

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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TOWN COUNCIL



# OVERVIEW

- General Assembly in session through early May
- Staff monitors, but does not take any positions on, legislation unless Council directs it
- Staff is presently tracking ~90 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

# SUPPORTED ITEMS UPDATES

## **SB 98: STATE & LOCAL NOISE ABATEMENT AUTHORITY**

Includes exceptions from statewide noise limits for uses of property by governments and nonprofits for qualifying purposes (like cultural or entertainment events) *Hearing this afternoon in House Transportation, Housing & Local Government*

## **HB 1101: CRIMINAL OFFENSES RELATED TO CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE METALS**

This bill amends Colorado's scrap and commodity metals statute to address increasing theft of metals associated with critical infrastructure impacting cities and towns statewide. *This has passed both chambers and is set to become law*

## **HB 1329: MOTOR VEHICLE STUNT DRIVE & TAKEOVER PENALTIES**

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. *This bill was Pl'd in committee on April 1*

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## **HB 1334: MODIFY STANDARDS OF WILDFIRE RESILIENCY CODE BOARD**

This bill extends the code adoption timeline from April 1, 2026, to April 1, 2027. It would also require the code be reviewed by July 1, 2026, and then at least every three years or sooner as needed. *This was PI'd in committee on April 7 – this is the April 21 update*

# OPPOSED ITEMS UPDATES

## **SB 18: LEGAL PROTECTIONS FOR DIGNITY OF MINORS**

Requires the court to suppress a record for a petition seeking to change the name of someone less than 18 years old unless the petitioner was convicted of a felony. Authorizes the court to use the suppressed court record for administrative purposes, but prohibits publishing the petitioner's name or new name online. Authorizes an individual to access a suppressed court record without a court order with verbal consent from a party to the case and an affidavit to the court. In determining parenting time and the allocation of decision-making responsibility, requires the court to consider whether the parties recognize the child's identity as it relates to a protected class. *This has passed both chambers and is set to become law*

## **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 in Senate Judiciary on April 8*

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## **HB 1102: FUNDING FOR COLORADO DRIVES ACCOUNT**

Would redirect HUTF fees to the Colorado Driver License, Record, Identification, and Vehicle Enterprise Solution (DRIVES) account, taking funding resources away from Town road maintenance. *Hearing this afternoon in Senate Finance*

## **HB 1134: 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. *This has passed both chambers and is set to become law*

## **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 has passed the House and has been introduced in the Senate*