



Legislation Text

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PURPOSE

Staff will provide an update on the key bills proposed in the 2020 Colorado legislative session. Council is requested to provide guidance on if there are any bills the Council desires to monitor or take a formal position of support or opposition.

STRATEGIC FOCUS AREA

Strong Regional Relationships and Partnerships

BACKGROUND

During the legislative session each year, staff follow proposed pieces of state legislation that have a potential to impact how the City of Brighton provides critical services to the residents. This staff report outlines several bills that have been introduced and have been identified by staff as those having the greatest impact at this time to the City of Brighton. As the legislative session progresses, additional bills may be added to this list necessitating coming back to City Council for direction.

The City of Brighton is a member of the Colorado Municipal League (CML), whose primary mission is to advocate for matters that impact municipalities in Colorado. Both the City Council and staff participate in various committee's that CML hosts on a regular basis. From time to time, CML will reach out to its member municipalities for help in either supporting or opposing a piece of legislation. However, that activity does not preclude the City of Brighton from taking its own position on a proposed bill if the need arises. This occurs largely because CML represents all municipalities in Colorado and there may be instances where the interests of the City of Brighton may be slightly different than those from the larger CML membership.

The lens through which staff evaluates these proposed bills is on whether the bills will reduce or limit our home rule control or create unfunded state mandated measures or will help the city with achieving its strategic goals.

OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

The City Council has three options when reviewing these items. City Council may:

1. Direct staff to send a letter of support to the legislature on a proposed bill or ask staff to testify to support the bill;
2. Direct staff to send a letter of opposition to the legislature on a proposed bill or ask staff to testify against a bill;
3. Provide no direction to staff, which would mean staff will continue to monitor the bill.