

SAGUACHE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
9:00 A.M. FEBRUARY 4, 2014

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Joseph at 9:01 a.m., with the following members present:

Linda Joseph, Chair
Ken Anderson, Co-Vice Chair
Jason Anderson, Co-Vice Chair
Wendi Maez, Co-Administrator
Lyn Lambert, Co-Administrator
Ben Gibbons, County Attorney
Staci Burkhart, Acting Secretary to the Board

II. EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION

No Employee anniversaries at this time

III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

1. During Public Lands time - follow-up on coyote bounty info from January Wildlife & Habitat Strategic Committee meeting, County Fire Annual Operating Plan meeting FEB 18, 10 am, and Tabletop Exercise.
2. Pete Garcia will be in under Administration time to discuss electrical issue at Clinic.
3. Commissioner Jason Anderson would like to discuss Saguache County Planning Commission Board opening.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

IV. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 21, 2014

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2014 AS AMENDED

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

V. REVIEW OF MAIL AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Rio Grande Water Conservation District** sent the January 2014 Ground Water Table Measurements. (1/21/14)
2. **SLV Water Conservancy District** sent a letter in regards Saguache County Appointment to the Board of Managers of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District. (1/27/14)
3. **SLV Regional Emergency Operations Center Committee** sent a letter in regards to the Regional SLV EOC 2014 Funding. (1/27/14)
4. **Daniel Johnson** sent the January 2014 report for the Saguache County Fire Mitigation Program. (1/31/14)
5. **ScSeed** emailed the February 2014 Events for Saguache County. (1/31/14)
6. **Rio Grande Water Conservation District** sent a Draft of the January 21st 2014 Agenda and December 4th& October 15th, 2013 Minutes for the Board of Directors Meetings. (1/17/14)
7. **Ed Nielsen** emailed in regards to the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Appointment.

VI. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

William A Hoffner	Matie Belle Lakish – Crestone Eagle	Liza Marron – citizen
David Warsh	Perry Alspaugh – citizen	Peggy Godfrey
Jim Warner – rancher	John Werner - SCWUA	Rebie Hazard – citizen
Tim Lovato	Ed Nielsen	Teresa Bennis – Center Post
Jim Pitts – Forest Service	Lisa Cyriacks - citizen	
Tom McCracken – Green Earth Farm		

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time

VIII. COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Joseph:

1. January 22 - 24 - Travel Day to San Diego, CA for the Public Health Partnership Learning Community Conference, with Della Vieira - Saguache County Public Health Director, Kathleen Matthews - State Office of Planning and Partnerships, and Julie Geiser - Alamosa County Public Health Director. Completed a follow-up survey. It was a tremendous learning experience, with many creative ideas to support regional progress and benefits.
2. January 28-30 - Attended the CO State Emergency Medical & Trauma Advisory Council (SEMTAC) committee and quarterly meetings in Denver.
3. January 31 - Corresponded with CO Public Radio regarding coverage on the Town of Bonanza, an article and audio piece, available at: <http://www.cpr.org/news/colorado-matters>
4. February 2 - Contacted by Tim Lovato by phone regarding water concerns in the northern San Luis Valley, and email from - Tom McCracken on behalf of the SLV group addressing SENATE BILL 222-04 implementation with our State Legislators; and on the 3rd, email from Ed Nielsen.
5. February 3 - Spoke with Sue Davis, as follow-up to the Senior survey presented at a prior SLV Commissioners meeting. Let her know about the County Sales Tax grant, and other efforts for seniors in our County.
6. Spoke with Marv Weidner, regarding scheduling for the Strategic Planning process.
7. E-Mail with Tourism Council - next meeting FEB 12, 6pm at the Road & Bridge meeting room in Saguache.

8. E-Mail with Julie Mach, ScSEED regarding the new Vista person, and, tourism efforts in 2014 with her help. And with Mark Talbot regarding the new Tourism website.

Commissioner Ken Anderson:

1. January 20 – Attended SLVCC meeting, discussion on the Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout. Attended meeting on Broadband, and also attended the Development Resource Group meeting where projects were presented.
2. January 23 – Senior Citizens meeting in Alamosa.
3. January 24 – 26 – Attended the County Officers meeting in Ft. Collins, discussion on PILT and the amounts awarded to Western States, and discussion on CORA bill.

Commissioner Jason Anderson: See attached

1. January 23 - Attended CCI Legislative Steering Committee meeting.

One difference this year is to stream-line bills each Steering Committee has a consent agenda, bills that CCI feels are obvious and do not need discussion. Any Commissioner has the right to move a bill off the consent agenda onto the floor.

General Government:

-HB14-1066 - This bill is on the consent agenda because of overwhelming support. Allows Counties to collect \$13.60 for driver's license services, up from \$8.00 at this time. Support

-HB14-1007 - Gives Counties to restrict Ag. - burning during red-flag weather. Also allows for fireworks restrictions. Support

-HB14-1096 - Creates an underfunded Courthouse cash fund commission to distribute \$1.5million or planning construction projects, seek matching funds or leveraging opportunities for construction or remodeling projects, or address emergency needs due to immanent closure of a courthouse. This bill is for Counties with limited financial resources. Support

-H.B14-1144 - Sets minimum salary requirements for entry-level Deputy District Attorneys. If the County adopts this minimum and has less than 225,000 residents the state will contribute 20% to the requirements. Oppose

-HB14-1132 - Current law prohibits a person licensed to sell alcohol beverages for on-premises consumption from serving alcohol beverages between the hours of 2 a.m. and 7 a.m. The bill allows a local government to establish the hours during which alcohol beverages may be sold for on-premises consumption at establishments within the local government's jurisdiction. Support

-SB14-045 - The bill amends existing statutory provisions specifying the authority and responsibility among state and local officials in the area of wildfire management to specify the following: In the case of a wildfire that exceeds the capabilities of the fire protection district to control or extinguish, the fire chief is responsible for seeking the assistance of the county sheriff. In connection with the sheriff's authority as the fire warden of the county, the county sheriff is a principal coordinator of the federal, state, or local response to any wildfire. In such capacity, the sheriff may assume any duty or responsibility regularly assumed by a fire protection district in any unincorporated area within the territorial boundaries of the county if the sheriff determines, in the exercise of his or her discretion, that a wildfire exceeds the capability of the fire protection district to control or extinguish. Oppose

Taxation and finance

-HB14-1101 - Business owners of community solar gardens are subject to personal property tax on the personal property used to generate electricity. The bill specifies that the percentage of electricity generated by a community solar garden that is attributed to residential or governmental subscribers is exempt from the levy and collection of property tax so that a business owner of a community solar garden is levied a property tax on the electricity generating capacity used by businesses. Support

-**HB14-043** - Commencing January 1, 2015, the bill includes within the property tax category of “all other agricultural property”, greenhouses, nurseries, or other horticultural or agricultural production areas used to grow food products or horticultural stock that originate above the ground. Monitor

-**SB 14-044** - Bill authorizes people who are 65 or older and live in Colorado 5 years to pay a flat \$34.10 registration fee. Oppose

Note: There have been a series of bills that give tax breaks to elders, firefighters, military etc. The county Commissioners have made it clear that if we make one exception we will be setting a difficult precedence.

