

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

MARCH 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 (down from 110)
- 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

Not yet introduced immigration-related bill

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.

POSITIONS COMMUNICATED



OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

March 7, 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 March 2025

Dear Honorable Legislators:

We have taken positions on three additional bills (in bold). Here are our bill positions to date:

We oppose:

- HB 1007: Paratransit Services
- HB 1067: Criminal Asset Forfeiture Act
- HB 1093: Limitations on Local Anti-Growth Land Use Policies
- HB 1147: Fairness & Transparency in Municipal Court
- HB 1169: Housing Developments on Faith and Educational Land
- HB 1239: Colorado Anti-Discrimination Act
- **HB 1261: Consumers Construction Defect Action**
- SB 1: Colorado Voting Rights Act
- SB 3: Semiautomatic Firearms & Rapid-Fire Devices
- SB 30: Increase Transportation Mode Choice Reduce Emissions
- SB 62: Failure to Appear Charges in Municipal Court

We support:

- HB 1039: Commercial Vehicle Muffler Requirements
- HB 1112: Local Authorities Enforce Vehicle Registration
- **HB 1152: Tech Accessibility Liability Contractor**
- **HB 1272: Construction Defects & Middle Market Housing**
- HB 1276: Court Actions Related to Failure to Appear in Court
- SB 77: Modifications to Colorado Open Records Act

We are happy to provide additional information relative to any of our positions as you desire — please reach out if that would be helpful.

Sincerely,

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

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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. (In Senate Transportation & Energy March 19)

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. (In Judiciary March 25)

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 the Senate with amendments, House concurred – to governor for signature next)

OPPOSED ITEMS UPDATES

HB 1147: FAIRNESS & TRANSPARENCY IN MUNICIPAL COURT

This bill would place limitations on municipal sentencing guidelines, among other provisions. (In Senate Judiciary March 31)

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. (Passed the House and on to the Senate)

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)

HB 1261: CONSUMERS CONSTRUCTION DEFECT ACTION

Per CML, would further discourage condos and other housing projects being built in the State and counters legislation related to construction defects litigation reform. (In Transportation, Housing & Local Government March 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. (Passed by Appropriations, now going back to the House)

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.
(In Appropriations)

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. (Passed by Appropriations, back to the House on March 18)

HB 1152: TECH ASSESSIBILITY LIABILITY CONTRACTOR

Potentially reduces Town's liability under State's digital accessibility law. (In Senate Education April 2)

HB 1272: CONSTRUCTION DEFECTS & MIDDLE MARKET HOUSING

Seen by CML as a means to create more owner-occupied housing options. (In Transportation, Housing & Local Government March 18)

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. (In Judiciary March 26)

SUPPORTED ITEMS UPDATES

SB 77: MODIFICATIONS TO COLORADO OPEN RECORDS ACT

This bill would give staff additional time to respond to open records requests. (On the House floor March 18)



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."