

2026 Legislative Priority Proposals
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Stipulations on for-profit use Colorado open records act	
Prowers County	
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Co-Sponsoring Counties/Commissioners:	None.
Who is your subject matter expert?	Don Wilson, County Administrator, 719-336-8025
Has this proposal been approved by your BoCC?	Yes.
Have you reviewed the CCI Instructional Memo?	Yes.
Describe the problem your proposal will solve.	More and more, Counties are receiving CORA request from for-profit entities, that use open records laws as an inexpensive way of conducting market research to gain a competitive edge. This leaves the taxpayers on the hook for staff time and research cost, while only benefiting individual entities.
Areas of Impact:	Day-to-day operations of the county; Use of Taxpayer Dollars
What is the ultimate source of this problem?	Statute.
What is your initial proposal to solve this problem?	Still working on a solution.
Please provide sample language for this solution.	N/A
Are there any solutions that do not require state-level legislation? Has your county explored these alternatives?	No current alternates solutions.
Has CCI or any other organizations sought a solution to this problem before?	Not sure.

What possible organization(s) would support your proposed solution?	Non-profits organizations.
What possible organization(s) would oppose your proposed solution?	Corporate entities.
Have you spoken with any legislators about your proposed solution? If so, what was their response?	Rep. Soper.
What are the financial implications of this problem to your county? Are there any financial implications to this solution either?	A solution could result in cost savings.
What are the financial implications of this problem to any other impacted parties? What are the financial implications of this solution to any other impacted parties? <i>Please consider any relevant Colorado State Departments.</i>	Unknown.
Staff Feedback	<p><u>Risk / Difficulty:</u> Medium – Based on SB 25-077, this specific provision still faces opposition from the Governor’s office and from business entities. However, the sponsors are working with the Governor’s office to determine what he is comfortable with.</p> <p><u>Time Commitment:</u> Medium – The same sponsors of SB 25-077 have already committed to running a bill and have pulled a title. Staff recommends treating this as a tier 2 priority, offering support in testimony and lobbying.</p>