

2026
LEGISLATIVE SESSION
WRAP-UP

Advocacy in Action



Colorado Counties, Inc.

Agenda



Session Overview



Priority Bills



Key Wins & Outcomes



Advocacy in Action
(Lobbyist Highlights)



Tools & Resources



What's Next

2026 SESSION OVERVIEW

2026 Session Overview

626

Bills
Introduced

449

Bills
Passed

72%

Passage
Rate

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Historical Overview

	TOTAL BILLS INTRODUCED							
	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
House	433*	335	472*	311	418*	330	427*	335
Senate	193	322*	233	306*	239	293*	224	263*
TOTAL Bills	626	657	705	617	657	623	651	598
PI'd or Lost**	177 (28%)	170 (26%)	185 (26%)	133 (22%)	144 (22%)	120 (19%)	322 (49%)	138 (23%)
Signed	169***	476	519	473	507	502	326	454
Became Law w/o Gov signature	0***	0	0	1	0	2	0	0
Vetoed	4***	11	6	10	4	4	3	5
Bills referred to the Ballot	TBD	2	2	2				

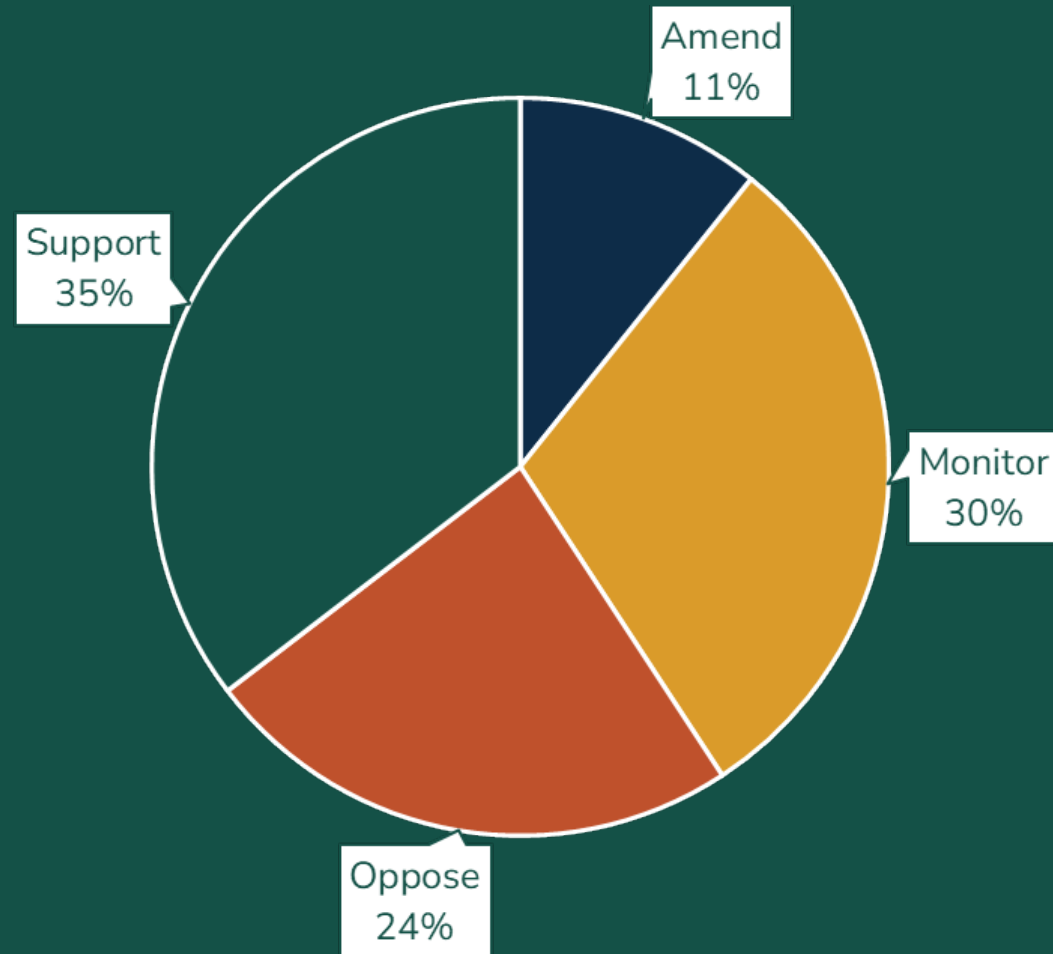
*Includes Supplemental Appropriation Bills

