

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

JANUARY 21, 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 65 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

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.

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.

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.

RECOMMENDED OPPOSE ITEMS

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.

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.

NOT YET INTRODUCED: ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC MEETINGS

This bill would require the Town to provide remote participation in public meetings.

NOT YET INTRODUCED: CONTEMPT OF 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.

RECOMMENDED OPPOSE ITEMS

NOT YET INTRODUCED: MUNICIPAL COURT REFORM & TRANSPARENCY

This bill would place limitations on municipal sentencing guidelines, among other provisions.

NOT YET INTRODUCED: POLICE OFFICER BILL OF RIGHTS

This bill would interfere with local management and budget prerogatives. It likely also will favor officers accused of misconduct and creates duplicative processes.

NOT YET INTRODUCED: YES IN GOD'S BACKYARD

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.

RECOMMENDED SUPPORT ITEMS

HB 1039: COMMERCIAL VEHICLE MUFFLER REQUIREMENTS

Requires all commercial vehicles to have a muffler, not just those with an engine brake.

SB 47: ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW

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

NOT YET INTRODUCED: CONSTRUCTION DEFECTS

This bill would help reform the construction defects process in a way that could create more owner-occupied attached housing options.

NOT YET INTRODUCED: OPEN RECORDS REQUESTS

This bill would give staff additional time to respond to open records requests.

RECOMMENDED SUPPORT ITEMS

NOT YET INTRODUCED: PERSONAL RECOGNIZANCE BOND REFORM

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.



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."