

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

APRIL 15, 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 75 potential and introduced bills (down from 85)
- If Council is interested in information on any specific bills not addressed tonight, staff can provide an update at a future meeting

NEW RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDED TO OPPOSE

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.

OPPOSED ITEMS UPDATES

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. (Postponed indefinitely)

HB 1147: FAIRNESS & TRANSPARENCY IN MUNICIPAL COURT

This bill would place limitations on municipal sentencing guidelines, among other provisions. (Awaiting concurrence in the House; Governor has indicated potential veto)

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. (Next hearing is on the Senate floor – expected this week)

OPPOSED ITEMS UPDATES

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 30: INCREASE TRANSPORTATION MODE CHOICE REDUCE EMISSIONS

Info here. (Next hearing is on the Senate floor)

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 and awaiting Governor's signature)

OPPOSED ITEMS UPDATES

SB 256: FUNDS FOR SUPPORT OF DIGITAL TRUNKED RADIO SYSTEM

This bill proposes using severance taxes that support local governments to fund the Statewide emergency radio network for the next 10 years. While this network is important to local governments, they should not be wholly responsible for funding it, as it is used Statewide, including by State entities. (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. (Conference committee requested)

NOW INTRODUCED - 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. (Next hearing is on the Senate floor)

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. (Senate Transportation & Energy hearing April 16)

HB 1152: TECH ASSESSIBILITY LIABILITY CONTRACTOR

Potentially reduces Town's liability under State's digital accessibility law. (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. (Next hearing is on the Senate floor)

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. (Postponed indefinitely)



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."