



CCI Colorado
Counties, Inc.

ELEVATING IMPACT. UNIFYING COLORADO.

2025 LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UP

JUNE 3, 2025

Agenda

- 2025 Legislative Session Recap
- 2025 CCI Legislative Priorities Outcomes
- 2025 Session Highlights
- 2026 Legislative Priorities – Process & Key Dates
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2025 SESSION RECAP

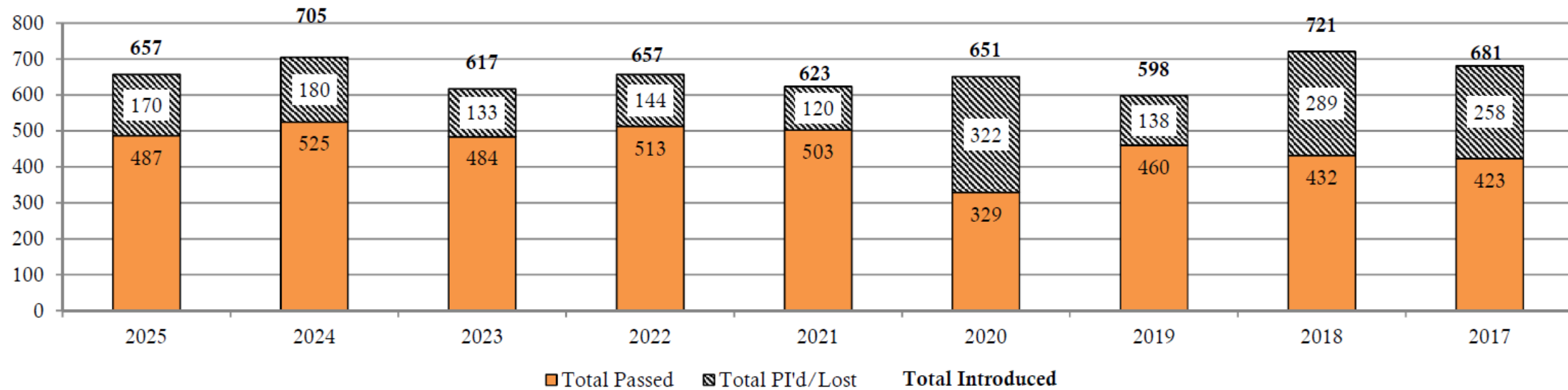


2025 Session Bills

	Introduced	Pl'd / Lost	Passed	Percent Passed
House Bills	335	119	216	64%
Senate Bills	322	51	271	84%
Total	657	170	487	74%

Historical Comparison

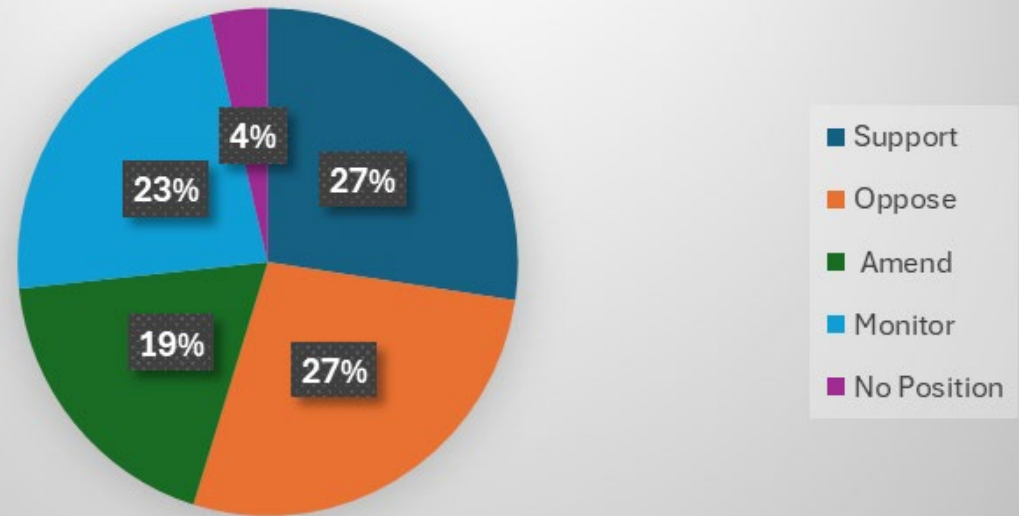
Multiple Session Comparison



CCI Bill Positions

- 135 Total Bills

2025 CCI Steering Committee
Snapshot



2025 Legislative Priorities

HB25-1247

K. Stewart (D), K. McCormick (D)

D. Roberts (D), C. Simpson (R)

County Lodging Tax Expansion

Allows counties, with voter approval, to increase the lodging tax rate from 2% up to 6%. It also permits the use of lodging tax revenue for additional purposes.

