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## **2020 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

February 2020

### **Housing**

#### *Priority I*

- **Distribution of New Housing Funds:** Review and react to the Division of Housing's recommendations for distribution of new state housing funds secured in the 2019 legislative session. Work to prioritize local utilization of these funds to meet the diverse range of local needs throughout the state and flexibility to support a range of median area income programs.
  - Review and react to legislation or regulatory action that will limit flexibility of these funds
  - Ensure funding mechanisms developed in the 2019 session are secure and will be distributed.
- **Strategic Housing Group:** Ensure the successful implementation a Strategic Housing Working Group which will be housed with the Division of Housing who will discuss and provide input to the State Housing Board on questions of statewide policy, budget prioritization, infrastructure planning and program operations for housing.

#### *Priority II*

- **Inclusionary Zoning-** Support legislation to expanding local authority to pursue inclusionary zoning.
- **Colorado Housing Finance Authority Tax Credits:** - Review and react to legislation that would allow private developers to benefit from available tax credits or realize tax exempt status.

### **Transportation**

#### *Priority I*

- **Empowered Metropolitan Planning Organizations** - Review and react to legislation providing additional tools for local government to secure regional transportations funds. Consider impact on long-term potential for statewide solutions in favor of region-specific transportation initiatives and the potential negative impacts to rural Colorado.
- **2020 Referred Funding Measure** – Seek to delay or discontinue 2020 transportation bonding referred measure. Such measure is slated for the Nov. 2020 ballot unless proactive change is passed by the legislature.
- **Gas Tax/Fee-** Review and react to legislation which would alter/update the Colorado gas tax to be a fee or enterprise.

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- **Governor’s Transportation Roundtable** – Continue active engagement with this statewide stakeholder group seeking viable solutions to Colorado’s transportation challenges.

## **Health Care**

### *Priority I*

- **State Reinsurance Program** – Advocate for viable funding mechanisms to ensure full rollout of the state reinsurance program passed in 2019.
- **Public Option**- Review and react to Public Option legislation. CCAT’s focus is on balancing the intended benefits to Colorado citizens while weighing that benefit against any potential adverse impacts such as increased costs to rural hospitals or limits on provider access/choice.
- **Health Care Purchasing Alliances**- Advocate for continued local authority over healthcare purchasing alliance and protect against any regulatory over-reach by the state.

### *Priority II*

- **Tobacco/Nicotine Control Legislation**- Support legislation addressing access and usage of tobacco and nicotine products to youth, including:
  - Raise minimum age to 21 for the purchase of such products along with a retail licensing framework to ensure enforcement.
  - Bans and limits on e-cigarette flavors.

## **Environmental Resilience**

### *Priority II*

- **Sustainable Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Legislation**- review and react to legislation that seeks to support sustainable tourism and funding mechanisms for infrastructure for public lands.
- **Ecological Study**- Monitor legislation to require state supported study of the health impacts of oil and gas development.

## **Human Services**

### *Priority II*

- **State Human Services Budget**-Monitor and react to FY 2020-21 budget deliberations that impact county human services, particularly on the **Family First Prevention Services Act**. Work with other county groups in this effort.
- **Universal Pre-Kindergarten Ballot Measure**-Work to ensure that Colorado Childcare Assistance Program (CCAP) and Colorado Preschool Program (CPP) are included and funded in any potential program.
- **Child Welfare Staffing**-Support efforts to continue and potentially increase funding allocated for county child welfare organizations including staffing needs.

## **Fiscal Reform**

### *Priority I*

- **Governor Polis' Fiscal Reform Group** – Continue to participate in formal capacity. Review and determine action needed on emerging policy proposals.
- **County Authority**– Support legislation to extend county authority to issue business licenses with a focus on authority over STRs.

## **Other**

### *Priority II*

- **Family Leave Program** - Monitor and provide updates on legislation, regulatory and budget efforts to create a state program for paid family leave for Colorado employees.