-**HB14-070** - The bill modifies the definition of public records under the Colorado Open Records Act to include all writings made, maintained, or kept by a private association whose membership consists primarily of elected officials of one or more political subdivisions of the state or individuals holding a covered state office, as applicable, and that receives at least 10% of its revenues on an annual basis from public moneys. Oppose

Transportation and Telecommunications

-**HB14-1105** - Counties that sell fuel to other governmental entities do not have to obtain a fuel distribution license from the Department of revenue. Support

Broadband Bill coming

-**SB14-089**

Agriculture, wildlife and rural affairs

Capital Development Committee. There is a water district that charges the Dept. of Ag PILT on a building the state owns. This bill seeks to clarify that the state is not required to pay PILT, it may, but it isn't required. CCI's concern is the protection of GOCO funds, which is constitutionally required to pay PILT, and the DOW assistance grants to counties. Sponsors have agreed to draft amendments to protect these two funding streams. Oppose unless amended

Land use and Natural Resources

-**SB14-093** - The bill specifies that, subject to state constitutional, state and local provisions that require payment of just compensation and otherwise govern the exercise of the power of eminent domain, companies that operate pipelines that convey oil, gasoline, or other petroleum or hydrocarbon products are pipeline companies granted the right of eminent domain. A pipeline company must comply with all applicable laws and regulations including local land use regulations. Oppose

Public lands

-**HB14-1150** - The bill specifies that, subject to state constitutional, state and local provisions that require payment of just compensation and otherwise govern the exercise of the power of eminent domain, companies that operate pipelines that convey oil, gasoline, or other petroleum or hydrocarbon products are pipeline companies granted the right of eminent domain. A pipeline company must comply with all applicable laws and regulations including local land use regulations. Oppose

2. January 25 - Attended the Saguache Economic workshop. Presentations from the Colorado State Office of Economic Development about Agricultural Tourism and Creative Districts.
3. January 25 - Attended a Health Care dinner at Joyful Journey Hot Springs.
4. January 27 - Attended Valley Wide Commissioners meeting, topics included Public Health Partnership update and discussion on Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout.
5. January 27 - Attended Valley Wide Broadband meeting to discuss upcoming Broadband Legislation.
6. January 28 - Spoke with Adam Greene from Solar Reserve, he would like to send a written proposal to the BOCC concerning Solar Reserves 1041 permit.
7. January 29 - Spoke with Jarrod Biggs from DOLA Concerning PILT payments made by the State and Local Districts to Counties and pending Legislation that affects this.
8. January 30 - Attended the Governor's Economic Blueprint Tour, commented on the loss of the Solar Reserve Project.
9. February 3 - Attended office hours, Spoke with four (4) people concerning RGWCD appointment
* During this time spoke with a total of 13 people about RGWCD appointment.

BREAK

IX. CO-ADMINISTRATOR REPORT - WENDI MAEZ & LYN LAMBERT

1. Designation of representative county health pool. Last year Lyn Lambert was the designee with April Quintana the alternate. The designated correspondents are April Quintana and Lyn Lambert from Admin office and HR.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO APPOINT APRIL QUINTANA AS THE DESIGNEE AND LYN LAMBERT AS ALTERNATE FOR THE COUNTY HEALTH POOL
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON**

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

2. Pete Garcia with Maintenance Department informed the BoCC that the breaker box at the Saguache Clinic needs to be moved from outside of the building to the inside. BoCC advised Mr. Garcia to get bids on the work.
3. Discussion on the BoCC schedule, May 6th and 13th will be regular session meetings and July 1st and 22nd will be regular session meetings.
4. WSB Contract review.
5. Lambert spoke with Jim Sheeran and he is reporting his outreach visits on the first page, section one of the report under "outreach visits"
6. MOU with Wall, Smith and Batemen Inc., for the 2013 audit needs signatures.
7. Nick Chambers received a sales tax grant for \$1500 for the purchase of a phone in Crestone for the fuel station. He has submitted a report; the money was used for bio fuel, not to purchase a phone. He has returned the Sales Tax grant.
8. BoCC allowed the applicants wanting to be appointed to the RGWCD board tell the BoCC why they wanted the position and why they feel they would be the best for the position. Michael Spearman, Dave Warsh, Jim Warner, and Perry Alspaugh all spoke on their own behalves. Tom McCracken presented the 3 proposals for Senior Surface Water Rights. Ed Nielsen discussed the aquifer deficit.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO NOMINATE PEGGY GODFREY
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON FOR DISCUSSION**

VOTES IN FAVOR: 2

VOTES AGAINST: 0

COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON OBSTAINED

MOTION CARRIED

X. LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR – WENDI MAEZ

1. No Land Use items at this time.
2. Saguache County Planning Commission has one open seat at this point. Discussion on applicants and the area of County where they live. Attorney Gibbons will go through policy for clarification.
3. BoCC discussion on proposal from Adam Greene with Solar Reserve.

XI. COUNTY ATTORNEY - BEN GIBBONS

1. Status of McDowell case still set for March 3rd – 5th. Finally got expert witness report from State, was filed late. County has to pay travel expenses for the State people who are going to be present. One BoCC member as a rebuttal witness.

2. Attorney Gibbons did advise the BoCC that the County installing a cattle guard on County Road 10XX violates agreement.
3. Attorney Gibbons contacted Suzanne with the Secretary of States' Office and asked her to hold off on decision of the Town of Bonanza. Some Town files were found in a trailer behind Ms. Ashley's' house and other places. Attorney Gibbons was never given any of those records, Jim Shepard has the Town records.
4. BAA Hearing set for May 1st for Ruth Pulver, more details later.
5. CATV's were installed in the Courtroom for use of inmates seeing the Judge via video. Alamosa County paid for the Saguache County system.

LUNCH

XII. ROAD & BRIDGE SUPERVISOR – RANDAL ARREDONDO

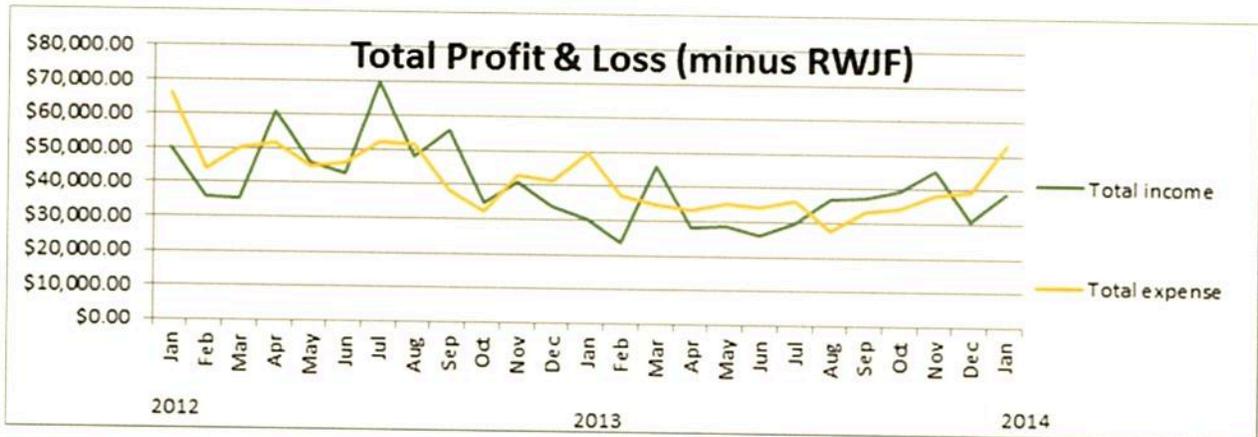
1. BoCC advised Arredondo to respond to request for the cattle guard installment on County Road 10XX as the decision is "no".
2. Attorney Gibbons reported the abandoned airplane engine theft is being looked into by the FBI.
3. 2014 rock crushing bid is posted and accepting bids until February 21st at noon.
4. Discussion on a right of way land exchange in the Baca area.
5. The Landfills' EDOP is almost done and the Landfill will need three new gas monitoring wells. Arredondo looking into the fee for all three wells.
6. Grant for fuel system at Leach Airfield was successful.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO CONVENE AS THE SAGUACHE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AT 1:30 PM
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON
VOTES IN FAVOR: 3 **VOTES AGAINST: 0**
MOTION CARRIED

XIII. PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR - DELLA VIEIRA

1. Core Services updates: Review function and statutory requirements:
 - a. Assessment, Planning, and Communication:
 1. Modifications to Core PH Master contract for signature
 - b. Vital Records and Statistics:
 - c. Communicable Disease Prevention, Investigation, and Control:
 1. Vector-borne diseases article in Valley Courier 1/14/2014.
 - d. Prevention and Population Health Promotion:
 - e. Emergency Preparedness and Response:
 1. New CDs of EPR plans distributed today to: BOH, Admin, SO, OEM
 2. Two Regional EPR staff are leaving that team
 - f. Environmental Health:
 - g. Administration and Governance:
 1. Follow-up from Dr. Benson and Dr. Williams re: recruiting a new MO for Public Health.
 2. Review presentation on core services.
2. PCP Program.