Signed by Gov. Polis on May 13,
2025



HB25-1110

T. Winter (R), M. Duran (D)

B. Pelton (R), R. Rodriguez (D)

Railroad Crossing Maintenance Costs

Establishes new cost-sharing rules for maintaining existing railroad crossings. If the road authority responsible for a crossing is not a local government, maintenance costs must be shared equally between the railroad entity and the applicable road authority.

Signed by Gov. Polis on April 10,
2025



2025 Session Highlights

Reagan Shane (LUNR, TRED, AWRA)

HB25-1169 (*Housing Developments on Faith and Educational Land*)

- CCI opposed on various grounds
- Bill died in the Senate

HB25-1096 (*Automated Permits for Clean Energy Technology*)

- Protracted fight to remove mandated software adoptions
- Scaled back to only county-requested fixes to SolarAPP grant program

SB25-002 (*Regional Building Codes for Factory-Built Structures*)

- Secured amendments to protect public safety and increase local representation
- Brought us to Support position
- Will be keeping a close eye on these as regional codes develop

Dylan Peper (Tax & Finance)

HB25-1247 (*County Lodging Tax Expansion*)

- Allows counties, with voter approval, to increase the lodging tax rate from 2% to up to 6%
- Expanded Uses: Permits the use of lodging tax revenue for additional purposes, including:
 - Advertising and marketing local tourism
 - Housing and childcare for the tourism-related workforce
 - Facilitating and enhancing visitor experiences
 - Public infrastructure maintenance and improvements
 - Enhancing public safety measures, such as funding local law enforcement, fire protection services, and emergency medical services

Meghan MacKillop (GG & TT)

Budget Overview

- The JBC began with a \$1.2 billion deficit, and largely pushed hard decisions to next year
- However, they did make significant cuts to CDOT, and specifically the MMOF and Main Street Revitalization Grant Program

HB25-1056 (*Local Government Permitting Wireless Telecommunications Facilities*)

- Secured amendments to the bill that would put requirements in line with federal statute and to allow for flexibilities when local governments have affordable housing permits
- Brought us to a neutral position

HB25-1319 (*County Commissioner Vacancies*)

- Worked with the county clerks to secure amendments to clarify the population threshold and to exclude home rule counties

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SB25-030 (*Increase Transportation Mode Choice Reduce Emissions*)

- Worked with the sponsors to remove local government mandates, placing any requirements on metropolitan planning organizations
- Brought us to a neutral position

HB25-1286 (*Protecting Workers from Extreme Temperatures*)

- CCI had an oppose position and the bill was postponed indefinitely in the first committee

Kevin Neimond (JPS & HHS)

Budget Overview

- Secured \$25 million (\$15 million for the current fiscal year and \$10 million for the next fiscal year) to cover a portion of the increased costs for the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program
- Defeated an effort to cut \$3 million from child welfare services
- Supported state agency funding requests to provide more funding for county administration of both Medicaid and SNAP, as well as funds to make operational improvements to the Colorado Benefits Management System (CBMS)

Kevin Neimond (JPS & HHS)

SB25-276 (*Protect Civil Rights Immigration Status*)

- Secured amendments to reduce county workload and costs
- Secured amendments to remove restrictions on federal authorities accessing parts of jails not open to the public

SB25-142 (*Changes to Wildfire Resiliency Code Board*)

- County-led effort to gives governing bodies more time to implement local codes based on those developed by the Wildfire Resiliency Code Board

SB25-081 (*Treasurer's Office*)

- Secured an amendment adding county courthouse facility construction projects to the list of infrastructure projects eligible for funding under the financing authority established in this bill
- Added a county representative to the financing authority board

Kevin Neimond (JPS & HHS)

HB25-1097

(Placement Transition Plans for Children)

- Secured amendments to decrease the prescriptiveness of the child welfare practice changes included in the bill

HB25-1271 *(Federal Benefits for Youth in Foster Care)*

- Secured amendments to limit the scope of the changes
- Secured amendments to delay the bill's implementation
- Secured amendments to ensure state-level technical assistance
- Compiled data and an analysis that led to the issuance of a fiscal note that requires the state to fund their share of the bill's costs upon implementation

SB25-294 *(Behavioral Health Services for Medicaid Members)*

- Received a delay in the implementation of a change to child welfare residential services to allow for change management and planning activities

2025 Mandates & Authorities Table

Will be available on the CCI Website after the Governor's deadline for signature.

