

# Counties & Commissioners Acting Together (CCAT)

## 2017 Legislative Issues Recap

(as of 06/07/17)

POLICY ISSUE	DETAILS	FINAL STATUS	CCAT CONTACT
FY 17/18 Budget: <a href="#">SB 17-254</a>	<p>CCAT Priorities included in the Long Bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>CCCAP Waitlist Funding</b> Includes \$1.9M in CCDF spending authority. JBC staff recommended an additional \$500K (\$2.4M total) but this was not approved. CCAT members contacted Rep. Bob Rankin – JBC swing vote – who voted in for the funding.</li> <li>➤ <b>CDHS Proposal for Indirect Cost Withhold</b> CDHS initial request sought cost adjustment to funding of indirect costs that results in withholding \$5.64 million in Federal Funds from Child Welfare Appropriation that would have resulted in \$7 million reduction in county child welfare budgets. CCAT worked with CCI and other county lobbyists and JBC staff on a proposal to prevent the cuts in FY 17/18 and secure a formula in future years that will mitigate the impact on counties.</li> <li>➤ <b>Increase Child Welfare Caseworkers</b> Approved budget request seeks to increase funding for child welfare case for 58 new FTE. CCAT fact sheet provided when lobbying JBC members.</li> <li>➤ <b>County Administration Funds</b> Approved CDHS request for FY 17/18 county administration funding. CCAT fact sheet provided to JBC members</li> </ul>	Passed Senate (30-5)  Passed House (38-27)  Signed by Governor 5/26/17	All
<a href="#">SB 17-267 Sustainability of Rural Colorado</a>  <a href="#">Fiscal note</a>  Sen. Guzman & Sonnenberg	<p>Bill creates an Enterprise for Hospital Provider Fee. Also includes several other provisions, as amended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reversal of \$528M cut to hospitals</li> <li>• \$200M TABOR base reduction</li> <li>• \$150M for Transportation bonds</li> <li>• \$120M for Capital Construction</li> <li>• \$21M Business Personal Property Tax Credit</li> </ul>	Passed Senate (25-10)  Passed House (49-16)  Signed by	Rachel Richards (Pitkin)

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Reps J. Becker & K. Becker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enacts Medicaid co-pays</li> </ul> <p>CCAT provided outreach to key Senators (Coram and Donovan)</p>	Governor 5/30/17	
<a href="#">HB 1235, Health Plan Cost Support Fund</a>  <a href="#">Fiscal Note</a>  Reps. Mitsch-Bush & Hamner Sens. Coram & Crowder	<p>Creates financial relief program from 7/1/17 to 12/31/18 for individuals and their families spending more than 15% of household income on individual health insurance premiums (capped at \$5.7 million appropriation). Overseen by Colorado Health Benefit Exchange &amp; counties may administer. Limit to most high cost regions of state; West Slope, Eastern Plains, Grand Junction. Financial relief calculated based on premium cost for lowest-cost bronze health benefit plan available on exchange minus 15% of household income.</p> <p>Eligibility is determined as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enrolled in and paid premiums for a bronze, silver, or gold level individual health benefit plan purchased through the exchange;</li> <li>Between 400 - 500%, of federal poverty limit</li> <li>Does not have Medicaid, Medicare, or an affordable employer-sponsored plan; and</li> </ul> <p>CCAT provided testimony, action alert and key lobby support.</p>	<p>Passed in House (42-22)</p> <p>Failed in Senate State, Veterans and Military Affairs (2-3)</p>	<p>Dan Gibbs (Summit)</p> <p>Rachel Richards (Pitkin)</p>
<a href="#">HB 1242, New Transportation Infrastructure Revenue</a>  <a href="#">Fiscal Note</a>  Reps. Duran & Mitsch-Bush Sens. Grantham & Baumgardner	<p>Referred measure for Nov. 2017 statewide election to temporarily increase state sales &amp; use tax for 20 years beginning in 2018. Increase of .50 (per amendment) for total of \$3.9 billion in revenue. If approved, provides funding as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Transfers 41.2% (approximately \$375 million) annually to CDOT state highway fund</li> <li>➤ Of remaining new revenue:</li> <li>➤ 70% to counties and municipalities in equal total amounts; and</li> <li>➤ 30% to a newly created multimodal transportation options fund (fund)</li> <li>➤ Requires \$100 mil GF transfer for future bond payments</li> <li>➤ Eliminate scheduled transfers of 2% GF to HUTF in FY 18/19 &amp; 19/20.</li> </ul> <p>CCAT provided testimony, action alert and key lobby support for #FixItCO coalition</p>	<p>Passed House (41-24)</p> <p>Failed in Senate Finance Committee (2-3)</p>	<p>Tim Mauck (Clear Creek)</p> <p>Rachel Richards (Pitkin)</p>