- a. Total of 45 Medicaid clients and 0 Private Pay clients received services December; 2 pending
- b. New PCP's
3. Financial activity: Profit & Loss for month of January (Public Health & PCP combined).



MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KEN ANDERSON TO ADJOURN AS SAGUACHE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AT 2:13 P.M.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

VOTES AGAINST: 0

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XIV. PUBLIC LANDS

Jim Pitts – USFS

1. Colorado Trail F and Continental Divide National Scenic Trail - New project, new trail construction following the identified route, new public scoping process to go out next week - will need updated/new letter from BoCC to capture your comments on the proposal
2. Findley Gulch - Landowners are coming together, two have been contentious; one had legal review completed of our position. That review coincided with our findings. The Forest is willing to cover 1/2 of the survey costs to facilitate resolution of this matter.
3. LaGarita Hills - EIS, we have decided to complete an EIS, will go out with new timeline and public notice.
4. Categorical Exclusion Plan for this year - public scoping to go out as a full page type add in the paper of record capturing all the projects that the Forest will initiate this year under any Categorical Exclusion NEPA category.
5. Forest Plan Revision Initiation in 2014 - two tracks, collaboration and data review and summary. The collaboration side is focused on public involvement and identification of partners and collaborators. The data review and summary will be completed by Forest personnel to pull information together for the next track, which is bringing the two together.
6. Fire Coordination meeting - Feb 18th at Road and Bridge, hosted by the State (Phil Daniels) in preparation for the upcoming fire season.
7. Saguache County Resource Advisement Council (RAC) - All members have been notified of continuation of RAC, need some replacement members, would appreciate input from the BoCC for any recommendations - need to provide categories to the BoCC. Have not heard back from

John Baxter or Ken Skoglund. Update: Ken Skoglund has contacted the Forest and is willing to participate on the RAC.

XV. TOWN OF BONANZA – JIM SHEPARD

1. Jim Shepard did not appear and sent Lisa Cyriacks in his place.
2. Secretary of States' Office has not responded back to Attorney Gibbons with the BoCC request to postpone the decision.
3. Ms. Cyriacks asked the BoCC if people who have concerns about the decision could visit with the BoCC. The BoCC expressed their willingness by putting on the Agenda today, requesting an extension on time of decision, Public Radio interviews and putting articles in the newspapers.
4. Clerk & Recorder Carla Gomez presented The Compiled, Revised, and Codified Ordinances of the Town of Bonanza official September 17, 2001, recorded on August 22, 2001.
5. Discussion and communication with the concerned people and the BoCC. Decision will be made at a later date.

XVI. BILL PAYING

XVII. ADJOURN

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JOSEPH TO ADJOURN AT 3:50 P. M.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON

VOTES IN FAVOR: 3

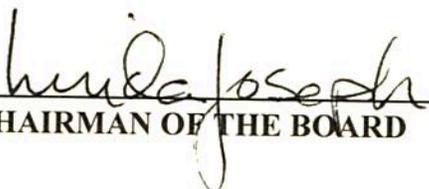
VOTES AGAINST: 0

MOTION CARRIED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

STACI BURKHART ACTING SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES APPROVED FEBRUARY 18, 2014


CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Carla Gomez

ATTEST
CLERK & RECORDER
CARLA GOMEZ

Jason Chutkan

COMMISSIONER



Ken Anderson

COMMISSIONER



PUBLIC LANDS
 Friday January 24, 2014
 2 p.m.
 CCI Office
 (Please be advised this meeting is being recorded
 Teleconference: 1.218.862.1300 Passcode: 171009

AGENDA

WELCOME

Commissioner John Martin, Chair
 Commissioner Rachel Richards, Vice Chair
 Andy Karsian, CCI

INTRODUCTIONS

CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS

LEGISLATION

Consent calendar

HB 14-1008 CO Water Resources and Power Development Authority to Make Forest Health Loans
CCI Recommendation: Monitor

Bill #	HB 14-1008
Title	Allow CWRPDA Private Entity Forest Health Loans
H-Spon	M. Hamner
S-Spon	
Summary	Wildfire Matters Review Committee. The bill authorizes the Colorado water resources and power development authority to make loans to private entities for purposes of forest health projects contemplated by legislation passed in 2013.
Position	

Bill #	HB 14-1150
Title	Federal Land Coordination
H-Spon	R. Rankin
S-Spon	E. Roberts
Summary	The bill creates the division of federal land coordination in DOLA to address federal land decisions in Colorado that affect the state and local governments. The office would form a federal land coordination task force to study certain federal land decisions. The Agriculture, DNR, the Colorado Tourism, the Colorado Energy Office, and the OEDIT are required to assist. Based on task force findings, local government may receive a grants for research and analysis to form a coordinated response to a federal land decision.
Position	

SPEAKER:

U.S. Senator Michael Bennet

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN



LAND USE AND NATURAL RESOURCES
 Friday January 24, 2014
 12:30 p.m.
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WELCOME

Commissioner Don Rosier, Chair
 Andy Karsian, CCI

INTRODUCTIONS

CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS

LEGISLATION

CONSENT CALENDAR

SB 14-025	Grants for Wastewater Treatment for Small Communities	CCI Recommendation: Support
SB14-029	Architectural Paint Stewardship Program	CCI Recommendation: Support
SB14-093	Pipeline Right of Way	CCI Recommendation: Monitor
HB14-1002	Repair Water Infrastructure in Flood Impacted Areas	CCI Recommendation: Support
HB14-1129	Transmission Line Information from State	CCI Recommendation: Support