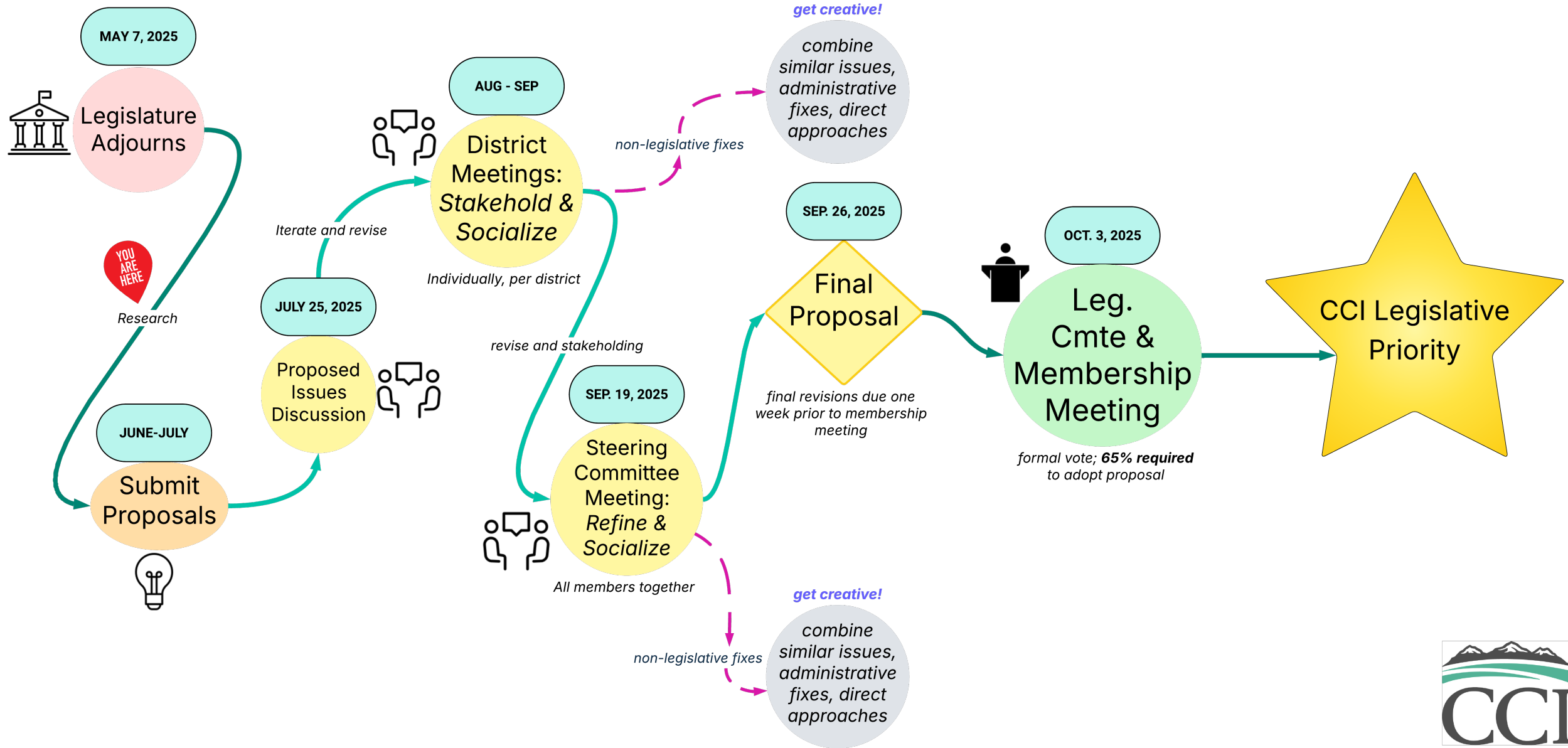
Navigate to the *Legislative Sessions* page to learn more.



- Memo & Proposal Form will be emailed Thursday (6/5) with details
- Deadline to submit initial proposals
 - *Friday, July 18*
- Proposed Issues Discussion
 - *Friday, July 25*
- Details available on the CCI Website! Navigate to the *Legislative Priorities* page to learn more.

CCI 2026 Legislative Priorities Proposal Process

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Summer Homework

Get to know and/or connect with your Legislators!

Thank them for their hard work and dedication from session.

Tell them about issues facing your county.

THANK YOU!

