

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

MARCH 4, 2025
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 110 potential and introduced bills (up from 100)
- If Council is interested in information on any specific bills not addressed tonight, staff can provide an update at a future meeting

NEW RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDED TO OPPOSE

HB 1261: CONSUMERS CONSTRUCTION DEFECT ACTION

Per CML, would further discourage condos and other housing projects being built in the State and counters legislation related to construction defects litigation reform.

RECOMMENDED TO SUPPORT

HB 1152: TECH ASSESSIBILITY LIABILITY CONTRACTOR

Potentially reduces Town's liability under State's digital accessibility law.

HB 1272: CONSTRUCTION DEFECTS & MIDDLE MARKET HOUSING

Seen by CML as a means to create more owner-occupied housing options.

POSITIONS COMMUNICATED



OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

February 21, 2025

Sens. Mark Baisley, John Carson and Lisa Frizell, and Reps. Brandi Bradley, Max Brooks, Anthony Hartsook and Bob Marshall, Colorado General Assembly

Re: Town of Castle Rock bill positions as of late February 2025

Dear Honorable Legislators:

We have taken a position on one additional bill (in bold) and would like to recap all of our bill positions for this session to date for your information.

We oppose:

- HB 1007: Paratransit Services
- HB 1067: Criminal Asset Forfeiture Act
- HB 1093: Limitations on Local Anti-Growth Land Use Policies
- HB 1147: Fairness & Transparency in Municipal Court
- HB 1169: Housing Developments on Faith and Educational Land
- **HB 1239: Colorado Anti-Discrimination Act**
- SB 1: Colorado Voting Rights Act
- SB 3: Semiautomatic Firearms & Rapid-Fire Devices
- SB 30: Increase Transportation Mode Choice Reduce Emissions
- SB 62: Failure to Appear Charges in Municipal Court

We support:

- HB 1039: Commercial Vehicle Muffler Requirements
- HB 1112: Local Authorities Enforce Vehicle Registration
- HB 1276: Court Actions Related to Failure to Appear in Court
- SB 47: Enforcement of Federal Immigration Law
- SB 77: Modifications to Colorado Open Records Act

We are glad to answer any questions you have regarding our positions or to testify on items where you believe that would be beneficial. Please reach out with any additional information, and we will continue sharing our positions as we take them.

Sincerely,

Jason Gray Laura Cavey Ryan Hollingshead Kevin Bracken Mark Davis Max Brooks Tim Dietz
Mayor Mayor Pro Tem District 1 District 3 District 4 District 5 District 6

cc: Colorado Municipal League

OPPOSED ITEMS UPDATES

HB 1007: PARATRANSIT SERVICES

Would require local governments to have plans for how to provide these services during emergencies and to consult with impacted members of the community before reducing services. (In the Senate Transportation & Energy March 19)

HB 1067: CRIMINAL ASSET FORFEITURE ACT

Restricts forfeiture to specific drug-related crimes tied to criminal convictions and limits federal involvement. Creates additional processes for seizing and storing property and reduces forfeiture proceeds for local governments while also creating potential liabilities. (In Judiciary March 4)

HB 1093: LIMITATIONS ON LOCAL ANTI-GROWTH LAND USE POLICIES

Clarifies the State's anti-growth law to also include any restriction that seeks to limit a particular housing type and mandates in-lieu fees for land dedication. (In Senate Local Government & Housing March 6)

OPPOSED ITEMS UPDATES

HB 1147: FAIRNESS & TRANSPARENCY IN MUNICIPAL COURT

This bill would place limitations on municipal sentencing guidelines, among other provisions. (On the House floor for second reading tomorrow)

HB 1169: HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS ON FAITH AND EDUCATIONAL LAND

This bill would require an administrative approval process for housing proposals on property owned by religious institutions or schools, with no limitations on density or affordability. (On the House floor for second reading tomorrow)

HB 1239: COLORADO ANTI-DISCRIMINATION ACT

Per CML, promotes a culture of litigation rather than promoting resolution of disputes; increases liability for public entities; and unfairly places public funds at risk. (In Appropriations)

SB 1: COLORADO VOTING RIGHTS ACT

This would extend powers of the State Attorney General and the Secretary of State over some municipal elections and would open the Town up to additional litigation surrounding elections.

OPPOSED ITEMS UPDATES

SB 3: SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARMS & RAPID-FIRE DEVICES

Prohibits the manufacture, distribution, transfer, sale and purchase of specified semiautomatic firearms and classifies a device that increase the rate of fire of a semiautomatic firearm as a dangerous weapon. (In House Judiciary)

SB 30: INCREASE TRANSPORTATION MODE CHOICE REDUCE EMISSIONS

This bill would require local governments over 25,000 in population to update mode choice implementation plans every five years, including reporting on emissions reductions. (In Transportation & Energy March 12)

SB 62: FAILURE TO APPEAR CHARGES IN MUNICIPAL COURT

This bill would prohibit municipalities from making contempt of court a jailable offense under local ordinance, which is a provision that exists within our Town Code. (In House Judiciary March 5)

SUPPORTED ITEMS UPDATES

HB 1112: LOCAL AUTHORITIES ENFORCE VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Would allow local authorities to enforce these requirements, providing municipalities with increased flexibility and helping restore timely registrations. (In Appropriations)

NOW INTRODUCED – HB 1276: COURT ACTIONS RELATED TO FAILURE TO APPEAR IN COURT

This bill would allow municipal courts to issue surety or cash bonds after a certain number of failures to appear or personal recognizance bond violations, helping to combat petty thefts.

SB 47: ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW

Reverses actions by the General Assembly related to measures intended to limit enforcement of federal immigration law. (Postponed indefinitely)

NOW INTRODUCED - SB 77: MODIFICATIONS TO COLORADO OPEN RECORDS ACT

This bill would give staff additional time to respond to open records requests. (In House State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs March 10)



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.”