Bill #	HB 14-1002
Title	Water Infrastructure Natural Disaster Grant Fund
H-Spon	D. Young
S-Spon	M. Jones
Summary	This bill creates a fund to help those counties that suffered floods last summer to receive grants, including accepting grants on behalf of and in coordination with not-for-profit public water systems, for the planning, design, construction, improvement, renovation, or reconstruction of domestic wastewater treatment works and public drinking water systems The division may only award grants to be used in counties for which the governor has

	declared a disaster emergency by executive order or proclamation. The bill appropriates \$12,000,000 to the fund.
Bill #	HB 14-1064
Title	Sev Tax Distribution To Local Gov Limits Oil & Gas
H-Spon	J. Sonneberg
S-Spon	G. Brophy
Summary	The bill prohibits any local government that has a moratorium or a permanent prohibition on the extraction of oil and gas from receiving more direct distributions or grants and loans than the local government received in the fiscal year during which the moratorium or permanent prohibition was enacted.
Position	
Bill #	HB 14-1129
Title	State Provide Utilities Facility Info To Local Gov
H-Spon	S. Lebsock
S-Spon	
Summary	The bill allows the local government to also ask a state agency to provide additional information within a specified deadline.
Position	CCI bill - support
Bill #	SB 14-010
Title	Manufactured Home Communities
H-Spon	R. Fischer
S-Spon	J. Kefalas
Position	
Bill #	SB 14-017
Title	Limit Use Of Ag Water For Lawn Irrigation
H-Spon	E. Vigil, D. Coram
S-Spon	M. Hodge
Summary	The bill prohibits a local government from approving a subdivision development permit application unless the local government adopted an enforceable resolution that limits, as a prerequisite for approval of the development permit, the amount of irrigated grass on residential lots in the development to no more than 15% of the total aggregate area of all

	residential lots in the development. The 15% limit applies only if any part of the water supply for the development is changed from agricultural irrigation purposes to municipal or domestic use on or after January 1, 2016. Irrigated means supplied with water for lawn grass and does not include the use of raw water for irrigation (i.e. exempts parks and sport fields).
Position	
Bill #	SB 14-025
Title	Wastewater Treatment Small Communities Grants
H-Spon	R. Fischer
S-Spon	M. Hodge
Summary	Water Resources Review Committee. This bill clarifies that CDPHE may provide funds for domestic wastewater treatment facilities. The bill does not allocate new money, instead allows CDPHE to utilize state severance tax dollars to provide grants to communities under 5,000, if a certain state severance amount is reached. Then \$10M would be transferred to this state fund. Since 2009, this has not happened, but long term projections predict it may happen in FYs 14-15 and 15-16.
Position	
Bill #	SB 14-073
Title	Brownfield Contaminated Land Income Tax Credit
H-Spon	C. Gerou
S-Spon	C. Jahn
Summary	The bill reauthorizes the state income tax credit for environmental remediation activities on brownfields. The important part for counties is that local governments and private nonprofit entities do not pay income taxes in the state but do incur expenses in conducting environmental remediation activities. Subject to the same terms and in the same amounts as the re-authorized credit allowed to taxpayers, the bill allows certain local governments and private nonprofit entities to transfer a portion of these expenses to transferees who may then claim the amounts as an income tax credit. The credit can be carried forward for up to 5 years.
Bill #	SB 14-029
Title	Architectural Paint Stewardship Program
H-Spon	R. Fischer
S-Spon	L. Newell
Summary	This bill establishes a nationally recognized paint stewardship program that creates standards and practices for the collection, transportation, reuse, recycling, and disposal of postconsumer architectural paint. Collection points will be at the purchasing site and local governments are encouraged to participate, but not mandated.

Position	
Bill #	SB 14-093
Title	Pipeline Right-of-Way
H-Spon	J. Sonneberg, J. May
S-Spon	C. Jahn
Summary	The bill specifies that, subject to state constitutional, state and local provisions that require payment of just compensation and otherwise govern the exercise of the power of eminent domain, companies that operate pipelines that convey oil, gasoline, or other petroleum or hydrocarbon products are pipeline companies granted the right of eminent domain. A pipeline company must comply with all applicable laws and regulations including local land use regulations.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN



AGRICULTURE, WILDLIFE and RURAL AFFAIRS

Friday January 24, 2014

11 a.m.

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WELCOME

Commissioner Darius Allen, Chair
 Commissioner, Kevin Karney Vice Chair
 Andy Karsian, CCI

INTRODUCTIONS

CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS

LEGISLATION

CONSENT CALENDAR

SB14-052	Update Soil Erosion Act	CCI Recommendation: Support
SB 14-089	No State PILT	CCI Recommendation: Oppose Unless Amended

Bill #	SB 14-052
Title	Soil Erosion County Board Of Commissioners
H-Spon	J. Sonnenberg
S-Spon	L. Crowder
Summary	Allows county commissioners to consult with a range specialist or extension agent prior to making a blowing soil determination, and provides a little more flexibility for counties to charge market rates for treating land to minimize blowing dust.
Position	
Bill #	SB 14-089
Title	Prohibit State Agreements Payment In Lieu Of Tax
H-Spon	R. Fischer

S-Spon	G. Schwarz
Summary	Capital Development Committee. There is a water district that charges the Dept of Ag PILT on a building the state owns. This bill seeks to clarify that the state is not required to pay PILT, it may, but it isn't required. CCI's concern is the protection of GOCO funds, which is constitutionally required to pay PILT, and the DOW assistance grants to counties. Sponsors have agreed to draft amendments to protect these two funding streams.
Position	

SPEAKER:

Ron Carlton, Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture

OTHER BUSINESS**ADJOURN**



HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICES
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 9 a.m.
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Commissioner Cindy Domenico, Chair
 Commissioner Nancy Sharpe, Vice Chair
 Pat Ratliff, CCI
 Gini Pingnot, CCI

INTRODUCTIONS

CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS

LEGISLATION:

HB 14-1022 Child Care Assistance Authorization Period
 SB 14-003 Colorado Child Care Assistance Program
 SB 14-012 Aid To the Needy Disabled Program

CONSENT CALENDAR – The following staff recommendations require committee approval.

SB 14-062 Reinstatement of Parent-child Legal Relationship **Staff Recommendation:** Support

CHILD CARE	
Bill #	HB 14-1022
Title	Child Care Assistance Authorization Period
H-Spon	
S-Spon	L. Newell
Summary	The bill clarifies that, if a child is enrolled in the Colorado child care assistance program (CCAP), the duration of the child care authorization notice (typically 90 days), which

	authorizes payment of child care costs, is the same as the period for which the child's family is eligible (1 year) for child care assistance.
Position	
Bill #	SB 14-003
Title	Colorado Child Care Assistance Program
H-Spon	B. Petersen, J. Nicholson
S-Spon	
Summary	<p>The bill makes several changes to an existing, optional pilot program counties may participate in to address the cliff effect that occurs when working parents in the Colorado child care assistance program (CCCAP) receive a minor increase in their income that makes them ineligible for child care assistance and the increase in wages is not enough to cover the costs for child care without the child care assistance. The changes will allow counties that choose to participate in the pilot the flexibility to design a program that best fits their communities' needs while working within the county's existing child care allocation.</p> <p>Additionally, the bill creates a new grant program to fund activities and strategies a county may implement to promote quality child care. Examples of such strategies include: waiving or decreasing a parent's co-pay for parents that enroll their children in high-quality child care or developing a tiered quality reimbursement rate for providers offering high-quality early education programs. Grant dollars do not require a county match.</p>
Position	
CHILD WELFARE	
Bill #	SB 14-062
Title	Reinstatement Of Parent-child Legal Relationship
H-Spon	B. Gardner, M. Foote
S-Spon	L. Guzman, E. Roberts
Summary	This bill creates a process for reinstatement of the parent-child legal relationship in limited circumstances for a child whose parent's rights have previously been terminated voluntarily or involuntarily. A county department of social services or the child's guardian ad litem may file a petition for reinstatement. The bill specifies under what circumstances a petition for reinstatement may be filed.
Position	
MISC	
Bill #	SB 14-012
Title	Aid To The Needy Disabled Program

H-Spon	T. Exum Sr
S-Spon	J. Kefalas
Summary	The bill requires the department of human services, by rule, to tie the assistance payment under the program for aid to the needy disabled (AND) to an amount equal to a certain percentage of monthly income under the federal poverty guidelines.
Position	

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN



TRANSPORTATION and TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Thursday January 23, 2014

2 p.m.

