

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

MAY 6, 2025
TOWN COUNCIL



OVERVIEW

- General Assembly in session through tomorrow
- Staff monitors, but does not take any positions on, legislation unless Council directs it
- Staff is presently tracking roughly 16 bills (down from 75)
- If Council is interested in information on any specific bills not addressed tonight, staff can provide an update at a future meeting

NEW ITEM

SENT LETTER OF SUPPORT

SB 305: WATER QUALITY PERMITTING EFFICIENCY

Would help solve a long-standing problem wherein permits for Domestic Wastewater Treatment Plants have continued to be administratively extended and not kept up to date with current capacity requirements and other standards. (Passed and awaiting Governor's signature)

OPPOSED ITEMS UPDATES

HB 1147: FAIRNESS & TRANSPARENCY IN MUNICIPAL COURT

This bill would place limitations on municipal sentencing guidelines, among other provisions. (Passed; Governor has indicated potential veto – we have sent veto request letter)

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. (Lost)

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. (Passed and awaiting Governor's signature)

OPPOSED ITEMS UPDATES

HB 1300: WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS PROOF OF ENTITLEMENT

This bill would shift the responsibility to prove entitlement to medical benefits from the injured worker to the employer on employer's workers' compensation carrier to block benefits. It would also allow injured workers full control in selecting their treating medical providers without input from the employer, likely increasing the Town's costs and employees' time out of work. (In the House to consider Senate amendments)

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. . (Passed and awaiting Governor's signature)

OPPOSED ITEMS UPDATES

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. (Passed and awaiting Governor's signature)

SB 257: MODIFY GENERAL FUND TRANSFERS TO STATE HIGHWAY FUND

Staff believes this bill would significantly reduce funding toward transportation infrastructure, including grants available to local governments. (Passed and awaiting Governor's signature)

SB 276: PROTECT CIVIL RIGHTS IMMIGRATION STATUS

Proposes numerous changes to State law related to immigration. Prohibits courts, attorneys, etc. from sharing information with federal immigration authorities. May increase municipal compliance burdens and reduce cooperation with federal immigration enforcement. (Passed and awaiting Governor's signature)

SUPPORTED ITEMS UPDATES

HB 1039: COMMERCIAL VEHICLE MUFFLER REQUIREMENTS

Requires all commercial vehicles to have a muffler, not just those with an engine brake. (Passed and awaiting Governor's signature)

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. (Passed and awaiting Governor's signature)

HB 1272: CONSTRUCTION DEFECTS & MIDDLE MARKET HOUSING

Seen by CML as a means to create more owner-occupied housing options. (Passed and awaiting Governor's signature)