



## MEMORANDUM

To: Boards of County Commissioners & County Staff

From: Kelly Flenniken & Katie First, CCI

Date: Monday, June 3, 2024

Subject: Development of CCI's 2025 Legislative Priorities

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Each session, CCI proactively initiates member-approved legislation. CCI-initiated bills address inefficiencies, launch new programs, create new regulatory tools counties can use to address the needs of their communities, and revise existing laws to better reflect on-the-ground implementation realities. CCI members approve, on average, six to eight issues each year, which is more than any other association. Additionally, CCI works to ensure that bills do not result in unfunded mandates for counties and are properly resourced for successful implementation.

Per [CCI's Policy Statement](#):

“...initiated legislation should be realistic and closely related to the conduct of our members' responsibilities if we are to retain a high level of credibility. Local elected officials' groups, county and otherwise, as well as other interest groups should be encouraged to find sponsors for and initiate their own proposals, allowing our members and CCI to take a supportive role when the bill is introduced.”

**If you would like to submit a proposal for consideration by your CCI peers, please complete this [PDF form](#) or download this [Microsoft Word version](#) and please consider reviewing [this sample form from a previous year](#). Commissioners are encouraged to confer with their county managers, administrators, attorneys, and department heads to determine what issues are the most pressing and are shared by other counties around the state. All completed legislative priority forms must have the support of the entire Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). Additionally, the lead commissioner proponent for a proposal should be continuing their service as a commissioner in 2025.**

Please note, CCI staff relies heavily on the support and expertise of the proponent county for issues that ultimately receive approval as a CCI legislative priority. This can take many forms and can include relying on commissioners and staff to lead stakeholder meetings, drafting proposed statutory language, securing support among commissioner peers, meeting with and considering feedback from opponents, etc.

Meetings and deadlines are outlined below and reflect requirements according to [CCI Bylaws](#) (see Article V, Section 5 & 5 and Article XI, Section 5).

Contact Kelly Flenniken ([kflenniken@ccionline.org](mailto:kflenniken@ccionline.org), 970-778-1118) or Katie First ([kfirst@ccionline.org](mailto:kfirst@ccionline.org), 614-774-6261) should you have any questions or require any additional information.



**2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES & KEY MEETING DATES**

The 2025 legislative priorities will be established by full CCI membership on **October 4, 2024**. In advance of that meeting, please note the following key dates:

- **July 12, 2024:** Proposed priorities must be submitted to CCI staff. To submit a proposal, use this form and return to Katie First ([kfirst@ccionline.org](mailto:kfirst@ccionline.org)). CCI encourages each BOCC to consider which proposals they would adopt and be willing to advocate for.
- **July 19, 2024** (9am – 4pm): Proposed 2025 Legislative Priorities Discussion (virtual)
- **September 13, 2024:** Deadline for additions/edits to proposed legislative priorities and policy statements to be submitted to Katie First ([kfirst@ccionline.org](mailto:kfirst@ccionline.org)).

<b>CCI DISTRICT MEETINGS</b>	
<i>Front Range:</i> Friday, August 9, 2024	<i>Mountain:</i> Thursday, August 22, 2024
<i>Western:</i> Friday, August 23, 2024	<i>Southern:</i> Friday, September 6, 2024
<i>Eastern:</i> Friday, September 13, 2024	

(These meetings are a good opportunity to share ideas, and garner support for proposed legislative priorities)

- **September 20, 2024** (9am – 4pm): Steering Committee Meetings (hybrid) to discuss proposed priorities. There will be no official votes taken. (Straw polls are available to gauge support for concepts at the request of the proponent.)
- **September 27, 2024:** Deadline to identify the designed voter during the Legislative Committee meeting . The designee **MUST** be a county commissioner. This is separate from the Steering Committee proxy. Use this form and submit to Katie First ([kfirst@ccionline.org](mailto:kfirst@ccionline.org)).
- **October 4, 2024** (9am – 4pm): Legislative Committee and General Membership Meeting. CCI membership will fully consider and vote on the 2025 legislative agenda and adopt 2025 Policy Statement. We will consider the collective political capital and staff resources for the 2025 legislative agenda and Non-Legislative Priority items. A 65% vote is required for adoption (one county = one vote)

Notes:

- Commissioners and staff members are invited to all meetings and may be asked to present or answer questions if available.
- Legislative Issues may be withdrawn at any time.
- Non-Legislative Priorities: CCI will work to pursue and support items as bandwidth allows. This work could include facilitating discussions, seeking rulemaking, nurturing stakeholder relationships, etc.
- To ensure full and equitable consideration of all legislative priorities, steering committee order will be randomized on 9/20/24 and 10/4/24.