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WELCOME

Commissioner Dan Gibbs, Chair
 Commissioner Erik Hansen, Vice Chair
 Tony Lombard, CCI
 Eric Bergman, CCI

INTRODUCTIONS

CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS

LEGISLATION

Bill #	HB14-1021
Title	Highway Restriction Violation Penalties
H-Spon	D. Mitsch Bush, M. Hamner
S-Spon	
Summary	HB 1021 increases the fine for the operator of a commercial vehicle who violates a road closure or road restriction on Independence Pass from \$500 to \$2,000. If the violation results in the closure of a travel lane, the fine is increased to \$2,500. This bill comes out of the Transportation Legislation Review Committee which met this past summer. HB 1021 is a CCI Legislative Priority for 2014.
Position	Support
Bill #	HB 14-1105
Title	Tax Exempt Gas Sales Between Gov Entities
H-Spon	D. Mitch Bush
S-Spon	N. Todd
Summary	HB 1105 clarifies in statute that counties that are selling fuel to other fuel tax exempt

	entities (municipalities, school districts, Colorado State Patrol, CDOT, etc.) do not have to obtain a fuel distributor license from the Department of Revenue. This bill is a CCI Legislative Priority for 2014.
Position	Support
Bill #	HB 14-1121
Title	County Highway Contract Bid Notice Requirements
H-Spon	C. Gerou, T. Kraft-Tharp
S-Spon	C. Jahn
Summary	With respect to contracting by a county for work on highways, the bill requires a county to advertise in a newspaper in the county or post notice in the county courthouse for open contracts that involve expenditures equal to or greater than the amount at which a contract requires a contractor's bond, instead of \$5,000 or more as specified in current law.
Position	
Bill #	SB 14-053
Title	Prioritize Certain Transportation Projects
H-Spon	C. Navarro-Ratzlaff
S-Spon	G. Rivera
Summary	Unless prohibited by federal law or regulations, the bill requires the Transportation Commission to include in both the statewide transportation plan and the statewide transportation improvement program a project to functionally update or ensure the safe use of all elements of the state transportation system located on Interstate 25 near mile marker 108.
Position	
Bill #	SB 14-055
Title	Vehicles Subject To Daily Rental Fee
H-Spon	D. Coram
S-Spon	P. Steadman
Summary	Current law imposes a \$2 daily vehicle rental fee on the rental of any vehicle required to be registered that is rented in the state by a person whose primary business is the rental of such vehicles to other persons for periods of less than 45 days, including renewals, and exempts such vehicles from the road and bridge safety charges imposed on other vehicles at the time of registration. The bill specifies that the \$2 daily vehicle rental fee is imposed without regard to the primary business of the renter on any short-term rental of a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of twenty-six thousand pounds or less that is rented in the state for a period of less than 30 days; except that renewals of such rentals are not subject to the fee.
Position	

OTHER BUSINESS

Broadband/Telecom Reform Discussion
Senator. Jeanne Nicholson

ADJOURN



TAXATION and FINANCE

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 Bill Clayton, CCI
 Gini Pingenot, CCI

INTRODUCTIONS

CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS

LEGISLATION

HB 14-1101 Community Solar Garden Bus Per Prop Tax Exemption
 SB 14-043 Greenhouses & Nurseries Other Ag Prop
 HB 14-1143 Residential Storage Condo Unit as Real Property
 SB 14-046 Local Firefighter Safety Grant Program
 SB 14-044 Seniors Motor Vehicle Registration Tax & Fees
 SB 14-075 Deployed Military Motor Vehicle Fee & Taxes

CONSENT CALENDAR – The following staff recommendations require committee approval.

SB 14-042	Local Gov Discretion Bus Incentive Agreement Term	Staff Recommendation: Support
SB 14-065	Ban On Pledging Bus Personal Property Tax Revenue	Staff Recommendation: Oppose
HB 14-1094	Sales & Use Tax Holiday For Back-to-school Items	Staff Recommendation: Monitor
HB 14-1097	Sales & Use Tax Holiday Firearms Ammo Accessories	Staff Recommendation: Monitor
HB 14-1103	Securities Criteria Legal Investment Public Funds	Staff Recommendation: Support
HB 14-1020	Combine County Assessor Reports on Taxable Prop	Staff Recommendation: Support
SB 14-066	Metro District Conservation Trust Fund Allocations	Staff Recommendation: Oppose
CCI Bill:		
SB14-007	Cnty General Fund For Road & Bridge Flood Damage	Support

BPP	
Bill #	HB 14-1101
Title	Community Solar Garden Bus Per Prop Tax Exemption
H-Spon	M. Tyler
S-Spon	G. Schwartz
Summary	Business owners of community solar gardens are subject to personal property tax on the personal property used to generate electricity. The bill specifies that the percentage of electricity generated by a community solar garden that is attributed to residential or governmental subscribers is exempt from the levy and collection of property tax so that a business owner of a community solar garden is levied a property tax on the electricity generating capacity used by businesses.
Position	
Bill #	SB 14-042
Title	Local Gov Discretion Bus Incentive Agreement Term
H-Spon	
S-Spon	M. Scheffel
Summary	Local governments are currently authorized to negotiate an incentive payment or credit with a taxpayer that pays business personal property tax and that establishes a new business facility, expands an existing business facility, or if there is a substantial risk that the taxpayer will relocate an existing facility out of state. The bill eliminates a 10-year limit on the term of a business incentive agreement and grants the governing body of the local government the discretion to determine the term of the agreement.
Position	
Bill #	SB 14-065
Title	Ban On Pledging Bus Personal Property Tax Revenue
H-Spon	C. Holbert
S-Spon	T. Harvey
Summary	Beginning September 1, 2014, the bill prohibits local governments from pledging any business personal property tax revenues to pay the interest or principal owed on any type of bond or for the repayment of any other multiple-fiscal year debt.
Position	
SALES TAX	
Bill #	HB 14-1094
Title	Sales & Use Tax Holiday For Back-to-school Items

H-Spon	D. Pabon
S-Spon	C. Jahn
Summary	The bill creates a state sales and use tax exemption for back-to-school items and allows local governments to adopt a similar exemption. The exemption applies for 3 days in the beginning of August for a back-to-school item, which is defined to mean clothing, shoes, or school supplies. Clothing includes sport and recreational equipment, but does not include clothing accessories. The exemption only applies for an article of clothing, including shoes, that is less than \$75 and a school supply that is less than \$50. The exemption period occurs in 5 consecutive years beginning with the first August after a fiscal year in which gross general fund revenues are estimated to be at least \$8.5 billion.
Position	
Bill #	HB 14-1097
Title	Sales & Use Tax Holiday Firearms Ammo Accessories
H-Spon	C. Navarro-Ratzlaff
S-Spon	G. Rivera
Summary	The bill creates a state sales and use tax exemption for firearms, ammunition, and firearm accessories and allows local governments to adopt a similar exemption. The exemption applies to these items sold on the first Friday and Saturday in August of this year and the next 2 years, but it only applies to those items sold by a participating vendor. Any vendor may elect to be a participating vendor for any year of the sales and use tax holiday, but a participating vendor cannot selectively apply the exemption.
Position	
TREASURER	
Bill #	HB 14-1103
Title	Securities Criteria Legal Investment Public Funds
H-Spon	D. Pabon
S-Spon	D. Harvey
Summary	Current law allows investment of public funds in domestic government general obligation bonds only if the bonds are rated in one of the 2 highest ratings categories (AA- or its equivalent or higher) by at least 2 rating organizations and have a term of 3 years or less and in domestic revenue bonds only if the bonds are rated in the highest rating category (AAA) by at least 2 rating organizations and have a term of 3 years or less. The bill allows investment of public funds in such bonds only if the bonds carry at least 2 credit ratings from rating organizations and are rated at or above A or its equivalent by all such organizations that have provided a rating and have terms of 5 years or less.
Position	
ASSESSOR	
Bill #	HB 14-1020

