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. Prevents any personal data acquired in violation of the act from being used as evidence in court proceedings.

RECOMMENDED SUPPORT ITEM

NOT YET INTRODUCED: ENHANCED PENALTIES FOR STREET RACING

Enhances penalties for drivers, spectators and organizers of street racing and stunt driving. Expected to include authorizing law enforcement to use livestreams and social media posts as evidence and to suspend licenses.

HB 1021: SECOND AMENDMENT PROTECTION ACT (Brooks)

Would repeal various State laws related to firearms and other weapons.

SB 11: SEARCH WARRANTS PROVIDED TO COVERED PLATFORMS (Frizell)

Requires operators of online services to ensure that each covered platform provides a streamlined process to allow Colorado law enforcement agencies to contact them.

SB 30: LOCAL ACCESS STATE PARKS GRANT PROGRAM (Baisley)

Creates a fund for supporting local governments in efforts to improve roads and other infrastructure that provide local access to state parks and state wildlife areas.



PROPOSED MOTION

"I move to affirm staff's recommended positions on State legislation as presented and direct staff to communicate the positions to the Town's legislative delegation, CML and others."