**PI'd / Lost includes: Withdrawn, Adherence, and No Action Taken

***As of 5/28/2026

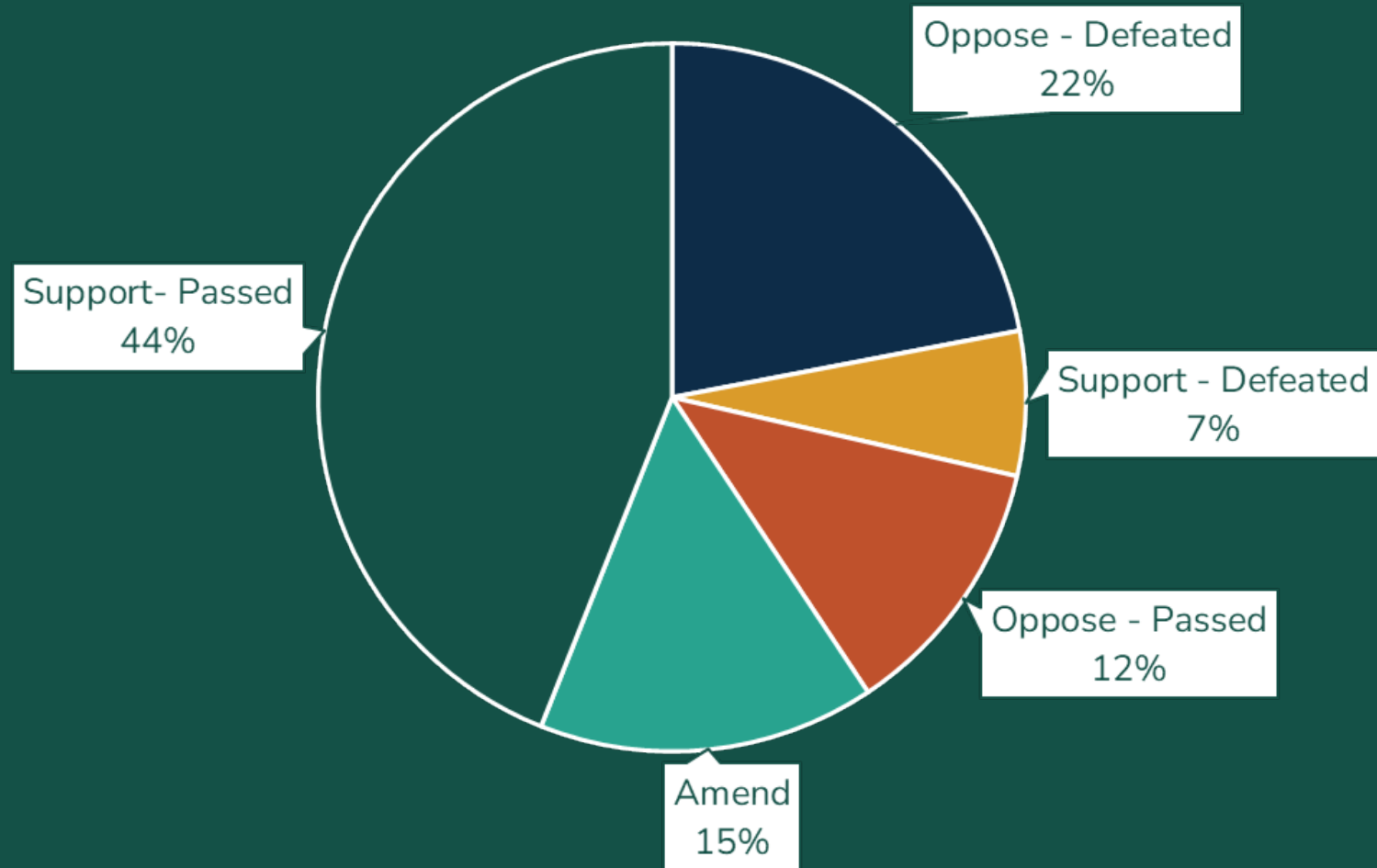
2026 Session Highlights

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Priority Bills

CCI Priority Legislation		
Bill Number	Issue	Status
SB26-061	Allow Counties to Publish Legal Notices in Non-Periodical Newspapers	Governor Signed
SB26-030	Local Access State Parks Grant Program	Postpone Indefinitely
HB26-1075	Child Welfare Prevention Services Funding	Passed
SB26-101	Local Government Landfill Methane Emission Reduction Regulations	Governor Signed
HB26-1238	Designating Emergency Medical Services Essential Services	Governor Signed
HB26-1239	County Enforcement Authority	Governor Signed
N/A	Processes for Human Services Fiscal Notes	Not Introduced
HB26-1233	Property Tax Proceedings for Nonresidential Property	Sent to the Governor







ADVOCACY IN ACTION

Kevin Neimond



Health & Human Services; Justice & Public Safety



Kevin Neimond | HHS

- HB26-1347, Federal Disability Benefits for Foster Care Youth 
- HB26-1429, County Administration Public Assistance Programs 
- SB26-149, Pathways for Individuals with Mental Health Disorder 
- SB26-181, Works Program Reserves & Cost of Living Adjustment 
- SB26-188, Residential Treatment for Members in Colorado Department of Human Services Custody 
- HB26-1075, Child Welfare Prevention Services Funding 

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- HB26-1276, Protect Safety of Individuals Who Are Immigrants 
- SB26-015, Commercial Sexual Activity with a Child Offenses 
- SB26-176, Remedies for Constitutional Rights Violation 
- HB26-1238, Designating Emergency Medical Services Essential Services 

Katie First

Land Use & Natural Resources; Agriculture, Wildlife &
Rural Affairs, Tourism Resorts & Economic
Development; Public Lands



Katie First|
LUNR - Data
Centers




- HB26-1030, Data Center & Utility Modernization (Oppose)



- SB26-102, Large-Load Data Centers (Amend)





Katie First|
LUNR -
Renewable
Energy
Siting &
Permitting

- General Siting Pre-emption 
- SB26-082, Local Government Renewable Energy Development Fee 
- HB26-1278, Local Government Approval of Transmission Infrastructure 
