

To: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors

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Meeting Date	Agenda Category	Agenda Item #
April 19, 2023	Action	11 - B

SUBJECT

This item concerns adoption of positions on state legislative bills as presented by staff.

PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS

Adopt positions on bills presented.

ACTION BY OTHERS

N/A

SUMMARY

The attachment lists bills of interest since the March 15 Board meeting. It includes staff comments and staff recommended positions (relative to the Board adopted Policy Statement on State Legislative Issues) for Board consideration. Note that SB 23-213, which was introduced on March 27, is included in the Board Status of Bills Report as it was considered and acted on at the special Board meeting April 5.

Any additional bills of interest after the Board meeting packet is sent out will be emailed to Board members 48 hours prior to the Board meeting with staff comments and staff recommended positions for review at the meeting per current Board policy.

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

N/A

PROPOSED MOTION

Move to approve positions on state legislative issues.

ATTACHMENT

Legislative Report – New Bills as of April 17, 2023

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Should you have any questions regarding legislative bills, please contact Douglas W. Rex, Director, Executive Director at 303-480-6747 or drex@drcog.org; or Rich Mauro, Senior Policy and Legislative Analyst at 303-480-6778 or rmauro@drcog.org.

DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
 NEW BILLS--2023 SESSION
 As of 4-17-23

Bill No.	Short Title/Bill Summary	Sponsors	Status	Recommended Position	*FN	Staff Comments	Legislative Policy
AGING BILL							
HB1243	Hospital Community Benefit- makes changes to the hospital community benefit and imposes certain requirements on the public presentation of each hospital's community implementation plan and reporting of the plan.	Amabile/ Moreno	House Public & Behavioral Health & Human Services	Support	FN	The bill was heavily amended in committee, including an amendment requested by DRCOG staff. The amendment clarifies that hospital investments in “social determinants of health” include spending on individuals’ need. This will open up options for funding services such as meals, transportation and housing.	DRCOG supports collaboration and partnerships to better meet the service needs of older adults consistent with DRCOG’s responsibilities as an Area Agency on Aging and an ADRC.
HOUSING BILL							
HB1255	Regulating Local Housing Growth Restrictions- declares that the state has an interest in encouraging housing growth statewide, preempts any existing local housing growth restriction, and forbids the enactment or enforcement of any future local housing growth restriction, unless the local government has experienced a disaster emergency.	Lindstedt & Dickson/ Gonzales	House Floor	Amend	FN	Staff is supportive of proposed amendments being offered by CCI (also supported by CML) to (1) remove the definitions of “anti-growth law” and “land use law” and simply state the prohibition (2) remove language that precludes “temporary moratoria” as currently allowed by law.	DRCOG supports the use of comprehensive/master plans as the foundation for local land use decision-making.

*FN = Fiscal Note