



2025 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 the person bringing forth the issue):

- a. **Name:** Abby Dallmann/Heath Harmon
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2.) Issue/Problem to be addressed (What is the problem this legislation is seeking to solve?) Retail Food Establishment (restaurant inspection) fees need to be increased and/or process transitioned out of the state legislature.

3.) Background on this Issue/Problem (How did this come to be? Why are you seeking a legislative remedy?) They have not been updated in several years and as a result the state (CDPHE) and counties are providing a significant subsidy to these businesses to cover the gap in revenues for retail food inspections. Analysis conducted by CDPHE has calculated this gap at \$18M. Neither raising license fees or removing the process from the state legislature will have a fiscal note. Rather, any increase in fees will actually reduce the reliance on state general funds to cover the gap outlined above.

The process to get fees increased to keep up with cost of personnel is incredibly difficult with the authority being within the legislature. In addition, a stakeholder review process called the triennial review is currently underway led by CDPHE with participation from local public health officials representing the Colorado Association of Local Public Health Officials.

4.) Proposed Solution/Legislative Remedy to this issue.

1. The preferred solution has the following components:

- Continue to participate in the triennial review process to gain stakeholder support for an increase in license fees;
- Establish future, regularly scheduled increases tied to the CPI;
- Remove this from the state legislature and place authority with the state Board of Health
- Consider maintaining a triennial review process that can help inform decisions by the state Board of Health, while ensuring collaboration between the industry and public health officials, and establishing opportunities to improve programming provided to licensed facilities.

2. If the option above is not palatable, advocate for an increase in the upcoming legislative cycle and set a process that regularly adjusts these fees based on the CPI.

5.) Have you explored a non-legislative solution to this problem?

Since this authority is within the state legislature, there's no other option at this time. However, the first option would make this a non-legislative process in the future.

6.) Statutory Citation to be modified AND proposed/revised language (The Colorado Revised Statute is available for free at [this link](#), by selecting "Colorado Revised Statutes").

7.) Relationship of this issue to the County Commissioner's roles and/or authorities. BoCC approves the budget and funding for PHE, as well as sits as the County Board of Health.

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

Yes

Please submit this completed form to Katie First at kfirst@ccionline.org By Friday, July 12.

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

Colorado Association of Local Public Health Officials (CALPHO) - Proponent

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

Not yet.

11.) **Anticipated Fiscal Impact (to counties, state, other stakeholders, etc.).**

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12.) **Please list the local subject matter experts CCI staff can follow up with for more information on this proposal.**

Heath Harmon, Eagle County Public Health and Environment - Director

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

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