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Beer and Liquor

HB22-1142: Alcohol Beverages Extended Service Hours Permit

- Rep. Snyder
- The bill allows a local government to choose if they'd like to offer an Extended Service Hours Permit. On-premises consumption establishments would apply to either open early- at 5a.m.- or stay open later- until 4a.m.- but could not do both. CML is in a support if amended position on this bill, requesting that the approved local permit be submitted with the state permit application.



Criminal Justice

Governor's Safety Plan

HB22-1003: Youth Prevention Grant Program

SB22-001: Safer Streets Grant Program SB22-005: Resources for Officers and Recruitment

Lobbyist: Meghan Dollar



Employment

Collective Bargaining

HB22-1151: Adverse Action for Employee Marijuana Use

 The bill mandates employers not take adverse action on their employees for medical marijuana use on premises and during work hours, or for retail marijuana use after hours.



Housing

HB22-1051: Affordable Housing Tax Credit

- Rep. Bird, Rep. Mckean; Sen. Zenzinger, Sen. Hisey
- The bill continues and expands the state affordable housing tax credit through CHFA

American Rescue Plan Act Funding for Affordable Housing and Homelessness



Municipal Courts

HB22-1067: Clarifying Changes to Ensure Prompt Bond Hearings

- Rep. Woodrow, Rep. Gonzales-Gutierrez; Sen. Lee
- Under current law, a municipal court must hold a bond hearing within two calendar days excluding Sundays and federal holidays if the person is detained in jail on a municipal hold and has not received a personal recognizance (PR) bond. This bill requires municipal courts to hold the bond hearing within 48 hours after a jail provides the court notice that a person has been detained on a solely a municipal hold, beginning January 1, 2023.



Public Health

SB22-120: Regulation of Kratom Processors

- Sen. Ginal, Sen. Coram; Rep. Sullivan
- The bill creates statewide regulations for the substance kratom, including requiring registration of processors, minimum purchase age of 18 years, and required reporting of any adverse impacts. CML is requesting an amendment to ensure that local governments are still able to enact stricter ordinances than what is in the legislation. CML is in a neutral position on this bill.

HB22-1064: Prohibit Flavored Tobacco Regulate Synthetic Nicotine

- Rep. Mullica, Rep. Bacon; Sen. Priola, Sen. Fields
- The bill bans the sale, marketing, advertising and display of flavored tobacco and nicotine products. Additionally, it creates a grant program to help communities disproportionately impacted by tobacco and nicotine usage. Though there is concern with local control and negative impacts to both state and local revenue, there is also large concern with the youth vaping epidemic throughout CML's membership. CML is neutral on this bill.



Sustainability

HB22-1159: Waste Diversion And Circular Economy Development Center

- Rep. Cutter; Sen. Priola
- The bill creates a Circular Economy Development Center in CDPHE to support end markets for recycled commodities and compost in Colorado. and the Recycling Resources Economic Opportunity Fund. The center is repealed September 1, 2030. The bill will make it easier for local governments to increase recycling rates statewide. The bill also eliminates grant award limitations under the Front Range Waste Diversion (FRWD) Enterprise (enterprise) and extends the repeal date of the enterprise to September 1, 2030.

Extended Producer Responsibility (Not Introduced)

- Rep. Cutter; Sen. Priola, Sen. Gonzales
- The bill, which should be introduced by the middle of March, will create an Extended Producer Responsibility program in Colorado. This program will allow companies to pay into a system, which will then provide, or reimburse local governments for, recycling services statewide.



Taxation

HB22-1024: Sales Tax Exemption for Public School Projects

- Rep. Bird, Rep. Woog; Sen. Hansen, Sen. Kolker
- The bill attempts to extend the state sales tax exemption for public school projects to home rule municipalities



Transportation

HB22-1028: Statewide Regulation of Controlled Intersections

- Rep. Gray, Rep. Hooton; Sen. Winter, Sen. Priola
- Under current law, local governments may adopt regulations to allow bicycles, electric-assisted bicycles, electric scooters, and other non-motorized vehicles to make safety stops at intersections under certain circumstances. This bill removes local government authority over intersections and implements a safety stop policy throughout the state.



Utilities

Undergrounding Transparency

- Sen. Bridges
- CML Policy Committee voted to pursue legislation for a more transparent process with respect to the undergrounding of electric utility lines, including competitive bidding and a full disclosure of the costs associated for projects paid for by the public jurisdictions. CML is actively working on drafting and stakeholding this language now.

HB22-1013: Microgrids for Community Resilience Grant Program

- Rep. Pelton, Rep. Snyder; Sen. Hisey, Sen. Winter
- The bill creates a \$5 million grant program for cooperative electric associations and municipally owned utilities to purchase microgrid resources for eligible rural communities located within their service territories, specifically areas at risk of severe weather or natural disaster events with community anchor institutions. CML is supporting this bill.



Wildfire

HB22-1007: Assistance Landowner Wildfire Mitigation

- Rep. D. Valdez, Rep. Lynch; Sen. Simpson, Sen. Lee
- The bill provides funding to local governments for outreach to landowners around wildfire mitigation opportunities and best practices. CML is supporting this bill.

HB22-1011: Wildfire Mitigation Incentives for Local Governments

- Rep. Cutter, Rep. Snyder; Sen. Story, Sen. Lee
- The bill provides matching funds for local governments who have dedicated revenue sources to be used specifically for fire mitigation projects. This can be anything from a sales tax or mill levy or spending from general funds on a long term basis. CML is supporting this bill.

HB22-1012: Wildfire Mitigation and Recovery

- Rep. Cutter, Rep. D. Valdez; Sen. Ginal, Sen. Lee
- The bill provides additional funding to the Forest Restoration and Wildfire Risk Mitigation Fund and expands projects eligible to be funded through the program to include tree removal and re-seeding efforts to combat soil erosion post-wildfire. CML is supporting this bill.

HB22-1194: Local Firefighter Safety Resources

- Rep. McCluskie, Rep. Ransom
- This bill already passed the legislature and was signed into law. It provides \$5 million to the Department of Public Safety to disburse to local governments for firefighter safety equipment and training. CML supported the bill.



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