

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.

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- 1.) Issue: **FOREST IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS**
- 2.) Background **Since the adoption of title 32, article 18 in 2007, no Forest Improvement Districts have been created in Colorado. The statute only allows for the levy of a sales tax. It does not contemplate the levy of a property tax to fund this type of special district.**
- 3.) Proposed Solution/Legislative Remedy (Please provide the specific statutory citation your board is requesting to modify AND the proposed language you are requesting.)
Amend CRS 32-18-106 to specifically allow the powers of the Board of a Forest Improvement District to levy a property tax in addition to, or in the alternative of, its powers to levy a sales tax, subject to section 20 article X of the state constitution.
- 4.) County Commissioner role in this issue?
Commissioner Tisdell has been active in many aspects of both local, regional, and state-wide forest health initiatives.
- 5.) Proponents/Opponents (Please indicate if your board has had conversations with proponents/opponents to date and their perspective on this proposal):
State Forest Health Advisory Council has been polled on this question, and indicated this would be a good idea.
- 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?
We believe that Don Coram and possibly Barbara McLachlan would be interested in sponsoring the bill.
- 7.) Anticipated Fiscal Impact:
Possible positive fiscal impact to the State, where less pressure would be put on the state to fund forest health where local funds have become available.
- 8.) Please list the subject matter experts CCI staff can follow-up with for more information on this proposal:
Mike Morgan, DFPC; Mike Lester, State Forrester; Dan Gibbs, original author of this bill.
- 9.) Priority Ranking (If multiple issues submitted):