

2025 Legislative Debrief and Look Ahead

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS STUDY SESSION

July 7, 2025



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Agenda

- 2025 Session Key Takeaways
- 2025 Session Overview
- Looking Ahead
 - CCI Proposals
 - New and Returning Priorities



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2025 Session Key Takeaways

Budget

- \$1.1B GF shortfall
- Appropriates \$17B GF
- **Reductions** – funding for senior services, substance abuse recovery peer services, General Fund transfers for multimodal transp. projects
- **Eliminations** – High income tutoring services
- **Funded** - \$265M increase to K-12, higher ed funding, 3.5% increase to capped resident tuition, +1.65% Medicaid provider rates

Transportation

- **SB25-162:** Transit Reform

Worker's Rights

- **HB25-1001:** Enforcement Wage Hour Laws
- **SB15-005:** Worker Protection Collective Bargaining - **VETO**
- **HB25-1300:** Workers' Compensation Benefits

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Voters & Elections

- **SB25-001:** Colorado Voting Rights Act
- **HB25-1315:** General Assembly Vacancies
- **HB25-1319:** County Commissioner Vacancies

Gun Control

- **SB25-003:** Semiautomatic Firearms and Rapid-Fire Devices

Federal Action & Reaction

- **SB25-276:** Protect Civil Rights Immigration Status
- **HB25-1321:** Support Against Adverse Federal Action



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2025 Session Overview

- Total Bills Introduced: 657
 - 705 in 2024.
- Bills Tracked: 44
 - 54% decrease compared to 2024.
- Adopted Positions: 35
 - 40% decrease compared to 2024.

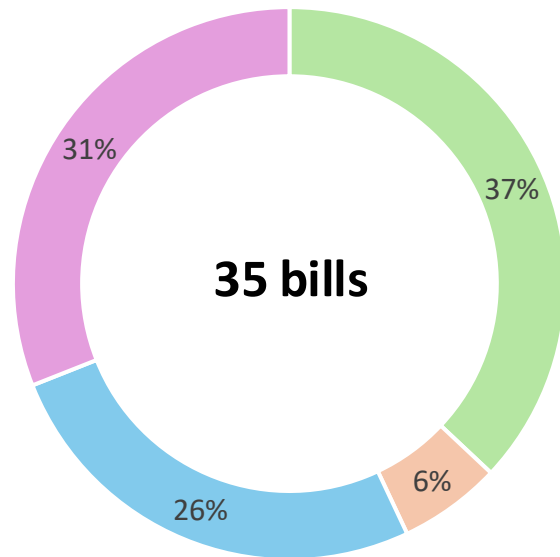
Outcome	# of Bills	% of Adopted Positions
Passed	28	80%
Laid Over	3	8%
Pl'ed	3	8%
Vetoed	1	2%
Total	35	100%



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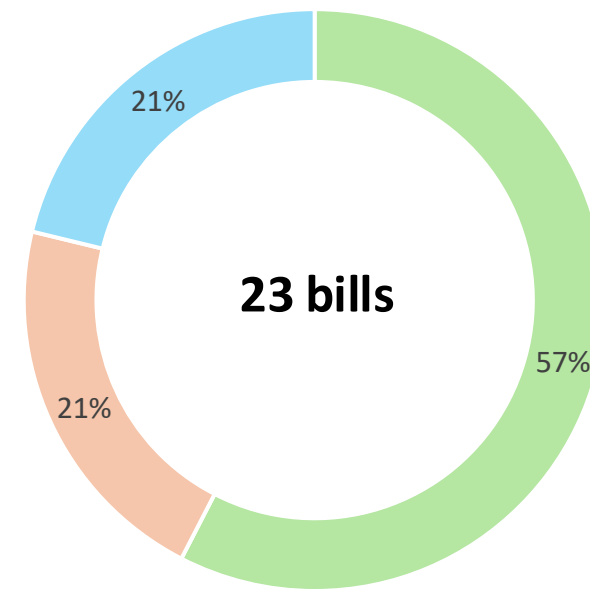
Session Overview: Bill Outcomes