Title	Combine County Assessor Reports On Taxable Prop
H-Spon	S. Lebsock
S-Spon	D. Balmer, J. Nicholson
Summary	County assessors annually submit 2 separate reports (one regarding taxable real property and the other regarding taxable personal property), on different dates, to their county boards of equalization. The bill specifies that the submission must occur on or before each July 15 (rather than by the second Monday in July) or, for counties that have elected to use an alternate protest and appeal procedure, on or before each September 15 (rather than by the second Monday in September).
Position	
Bill #	SB 14-043
Title	Greenhouses & Nurseries Other Ag Prop
H-Spon	
S-Spon	K. Grantham
Summary	Commencing January 1, 2015, the bill includes within the property tax category of "all other agricultural property", greenhouses, nurseries, or other horticultural or agricultural production areas used to grow food products or horticultural stock that originate above the ground.
Position	
Bill #	HB 14-1143
Title	Residential Storage Condo Unit As Real Property
H-Spon	L. Saine
S-Spon	M. Hodge
Summary	<p>The bill establishes that a residential storage condominium unit is a residential improvement. This allows the unit to be assessed as residential real property, which currently has an assessment ratio of 7.96%, instead of as nonresidential property, which has an assessment ratio of 29%. A residential storage condominium unit is defined to mean a building that is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A unit under the Colorado Common Interest Ownership Act; • Used by its owner or a lessee whose lease term is a year or longer to store items from or related to the owner's or lessee's residence; and • Not used for storage related to a business. <p>For a building unit to qualify as a residential storage condominium unit, the owner of the building unit must submit an affidavit stating that the building unit meets the definition of a residential storage condominium unit.</p>
Position	

SPECIFIC OWNERSHIP TAX

Bill #	SB 14-044
Title	Seniors Motor Vehicle Registration Tax & Fees
H-Spon	
S-Spon	O. Hill
Summary	<p>The bill authorizes people who are 65 years of age or older and who have lived in Colorado for 5 years to pay a flat registration fee of \$34.10 and specific ownership tax of \$15.90 instead of the normal fees and tax. The \$34.10 registration fees are apportioned as follows: The department or county clerk who issues the registration may retain \$2 for costs;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) \$1.50 is for the county road and bridge fund; 2.) 50¢ is for the Colorado state titling and registration account in the highway users tax fund; 3.) \$2.50 is for the license plate cash fund; 4.) 50¢ is for the AIR account in the highway users tax fund; 5.) 10¢ is for the motorist identification account in the highway users tax fund; 6.) \$13 is for the statewide bridge enterprise special revenue fund; 7.) \$2 is for the emergency medical services account in the highway users tax fund; 8.) \$12 is for the highway users tax fund.
Position	
Bill #	SB 14-075
Title	Deployed Military Motor Vehicle Fee & Taxes
H-Spon	J. Sonnenberg
S-Spon	B. Baumgardner
Summary	<p>The act exempts a member of the United States armed forces from paying the basic motor vehicle registration fees and authorizes payment of an alternate specific ownership tax of \$1 if the person is deployed outside the United States for a full year. The vehicle may not be driven during this time. If the person is not deployed for a whole year, the basic fees and taxes are prorated. If the person has already paid the fees at the time of deployment, the department credits the fees towards succeeding years.</p>
Position	
MISC	
Bill #	SB14-066
Title	Metro District Conservation Trust Fund Allocations
H-Spon	
S-Spon	T. Harvey, P. Steadman
Summary	For a metropolitan district that provides parks and recreation services exclusively within a

	<p>county that, as of January 1, 2014, has not pledged or otherwise used revenues from its share of conservation trust fund moneys to secure financing that has not yet been fully repaid for a specific project, the reallocation of conservation trust fund moneys is changed, over a 3-year phase-in period, from one-half of the percentage to the full percentage that the district's population within the county is to the total population of the unincorporated area of the county if the full percentage share will be at least \$7,500 and if the district:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has, as estimated in the July 1, 2013, special district total population estimate of 10,000 or more individuals residing within its territory; • Has only elected board members; • Provides only parks and recreation facilities that are open to the general public, including individuals who are not residents of the district; and • When providing its annual certification that it is an entity eligible to receive a conservation trust fund allocation to the division of local government in the department of local affairs (division), informs the division that it prefers to receive a full percentage share. A county must notify the division when it has fully repaid any financing secured by conservation trust fund moneys.
Position	
Bill #	SB 14-007
Title	Cnty General Fund For Road & Bridge Flood Damage
H-Spon	B. DelGrosso, M. Foote
S-Spon	K. Lundberg, M. Jones
Summary	Current law prohibits a board of county commissioners (BOCC) from using general fund moneys for road and bridge projects. The bill allows a BOCC to transfer moneys from the county general fund to the county road and bridge fund if the governor declares a disaster emergency in the applicable county. The bill includes 'non-substitution' language to ensure that the city's share remains unaffected during these allowable transfers.
Position	CCI Bill Support
Bill #	SB 14-046 Consent
Title	Local Firefighter Safety Grant Program
H-Spon	T. Exum Sr.
S-Spon	J. Nicholson
Summary	<p>Wildfire Matters Review Committee. Until July 1, 2013, the wildfire preparedness fund received an annual \$3.25 million transfer from the mineral leasing fund; last year the general assembly substituted a portion of insurance premium taxes as the source of revenues for this fund. Section 1 of the bill directs the state treasurer to annually transfer, for 5 state fiscal years, \$3.25 million from the mineral leasing fund to a newly created local firefighter safety fund. Section 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates the local firefighter safety and disease prevention fund and uses it for a need-based grant program to provide funding or reimbursement to local government governing bodies for equipment and training designed to increase

	<p>firefighter safety and prevent occupation-related diseases;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Directs the director of the division of fire safety and control to promulgate rules governing the award of the grants, including consideration of the recommendations of the fire service training, certification, and firefighter safety advisory board and the governing body's other fund-raising efforts; and• Allows the division to expend up to 3% per year from the fund for its direct and indirect costs in administering the grant program.
Position	

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN



TOURISM, RESORTS and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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WELCOME

Commissioner Elaine Fischer, Chair
 Commissioner Lynn Padgett, Vice Chair
 Andy Karsian, CCI

INTRODUCTIONS

CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS

LEGISLATION

Bill #	HB 14-1017
Title	Expand Availability Of Affordable Housing
H-Spon	C. Duran
S-Spon	J. Ulibarri
Summary	This bill will grow the housing investment fund by allowing the division of housing more flexibility in using federal grants and other grants, for loans, loan guarantees and program administration. The fund will increase to \$8M, from the current \$4.25M. Specific allocation has not been attached to the bill, so the amounts may still fluctuate, but the bill establishes statutory flexibility for the Division of Housing to use more funds when available and allocated.
Position	
Position	CCI Bill Support

SPEAKER:

Margaret Hunt, Director
Colorado Creative Industries
Office of Economic Development

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN



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Commissioner Sean Conway, Chair
 Commissioner Terry Hart, Vice-Chair
 Pat Ratliff, CCI
 Eric Bergman, CCI

INTRODUCTIONS

CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS

LEGISLATION

- HB14-1007 (County Authority on Burn Bans)
- HB14-1043 (Reform Modernized Elections Act)
- SB14-84 (Elect Commissioners by District)
- HB14-1070 (Outside Bidding for Construction Contract)
- HB14-1144 (Setting Salaries for Deputy DA's)
- HB14-1132 (Setting Hours for Alcohol Sales)
- HB14-1062 (Optional Approval Voting)
- HB14-1087 (Prohibit Collective Bargaining)
- SB14-45 (Local Responsibility for Wildland Fire Management)
- SB14-54 (Alcohol Beverage License Suspensions)
- SB14-008 (Wildfire Resource Center)
- SB14-63 (Review of State Agency Rules)

