

CCI LEGISLATIVE ISSUE FORM

for 2018 Legislative session

CCI is soliciting potential legislative issues for the 2018 legislative session. Please answer each of the questions below for each of your county's legislative issues. If your county submits multiple issue forms, please prioritize your issues. Submitted issues are discussed during the summer steering committees and district meetings. We encourage you to confer with your county managers or administrators and department heads, as well as other elected officials, to determine what issues are the most pressing in your county and have implications for other counties. All submitted issues forms must have the support of the Board of County Commissioners or the Mayor/City and County Council.

In accordance with the Legislative Principles that are part of 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."

Please fax or email your issue forms to Jeanne DeHaven at 303.861.2818 or jdehaven@ccionline.org. Please feel free to use more than one page when submitting issues and to submit additional documentation or background information related to the issue. Legislative Issue Forms should be returned by **Friday, June 30, 2017** in order to be discussed during the summer legislative review and steering committee meetings.

Name: _____ Title: Chair, BOCC _____

County: Weld County _____ Phone: 970-336-7204 _____ Email: jcozad@weldgov.com

1.) Issue: Flexibility with Adoption Money

2.) Background: Concern that State will take a larger roll in adoption subsidy negotiations and require higher subsidies but use County Block money in those negotiations.

3.) Proposed Solution/Legislative Remedy (Please provide the specific statutory citation your board is requesting to modify AND the proposed language you are requesting.) Make it clear in statute that counties are in charge of negotiating adoption subsidies and if not, the state cannot use county block grant money to negotiate higher subsidies. Amend 26-7-102 to add something such as the following: (2) In most cases, the county which has custody of the child is the entity that negotiates the subsidy rates with the adoptive parents. If the department takes over a negotiation in any certain case, the department may not use county block grant money to increase a subsidy.

4.) County Commissioner role in this issue? If State requires higher adoption subsidies, it could result in counties having to pitch in additional county only money.

5.) Proponents/Opponents (Please indicate if your board has had conversations with proponents/opponents to date and their perspective on this proposal): We have not yet spoken with proponents or opponents about this proposal

6.) Have you visited with your legislator(s) about their reaction to this proposal? Are members of your delegation likely to sponsor, support, or oppose this proposal? Have not visited with legislators.

7.) Anticipated Fiscal Impact: Should not be an impact from legislation. It is clarifying current practice

8.) Please list the subject matter experts CCI staff can follow-up with for more information on this proposal: Lennie Bottorff and Jamie Ulrich

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9.) Priority Ranking (If multiple issues submitted):