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Legislative Session Info

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Issues Affecting Municipalities

- Broadband
- Housing
- Employment
- Marijuana
- Municipal Courts
- Oil & Gas
- Public Safety
- Sustainability
- Tax & Finance
- Transportation

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Broadband

Broadband Easements

- This remains an ongoing conversation, which is complicated by a lot of history on the issue. An introduced version of the bill presented several issues. A strike below has been provided to CML but it is unclear if that version will be heard in committee.

152 Repeal and other Broadband-related issues

- Repeal discussed but never really materialized

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Housing

Funding for Affordable Housing

- Potential legislation establishing a permanent funding source for affordable housing.
- HB 19-1228: expands the affordable housing tax credit program in the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority.

Rent Stabilization

- SB 19-225: removes the prohibition on local governments enacting rent control ordinances. Complicated issue and more expansive than narrow fix needed.

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Employment

One of this session's "big ticket" subject areas

- SB 188 Family Medical Leave Insurance – wage replacement. Boggled down in Senate Finance. Future uncertain. CML opposed.
- HB 1210 - Local government authority to establish a higher minimum wage. Working with sponsors & employer groups on establishing appropriate guardrails. CML support.

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Marijuana

On-premise Consumption

- HB 1230 – "Hospitality Establishments." Two types but complete local control and ability to further restrict.
- CCIAA exemption also at local option. CML formerly opposed

Delivery

- HB 1234 – Full scale delivery in jurisdictions that allow MMJ/RMJ and subsequently approve delivery.
- Allows restrictions on delivery. No crossing jurisdictions. CML formerly opposed with amendments.

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Municipal Courts

Criminal Justice Reform

- Bail and Bond Reform
 - HB 19-1225: removes monetary bail for municipal ordinance violations that do not have a comparable state misdemeanor.
- Juvenile Expungement
 - Potential bill that will clean-up current juvenile expungement statute.

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Oil & Gas

SB 19-181

- SB 181 was introduced in the beginning of March and made its way through six committee hearings and extensive floor debate in both chambers. During this time, several significant amendments were added at the request of CML and other stakeholders including:
 - Clarifying that local governments have jurisdiction to regulate surface impacts of oil and gas
 - Clarify that local governments have authority within their own jurisdiction
 - Clarifying that local governments may have more stringent regulations than the state

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Public Safety

Opioid Epidemic

- SB 19-008: Substance Abuse in the Criminal Justice System.
 - Adds certain drug offenses to streamlined record sealing process
 - Increases funding for Law Enforcement to work with other local entities on harm reduction programs.
- HB 19-1009: Substance Abuse Recovery
 - Creates guidelines that sober living homes must follow in order to operate.

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Sustainability

Plastics and Recyclable Materials

- CML staff has authority to pursue a repeal of the statutory preemption on the prohibition of plastic products by local governments.
- 100% Renewable Energy by 2040?

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Tax and Finance

Sales Tax

- SB 6 - Interim Sales & Use Tax Task Force – RFP for single point of remittance system
- HB 1240 - State rules. De minimis. Sourcing rules.

Property Tax

- New RAR was expected to be 6.95% - down from 7.2%. Gov. Polis just announced workaround to keep 7.2%.
- No Gallagher questions currently planned for 2019 ballot

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Transportation

Transportation Funding

- SB 18-001 & SB 19-207
 - \$2.34 billion bonding measure referred to voters in 2019.
 - \$150 million GF appropriation to HUTF with local shareback
 - \$100 million GF appropriation to SHF

Long-term Funding Strategy

- With the defeat of Propositions 109 and 110 at the ballot box in 2018, finding a statewide funding solution for transportation will be a top priority.

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Thank you!

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