of Bills by Position



■ Support ■ Oppose ■ Amend ■ Monitor

Arapahoe County Bill Outcomes



■ Successful ■ Unsuccessful ■ Mixed Outcomes

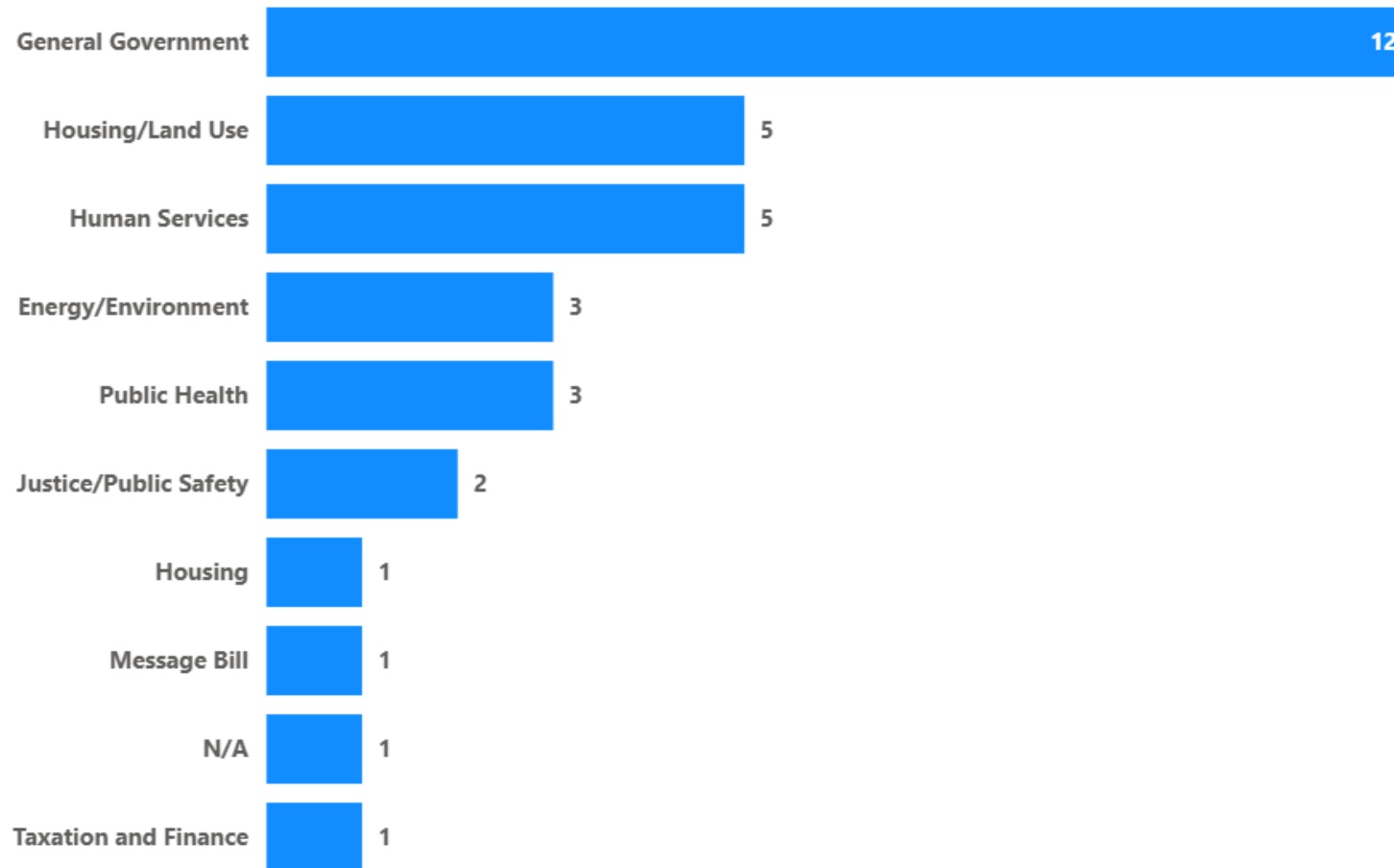


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Session Overview: County Priorities

