



LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES AT A GLANCE

Following are Boulder County's legislative priorities for the 2016 legislative session, including references to bills that are expected to be introduced in the General Assembly. Additional bills are likely to be introduced in each of these priority areas throughout the course of the legislative session. Boulder County staff will be active in any legislation introduced in these areas, and we ask for our legislators' support for these bills that are important to us and our constituents.

Hospital Provider Fee: Support conversion of the Hospital Provider Fee to an enterprise fund.

Anticipated legislation:

- Create new hospital provider fee enterprise

Adult Protective Services: Support statutory changes necessary to implement mandatory reporting for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Anticipated legislation:

- Modifications to Human Services code and criminal statutes per SB 15-109 Task Force recommendations

Child Welfare: Support changes to the children's code to allow more kin to access the relative guardian assistance program.

Anticipated legislation:

- Inclusion of allocation of parental responsibilities (APR) and expanded relationships with child in Relative Guardianship Assistance Program

Urban Renewal: Support changes to state statute governing the use of tax-increment financing to ensure faithful implementation of HB 15-1348, the Urban Redevelopment Fairness Act.

Anticipated legislation:

- Technical fixes to HB 15-1348

Public Health: Support legislation to provide public-private parity in bearing the cost of food safety programs in Colorado.

Anticipated legislation:

- Retail Food License Fees

SCFD: Support legislation to place a Scientific and Cultural Facilities District tax reauthorization ballot measure before district voters in 2016.

Anticipated legislation:

- SCFD Tax Reauthorization Ballot Measure

Affordable Housing: Extend the low income housing tax credit beyond 2016.

Anticipated legislation:

- Extension of HB 14-1017 creating state low income housing tax credits

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy: Support legislation and other policy approaches to advance an aggressive energy efficiency and renewable energy agenda for Colorado.

Oil and Gas Authority: Support legislation to preserve and expand local government authority to regulate the land use activities of the oil and gas industry.

BUDGET PRIORITIES AT A GLANCE

In the development of the FY 2016 - 2017 state budget, Boulder County asks for the support of the General Assembly in addressing adequate appropriations for the following important program areas.

State Budget and Fiscal Stability

Hospital Provider Fee: Support conversion of the Hospital Provider Fee to an enterprise fund.

Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Recovery

Wildfire Mitigation Funds: Support funding for wildfire mitigation efforts through the reauthorization of the Department of Natural Resources' Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant Program.

Human Services

County Administration Workload Study: Support funding to update the 2007 County Administration workload study to reflect the increased caseloads and system and business process improvements.

Child Welfare Staff Increases: Support increased funding for additional caseworkers to meet the needs identified through the 2014 Child Welfare workload study.

Adult Protective Services Funding: Support full funding for the implementation of SB 15-109, mandatory reporting for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Alternative Transportation

Multi-modal Investments: Support state funding for the Safe Routes to School program.

Public Health

Family Planning Funding: Support state funding for the Family Planning program.