

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

FEBRUARY 18, 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 100 potential and introduced bills (up from 80)
- 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 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.

POSITIONS COMMUNICATED



OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

February 6, 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 February 2025

Dear Honorable Legislators:

We have taken positions on two additional bills, which we would like to share for your information.

The Town of Castle Rock opposes HB 1093: Limitations on Local Anti-Growth Land Use Policies. Additionally, some legislation we had previously opposed while it was anticipated has been introduced, and we would like to reiterate our opposition to these items now that they are officially bills.

- HB 1147: Fairness & Transparency in Municipal Court
- HB 1169: Housing Developments on Faith and Educational Land

Turning now to supported items, we support HB 1112: Local Authorities Enforce Vehicle Registration. Additionally, now that it has been introduced, we would like to reiterate our support for 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,

A row of seven handwritten signatures in black ink, corresponding to the names listed below.

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. (Transportation, Housing & Local Government Feb. 18)

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. (Judiciary Feb. 19)

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. (Passed House today; headed to Senate)

OPPOSED ITEMS UPDATES

HB 1147: FAIRNESS & TRANSPARENCY IN MUNICIPAL COURT

This bill would place limitations on municipal sentencing guidelines, among other provisions.
(Judiciary Feb. 26)

NOW INTRODUCED - 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.
(Transportation, Housing & Local Government Feb. 19)

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.
(State, Veteran & Military Affairs Feb. 18)

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. (Amended; passed Senate today)

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. (Passed Senate; introduced in House)

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. (Transportation, Housing & Local Government Feb. 19)

SB 47: ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW

Reverses actions by the General Assembly related to measures intended to limit enforcement of federal immigration law. (State, Veteran & Military Affairs Feb. 25)

SB 77: MODIFICATIONS TO COLORADO OPEN RECORDS ACT

This bill would give staff additional time to respond to open records requests. (State, Veteran & Military Affairs Feb. 20)



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."