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<a href="#">HB 17-1309 Affordable Housing Fund</a>  No Fiscal Note Posted  Reprs. Jackson & Winter  Sen. Coram & Guzman	Creates an affordable housing fund via an increase on county clerk's documentary fee. Revenue directed to Colo. Housing & Finance Authority (CHFA) to be administered statewide on following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction or rehab of affordable housing units</li> <li>• Loan programs for financing, purchase or rehab of residential units.</li> </ul> CCAT provided testimony and key lobby support.	Passed House (35-29-1)  Failed in Senate State, Veterans and Military Affairs (2-3)	Lynn Padgett (San Miguel)  Rachel Richards (Pitkin)  Kathy Chandler-Henry (Eagle)
<a href="#">Request for Interim Committee on Attainable Housing and homelessness Prevention</a>  Speaker Duran	This interim committee will meet up to five times to study housing and homelessness.  The Committee will be comprised of 10 legislator seats (5 House/5 Senate)	Request failed in Legislative Council	Boulder to take the lead
<b>Tier Two Support</b>			
<a href="#">HB 1031, Hearings on Transportation Commission Districts</a>  <a href="#">Fiscal Note</a>  Reprs. Carver & Mitsch-Bush Sens. Cooke & Todd	Require TRLC meet 5 times before 11/15/17, once in each geographic quadrant of State & once in metro-Denver to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide overview of 2016 research study of changes to state transportation commission district's boundaries.</li> <li>• Allow public input regarding district's boundaries and research study</li> </ul> TRLC may offer remote testimony & will count toward geographic meeting requirements.	Passed House (61-3)  Failed in Legislative Council due to overlap with interim TLRC meeting schedule (bill not needed)	Lobby Team
<a href="#">HB 1237, State Employee Group Benefit Plans for Local Government</a>  <a href="#">Fiscal Note</a> Rep. Hamner Sens. Crowder & Coram	Allows but does not require the state to contract with local governments to provide health benefits to local government employees through the state health plan.  CCAT submitted letter of support.	Passed House (38-26-1)  Failed in Senate State, Veterans and Military Affairs (2-3)	Dan Gibbs (Summit)

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<p><a href="#">HB 17-1256</a> <a href="#">Minimum Distance Oil &amp; Gas Operations from Schools</a></p> <p><a href="#">Fiscal Note</a></p> <p>Rep. Mike Foote Sens. Jones &amp; Aguilar</p>	<p>Clarifies current law requiring 1,000 foot distance for newly permitted oil &amp; gas permits applies to school property line and not school building. Makes an exemption if a school locates closer to operations already active.</p> <p>CCAT submitted letter of support to House and Senate committees</p>	<p>Passed House (37-28)</p> <p>Failed in Senate Agriculture, Natural Resources and Energy (5-6)</p>	<p>Lynn Padgett (San Miguel)</p> <p>Rachel Richards (Pitkin)</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 17-1273 Water Conservation for Real Estate Development</a></p> <p><a href="#">Fiscal Note</a></p> <p>Reps. Hansen &amp; McKean Sens. Jones &amp; Coram</p>	<p>Amended bill integrates water and land use planning and strongly encourage wise use of Colorado’s limited water resources.</p> <p>CCAT submitted letter of support to Senate committee with the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effective date of the bill (90 days post adjournment) adjusted to give local governments sufficient time to make necessary code changes, if needed, in order to comply with the bill.</li> <li>• The term ‘development permit’ may have different meaning in different jurisdictions, and Commissioners feel the term ‘development permit’ needs to be clarified by providing a definition of this term within the bill.</li> </ul>	<p>Passed House (40-25)</p> <p>Failed in Senate State, Veterans and Military Affairs (2-3)</p>	<p>Lynn Padgett (San Miguel)</p> <p>Rachel Richards (Pitkin)</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 17-1321 Parks and Wildlife Financial Sustainability</a></p> <p><a href="#">Fiscal Note</a></p> <p>Reps. Arndt &amp; Wilson Sens. Coram and Fenberg</p>	<p>Authorizes the Parks and Wildlife Commission to increase license, stamp and permit fees to provide the resources necessary to implement science-based decisions for managing wildlife and wildlife habitat.</p> <p>CCAT provided letter of support to Senate committee.</p>	<p>Passed House (42-22-1)</p> <p>Failed in Senate Appropriations (2-3)</p>	<p>Tim Mauck (Clear Creek)</p> <p>Rich Cimino (Grand)</p>

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<a href="#">HB 1355: Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP)</a>  <a href="#">Fiscal Note</a>  Rep. Young Sen. Lundberg	Revisit of debate on CCCAP alignment and county share. Bill allows use of TANF reserves for Quality Improvement activities.	Passed House (54-11)  Passed Senate (30-5)  Awaiting Governor's signature	Megan Davis – Boulder
<b>Federal Issues</b>			
Senate Joint Resolution 15: BLM Planning Rule 2.0	CCAT submitted letter to Senator Gardner urging a “no” vote on SJR 15, and expressing support for BLM Planning Rule 2.0.	Rule repealed via Congressional Review Act, 3/7/17	Lynn Padgett (San Miguel)
Senate Joint Resolution 36: BLM Methane and Waste Prevention Rule	CCAT submitted letter and white paper to Senators Bennett and Gardner urging a “no” vote on SJR 36, and expressing support for the BLM Methane Rule.	Deferred to EPA for 90 day comment period, 4/19/17	Lynn Padgett (San Miguel)