- HB26-1326, Sunset Public Utilities Commission
 - Section 13 (expansion of appeals) removed



Katie First| LUNR - Energy

- HB26-1337, Facilitating Nuclear Energy Development 
- SB26-142, Development of Thermal Energy Resources 

**This reflects only a small portion of the broader energy policy discussion from the session.*

Katie First|
LUNR -
Re-
Vegetation

- HB26-1340, Revegetate or Dry Farm Formerly Irrigated Agricultural Land





Katie First|
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HB26-1008

“Local governments are **critical partners** in outdoor recreation planning, coordination, and management and **recreation impacts communities** in different ways. The rapid increase in demand for outdoor recreation is **challenging local governments’** ability to maintain access and provide related services ... It is essential that the state work in partnership with local governments to manage these impacts and advance **locally driven visions** for outdoor recreation.”

Meghan MacKillop

General Government; Transportation &
Telecommunications



Meghan
MacKillop |
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- HB 26-1130 Public Restroom
Baby Diaper Changing Stations 
- HB 26-1203 Modification of
County Commissioner Elections 
- SB 26-024 State and Local
Unmanned Aircraft Regulation 
- SB26-061 Publication Counties
Without Legal Newspapers 

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MacKillop |
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- HB 26-1430 Transportation Funding and Initiative 175
- HB 26-1102 Funding for Colorado DRIVES Account
- HB 26-1399 Multimodal General Fund Transfer Eliminated



Dylan Peper

Tax & Finance



- HB26-1119, Authority for Different Mill Levy Rates



- SB26-116, Property Tax Modifications
 - Harmful provisions removed



- HB26-1233 - Property Tax Proceedings for Nonresidential Property



Final Session Resources



Leg Report & Bill Tables

- Final Legislative Report, including lead article and session summary (expect this on June 8)
- Complete CCI Bill Tables with finalized bill summaries

All materials will be available on the Legislative Sessions section of the CCI website.