Consent Agenda

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| HB14-1066 | (Rural Driver's License Fees) | CCI Staff Recommendation: Support |
| HB14-1050 | (Add Judges to 18 th JD) | CCI Staff Recommendation: Support |
| HB14-1096 | (Underfunded Courthouse Grant Program) | CCI Staff Recommendation: Support |
| SB14-81 | (Local Inspection of School Buildings) | CCI Staff Recommendation: Support |

Bill #	HB 14-1007
Title	Prohibit Ag Burning & Restrict Fireworks During Red Flag Warnings
H-Spon	M. Hamner
S-Spon	

Summary	In connection with the existing statutory authority permitting county governments to ban open fires to reduce the danger of wildfires, the bill permits counties to prohibit or restrict the ability of agricultural producers to conduct burning on their own property during periods when red flag warnings or fire weather watches have been issued by the National Weather Service. Also allows county governments to prohibit or restrict the sale, use, and possession of fireworks for the entire year. Current statute allows counties to ban in the summer (between May 31 and July 5) only if a finding of high fire danger has been established.
Position	
Bill #	HB 14-1043
Title	Create Voter Outreach Through Enfranchisement Act
H-Spon	A. Stephens
S-Spon	
Summary	HB3-1303 (The Voter Access and Modernized Elections Act) made various modifications to the administration of elections in the state. This bill (HB14-1043) creates the Voter Outreach Through Enfranchisement (VOTE) Act, which makes further changes to the elections process. HB 1303 repealed a provision under which an elector moving within the state before an election was permitted to vote in his or her former precinct. Section 2 of the bill revives that provision. Section 3 relieves designated elections officials from the duty to tabulate individual write-in votes for an office unless at least 10% of the ballots cast contain a write-in vote or otherwise would affect the outcome of the election. HB 1303 specified the number of voter service and polling centers (VSPCs) required for any election and the hours and days that VSPCs must be open. Sections 4 and 5 allow county clerks to obtain permission for reduced hours of operation of VSPCs, upon consent of the BOCC after holding a public hearing on the matter, and the Secretary of State. Because electors are able to deposit voted mail ballots at all VSPCs, sections 4 and 5 also allow any VSPCs above the minimum number required to count toward the number of stand-alone mail ballot drop-off locations that a political subdivision is required to operate. Section 5 changes the formula for calculating how many VSPCs are required for certain elections conducted by a county clerk. HB 1303 required all electors to receive mail ballots for elections conducted under the Uniform Election Code of 1992. Section 5 allows any elector to opt out of automatically receiving mail ballots. HB 1303 reduced, from 30 to 22, the minimum number of days that a person must reside in Colorado to be eligible to vote. Sections 6, 7, and 8 align similar residency requirements for school district, municipal, and special district elections.
Position	
Bill #	HB 14-1050
Title	Increase In Judges In 18th Judicial District
H-Spon	D. Kagan

S-Spon	L. Guzman
Summary	The bill increases the number of judges for the 18th Judicial District (which includes Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert and Lincoln counties) from 21 to 23.
Position	
Bill #	HB 14-1062
Title	Optional Approval Voting In Nonpartisan Elections
H-Spon	J. Singer
S-Spon	D. Balmer
Summary	Approval voting is a type of voting that allows an elector to cast a vote for as many of the candidates per office as the elector chooses. The winner of each office is the candidate who receives the most votes or, for elections in which multiple candidates fill open seats, the winners are those candidates, in a number equal to the number of seats being filled, attaining the greatest number of votes. The bill authorizes cities, towns, counties, cities and counties, school districts, and special districts (collectively, local governments) to conduct nonpartisan elections using approval voting methods on and after November 1, 2014. The Secretary of State is directed to adopt rules and provide advice to local governments regarding approval voting. County clerks may decline to coordinate an election if a local government elects to employ approval voting in the election. The bill makes necessary modifications to current law occasioned by the use of approval voting, such as excluding approval voting from the definition of over vote and adjusting provisions prescribing the form of ballots and automatic recount triggers.
Position	
Bill #	HB 14-1066
Title	County Clerk And Recorder Driver's License Fee
H-Spon	E. Vigil
S-Spon	
Summary	Currently, a county clerk and recorder's office that issues a driver's license may retain \$8 of the fee collected, remitting the remainder to the state. The bill allows the clerk's office to retain \$13.60 of the fee collected in counties of fewer than 100,000 people. This bill is a CCI Legislative Priority for 2014.
Position	Support
Bill #	HB 14-1070
Title	Bidding For County Government Procurement Contracts
H-Spon	P. Lawrence
S-Spon	

Summary	The bill requires a county government to go to bid for an outside contractor if a construction project may be reasonably expected to cost \$100,000 or more. Competitive bidding may include competitive sealed bidding, design-build proposals, construction manager general contractor proposals, or any other form of competitive contracting method that the county chooses. The bill includes an exception to the competitive bidding process requirement if the county government does not receive any bids, the county government has rejected all bids, or the responsible officer determines that it is necessary to make contracts under emergency conditions because a threat to public health, welfare, or safety exists. The bill requires county governments to issue an invitation for bids with adequate public notice. The county is required to open bids publicly in the presence of one or more witnesses at the time and place designated in the invitation for bids. The amount of each bid and the name of each bidder shall be open to public inspection. The bill prohibits a county government from dividing the procurement of construction into 2 or more separate projects for the sole purpose of evading or attempting to evade the competitive bidding process requirement.
Position	
Bill #	HB 14-1087
Title	Prohibit Collective Bargaining Public Employees
H-Spon	J. Everett
S-Spon	
Summary	<p>Employee organizations are currently authorized, through a 2007 executive order, to become the exclusive representative of the state employees in any occupational group or other categorization of state employees (state employees). Employee organizations are also authorized to form partnership agreements with state employees to provide the framework for discussing issues of mutual concern to state employees and the state as an employer.</p> <p>The bill prohibits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The director of the division of labor from accepting a petition from an employee organization to become the exclusive employee representative of state employees, certifying any employee organization as the exclusive representative of state employees, or acting as the agent of any employee organization; • Any representative of the executive branch of state government from negotiating with an employee organization to create an employee partnership agreement; • A political subdivision from accepting a petition from an employee organization to become the exclusive employee representative of political subdivision employees, certifying any employee organization as the exclusive representative of political subdivision employees, or acting as the agent of any employee organization; • A political subdivision from negotiating with an employee organization to create a labor agreement; and • Employee organizations, state employees, representatives of state government, political subdivision employees, and representatives of political

