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## 2020 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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### Housing

#### Priority I

- Distribution of New Housing Funds: Review and react to the Division of Housing's recommendations for distribution of new state housing funds secured in the 2019 legislative session. Work to prioritize local control of these funds and flexibility to support a range of median area income programs.
  - Review and react to legislation or regulatory action that will limit flexibility of these funds by dedicating a percentage for specific purposes, including homeownership.
- Strategic Housing Group- Review and revise current proposal for statewide housing strategy board to emphasize diversity and flexibility in the board's duties and representation. Work with the Division of Housing to create a strategic housing body within the Division, possibly as an outgrowth of the current State Housing Board.

#### Priority II

- Inclusionary Zoning- Support legislation to expanding local authority to pursue inclusionary zoning.
- Colorado Housing Finance Authority Tax Credits: - Review and react to legislation that would allow private developers to benefit from tax credits available under CHFA.
- Short Term Rental Designation
  - Review and react to legislation which seeks to define STRs in statute for the purpose of local regulation.
  - Support legislation to extend county authority to require business licenses for STRs.

### Transportation

#### Priority I

- Empowered Metropolitan Planning Organizations - Review and react to legislation providing additional tools for local government to secure regional transportation funds. Consider impact on long-term potential for statewide solutions in favor of region-specific transportation initiatives and the potential negative impacts to rural Colorado.

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- 2020 Referred Funding Measure – Seek to delay or discontinue 2020 transportation bonding referred measure. Such measure is slated for the Nov. 2020 ballot unless proactive change is passed by the legislature.
- Gas Tax/Fee- Review and react to legislation which would alter/update the Colorado gas tax to be a fee or enterprise.
- Governor’s Transportation Roundtable – Continue active engagement with this statewide stakeholder group seeking viable solutions to Colorado’s transportation challenges.

## Health Care

### Priority I

- State Reinsurance Program – Advocate for viable funding mechanisms to ensure full rollout of the state reinsurance program passed in 2019.
- Public Option- Review and react to Public Option legislation. CCAT focus is on balancing the intended benefits to Colorado citizens with any potential adverse impacts such as increased costs to rural hospitals and limits on provider access/choice.
- Health Care Purchasing Alliances- Advocate for continued local authority over healthcare purchasing alliance and protect against any regulatory over-reach by the state.

### Priority II

- Tobacco/Nicotine Control Legislation- Support legislation addressing access and usage of tobacco and nicotine products to youth, including:
  - Raise minimum age to 21 for the purchase of such products along with a retail licensing framework to ensure enforcement
  - Bans and limits on e-cigarette flavors

## Environmental Resilience

### Priority II

- Environmental Legislation- Review and react to legislation that seeks to support sustainable tourism and ensure access to state recreational parks and wilderness areas.
- Ecological Study- Monitor legislation to require state supported study of the health impacts of oil and gas development.

## Human Services

### Priority II

- State Human Services Budget-Monitor and react to FY 2020-21 budget deliberations that impact county human services, particularly on the Family First Prevention Services Act. Work with other county groups in this effort.
- Universal Pre-Kindergarten Ballot Measure-Work to ensure that Colorado Childcare Assistance Program (CCAP) and Colorado Preschool Program (CPP) are included and funded in any potential program.

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- Child Welfare Staffing-support efforts to continue and potentially increase funding allocated for county child welfare organizations including staffing needs.

### Fiscal Reform

#### Priority I

- Governor Polis' Fiscal Reform Group – Continue to participate in formal capacity. Review and determine action needed on emerging policy proposals.

### Other

#### Priority II

- Family Leave Program - Monitor and provide updates on legislation, regulatory and budget efforts to create a state program for paid family leave for Colorado employees.