

## 2024 Legislative Issue Form

To propose a CCI legislative issue, please complete this form. Feel free to use more than one page and include any supplemental materials.

1.) **Contact Information** (of person bringing forth issue):

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2.) Issue/Problem to be addressed (What is the problem this legislation is seeking to solve?)

Fiscal notes provide information to legislators about the anticipated fiscal impact of proposed legislation, consistent with Section 2-2-322, C.R.S. Nonpartisan legislative council staff works primarily with state departments to complete this task, which includes an explanation of the change being proposed to current law, an identification of current revenues or budget resources affected by the bill, a listing of all assumptions made in determining the fiscal impact, as well as an estimate of the short- and long-term impact on local governments and/or the state economy. If there is no anticipated fiscal impact, the state department notifies legislative council staff in writing. Revised fiscal notes are amended as bills make their way through the process. By relying on state departments to identify local impacts, oftentimes fiscal notes do not contain the detailed or nuanced perspective of local governments — especially counties — who are the implementers of such policies. The ability to seek robust information from local governments — like the process for state departments — would enrich the information legislators use to determine policy positions.

- 3.) **Background on this Issue/Problem** (How did this come to be? Why are you seeking a legislative remedy?) A legislative remedy, <u>HB23-1113</u> County Impact Notes By Legislative Council, was introduced during the 2023 Legislative Session, but was postponed indefinitely. This bill would have created a new county impact note to analyze the impacts to counties and authorized the legislative council staff to draft these impact notes for up to 20 legislative measures per session.
- 4.) Proposed Solution/Legislative Remedy to this issue.

We are requesting CCI advance legislation similar to HB23-1113 during the 2024 session.

- 5.) Have you explored a non-legislative solution to this problem?  $\rm N/A$
- 6.) Statutory Citation to be modified AND proposed/revised language (The Colorado Revised Statute is available for free at <a href="mailto:this link">this link</a>, by selecting "Colorado Revised Statutes").

  Section 2-2-322, C.R.S., <a href="https://example.com/HB23-1113">HB23-1113</a>
- 7.) Relationship of this issue to County Commissioner's roles and/or authorities.

County Commissioners are responsible for the county budget. Any unnecessary or unexpected expenses could affect the county's financial health and, therefore, our ability to provide other critical services to residents. A bill that created county fiscal impact notes would help commissioners and legislators better understand the financial repercussions potential legislation may have on counties. This may help mitigate issues with unfunded mandates.

8.) Has this proposal been approved by the Board of County Commissioners?

The Arapahoe County Commissioners approved advancing this proposal at a June 27, 2023, study session.



9.) List any potential Proponents/Opponents & their perspective; indicate any groups/individuals with whom you have already discussed this issue.

Proponents of the 2013 bill included Arapahoe, Douglas and Weld counties, while CCI, Action 22 and the cities of Fountain and Monument were in an amend position. Numerous counties and associations monitored the bill, while those opposed included the Colorado AFL-CIO and Conservation Colorado. Conversations about the bill have occurred with AFSCME representatives.

10.) Have you visited with your legislator(s) about this proposal? What was their reaction? Are members of <u>your delegation</u> likely to sponsor, support, or oppose this proposal?

Commissioners have spoken with Rep. Hamrick, who sponsored <u>HB23-1113</u>.

- 11.) Anticipated Fiscal Impact (to counties, state, other stakeholders, etc.). N/A
- 12.) Please list the local subject matter experts CCI staff can follow-up with for more information on this proposal.

Arapahoe County Commissioner Jessica Campbell-Swanson

13.) If your county is submitting multiple issue forms, please rank each issue.