	<p>subdivisions from collective bargaining.</p> <p>The bill terminates any partnership agreement that is currently in effect and that was formed pursuant to Executive Order D 028 07. The bill also terminates any labor contract or labor agreement that is in effect between an employee organization and the state and between an employee organization and a political subdivision. A political subdivision includes a county, city and county, city, town, service authority, school district, local improvement district, law enforcement authority, city or county housing authority, or water, sanitation, fire protection, metropolitan, irrigation, drainage, or other special district, or any other kind of municipal, quasi-municipal, or public corporation organized pursuant to law.</p>
Position	
Bill #	HB 14-1096
Title	Underfunded Courthouse Facilities Grant Program
H-Spon	E. Vigil
S-Spon	G. Schwartz
Summary	<p>The bill creates the Underfunded Courthouse Facility Cash Fund Commission and the Underfunded Courthouse Facility Cash Fund. The commission has 7 members: 2 from CCI, one member from DOLA, 2 members from the judicial branch, one member from the Court Security Cash Fund Commission, and one member who represents the Colorado Historical Society.</p> <p>The commission reviews applications for grants from counties to obtain master planning services for construction or remodeling projects, seek matching funds or leveraging opportunities for construction or remodeling projects, or address emergency needs due to the imminent closure of a court facility. A county's grant application must first be reviewed and approved by the chief judge of the county and the BOCC. The commission then makes recommendations as to which applicants should receive job grants to the state court administrator based on statutory criteria. The state court administrator makes the final grant award decisions, and such decisions are not subject to an appeals process.</p> <p>Grants from the fund may only be awarded to a county with limited financial resources and only if the county has demonstrated good faith in attempting to resolve the issues before seeking a grant, the county has agreed to disclose pertinent financial statements to the commission or the state court administrator for review, and the state court administrator is satisfied that the county does not have significant uncommitted reserves.</p> <p>The bill also appropriates \$1.5 million from the general fund to the Underfunded Courthouse Facility Cash Fund for FY2014-15.</p>
Position	

Bill #	HB 14-1132
Title	Setting Hours for Alcohol Sales (On-Premises Consumption)
H-Spon	C. Duran
S-Spon	P. Steadman
Summary	Current law prohibits a person licensed to sell alcohol beverages for on-premises consumption from serving alcohol beverages between the hours of 2 a.m. and 7 a.m. The bill allows a local government to establish the hours during which alcohol beverages may be sold for on-premises consumption at establishments within the local government's jurisdiction.
Position	
Bill #	HB 14-1144
Title	Deputy District Attorney Compensation And Training
H-Spon	B. Gardner
S-Spon	
Summary	The bill suggests minimum salary requirements for entry-level deputy district attorneys. The counties can set salaries higher than the statutory minimum. The judiciary committees are periodically required to review the salary minimums and suggest statutory changes when appropriate. If a judicial district with fewer than 225,000 residents adopts the minimum salary requirement, the state will contribute 20% toward the minimum salary requirements. If a judicial district with 225,000 or more residents adopts the minimum salary requirement, the state will contribute 10% toward the minimum salary requirements. The bill requires the General Assembly to annually appropriate moneys to the statewide organization representing district attorneys for prosecution training.
Position	
Bill #	SB 14-008
Title	Creation of the Wildfire Information & Resource Center
H-Spon	
S-Spon	E. Roberts
Summary	The bill creates the online Wildfire Information and Resource Center in the Division of Fire Prevention and Control in the Department of Public Safety.
Position	
Bill #	SB 14-045
Title	Responsibility of Local Officials for Wildland Fire Management
H-Spon	
S-Spon	K. Lambert

Summary	The bill amends existing statutory provisions specifying the authority and responsibility among state and local officials in the area of wildfire management to specify the following: In the case of a wildfire that exceeds the capabilities of the fire protection district to control or extinguish, the fire chief is responsible for seeking the assistance of the county sheriff. In connection with the sheriff's authority as the fire warden of the county, the county sheriff is a principal coordinator of the federal, state, or local response to any wildfire. In such capacity, the sheriff may assume any duty or responsibility regularly assumed by a fire protection district in any unincorporated area within the territorial boundaries of the county if the sheriff determines, in the exercise of his or her discretion, that a wildfire exceeds the capability of the fire protection district to control or extinguish.
Position	
Bill #	SB 14-054
Title	Alcohol Beverage License Suspensions Fines
H-Spon	D. Pabon
S-Spon	D. Balmer
Summary	<p>When the state or a local licensing authority issues a final decision suspending an alcohol beverage license or permit for 14 or fewer days, current law permits an alcohol beverage license or permit holder to petition the licensing authority for permission to pay a fine in lieu of the suspension. The licensing authority, in its sole discretion, may permit the licensee or permit holder to pay a fine if it is satisfied that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public welfare and morals will not be impaired by allowing the licensee to operate during the suspension period and that payment of a fine achieves the appropriate discipline; • The licensee's books and records show, with reasonable accuracy, the licensee's projected loss of sales if the suspension occurs; and • The licensee has not had a license or permit suspended or revoked and has not had a suspension stayed by payment of a fine within the last 2 years. <p>The bill allows a licensee, regardless of the length of an ordered suspension, to petition the licensing authority for permission to pay a fine in lieu of the suspension. Additionally, the licensee may petition to pay a fine, and the licensing authority may grant the petition, regardless of whether the licensee had a license suspended or paid a fine in lieu of a suspension within the prior 2 years. The bill retains the requirement that a licensee must not have had a license or permit revoked within the prior 2 years in order to petition to pay a fine in lieu of a suspension.</p>
Position	
Bill #	SB 14-063
Title	Mandatory Review Of State Agency Rules

H-Spon	L. Saine
S-Spon	V. Marble
Summary	<p>The bill codifies an executive order of the governor on the review of executive branch agency rules. No later than January 1, 2015, and periodically thereafter pursuant to a schedule for review established by the Department of Regulatory Agencies, each principal department in state government is required to review its existing rules to determine whether the rules should be continued in their current form, amended, or repealed. The bill requires the applicable rule-making agency or official to consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether the rule is necessary; • Whether the rule overlaps or duplicates other rules of the agency or with other federal, state, or local government rules; • Whether the rule is written in plain language and is easy to understand; • Whether the rule has achieved the desired intent and whether more or less regulation is necessary; • Whether the rule can be amended to give more flexibility, reduce regulatory burdens, or reduce unnecessary paperwork or steps while maintaining its benefits; • Whether the rule is implemented in an efficient and effective manner, including the requirements for the issuance of permits and licenses; and • Whether the rule has been the subject of a cost-benefit analysis or a regulatory analysis in the past 5 years and, if not, whether there has been a stakeholder request for such analysis during that period, and, if so, the reasons for not doing the analysis in response to a stakeholder request. <p>Each rule-making agency or official shall provide public notice of its review of the rules and take input from the public and other state agencies. The department of regulatory agencies shall not schedule mandatory review of a principal department's rules during the year of and during the year following any scheduled sunset review. The principal department shall include the results of each mandatory review of rules as part of its departmental regulatory agenda that it submits to the general assembly as part of the State Measurement for Accountable, Responsive, and Transparent (SMART) Government Act provisions.</p>
Position	
Bill #	SB 14-081
Title	School Building Inspections Plumbing & Electrical
H-Spon	B. Gardner
S-Spon	B. Herpin
Summary	<p>Under current law, electrical and plumbing inspections of school buildings must be performed by state inspectors. The bill removes this requirement, allowing local departments to perform electrical and plumbing inspections of school buildings within their jurisdictions. The bill requires a school district to provide notice to the state whether the school district will use the state or local electrical or plumbing inspectors for school building inspections in the school district. Additionally, a local jurisdiction that ceases to perform plumbing inspections</p>

	shall notify the state in advance and shall reimburse the state for any plumbing inspections that the state must perform if notice is not given. State and local electrical and plumbing inspectors shall inspect school buildings according to the standards specified in the state electrical and plumbing codes.
Position	
Bill #	SB14-84
Title	Elect County Commissioners by Districts
H-Spon	D. Coram
S-Spon	E. Roberts
Summary	In a county with a population of less than 70,000, the board of county commissioners currently consists of 3 members from 3 separate districts, with one commissioner elected from each district by the voters of the whole county. The bill allows the voters of a county to change the method of election so that a commissioner is elected only by voters residing in the district from which the commissioner runs for election. The change can be made either by the board of county commissioners referring a question to the voters or by the qualified electors filing a petition to have the question placed on the ballot. Terms of current commissioners are not affected and the change only affects newly elected commissioners.

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