Priority	Outcome
Secure adequate funding and staffing for the 18th Judicial District to best manage the increase in cases.	
Support the creation of a state-wide children to young adult System of Care.	
Support the overhaul of the Colorado Benefits Management System for benefits services are optimized.	
Participate in the triennial review process to increase food establishment fees.	
Improve funding for affordable housing programs that support people experiencing homelessness.	
Ensure state/federal workforce funding is allocated to local workforce regions.	
Ensure state funding supports alternative sentencing with local community correction programs.	
Partner with State Departments to increase services and treatment placements for the highest acuity children.	
Promote full funding of TANF and CCCAP.	

Session Overview: Activity by Category



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Looking Ahead (LA): July-December 2025

- Legislative
 - 2026 Budget
 - Election Year
 - Special Session Rumors
 - Federal Reconciliation Bill Impact
 - TABOR
- Programmatic
 - NACo Annual Conference (July 11-14)
 - CCI Legislative Proposal Deadline (July 18)
 - CCI Proposed Issues Discussion (July 25)
 - CCAT Summer Retreat (August 7-8)
 - CCI Front Range District Meeting (Aug. 8)
 - CCAT Interim Policy Meetings (Throughout Summer)
 - Legislative Issues Guide (Early October)
 - Legislative Dinner (November)
 - CCI Winter Conference (Dec. 1-3)



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Looking Ahead: CCI Proposals

- BOCC
 - Domestic Violence
 - Political Violence
- PWD
 - Road Maintenance Fund
 - Limiting # of unrelated roommates in a single residence
 - Transportation network buildout reimbursement
- Treasurer
 - Jr. Lienor unfair auction practices
 - Elected official salary changes



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LA: 2025 Legislative Issues

- Ensure the transition of domestic violence cases from the City of Aurora to the 18th Judicial District is adequately resourced to effectively manage the increase in case load.
- Support the creation of a comprehensive, state-wide System of Care that serves children, youth, and young adults.
- Support the overhaul of the Colorado Benefits Management System to ensure benefits and resources are administered in a timely manner.
- Participate in the triennial review process to ensure retail food establishment fees are reflective of actual costs.



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LA: 2025 Legislative Issues Cont.

- Advance and refine access to funding programs that increase affordable housing and support programs for people experiencing homelessness.
- Ensure state and federal workforce funding is allocated to local workforce regions and not diverted to other workforce partners.
- Participate with local community correction programs to ensure state funding can adequately support alternative sentencing.
- Increase services and treatment placements for the highest acuity children in partnership with the General Assembly; the Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health; and the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing.
- Promote the full funding of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) which have been negatively impacted by state and federal legislation.



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LA: Proposed 2026 Legislative Issues

- **Acquire an 18th Judicial District Judgeship.**
- Support the creation of a comprehensive, state-wide System of Care that serves children, youth, and young adults.
- Support the overhaul of the Colorado Benefits Management System to ensure benefits and resources are administered in a timely manner.
- Ensure state and federal workforce funding is allocated to local workforce regions and not diverted to other workforce partners.
- **Ensure proposed changes to community corrections acceptance and placement criteria best meet the needs of our local community.**
- Increase services and treatment placements for the highest acuity children in partnership with the General Assembly; the Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health; and the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing.



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LA: Proposed 2026 Legislative Issues

- Ensure the county is allocated the adequate share of federal funding necessary to deliver mandated and critical, non-mandated services.
- Oppose legislation that places unnecessary constraints on county budgets.
- Support small businesses and expand access to diverse and healthy food options, while prioritizing adherence to food safety options.
- Support County participation in Housing Needs Assessments and Regional Housing Needs Assessments.
- Oppose legislation related to building code that would undermine local authority, create inconsistencies, undue costs, and process delays.
- Oppose the reduction or elimination of various dedicated transportation funds in lieu of funding for other state programs.



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Questions/Discussion