Mandates & Authorities Table

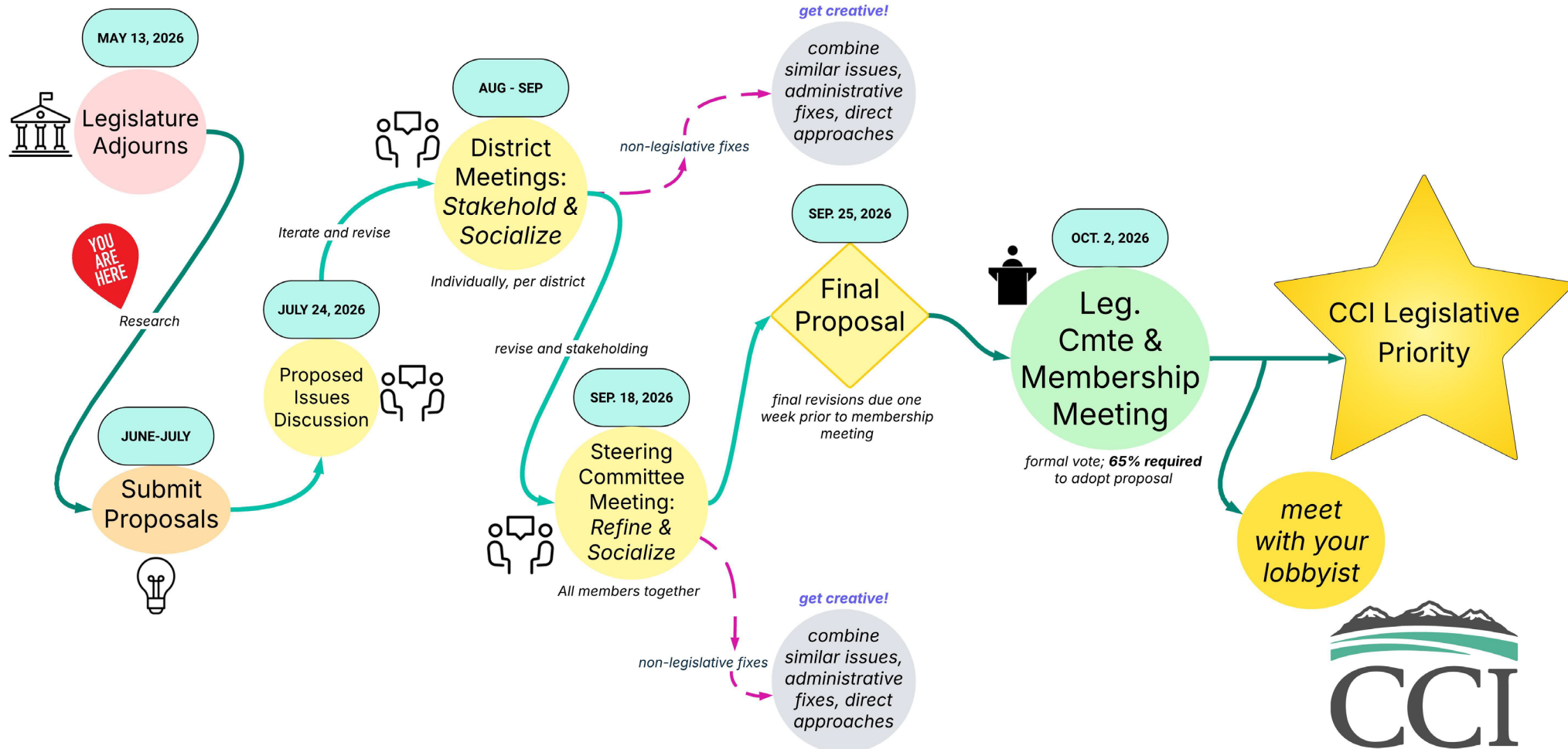


- Comprehensive summary of new mandates and authorities impacting counties
- Companion resource to the legislative report and bill tables

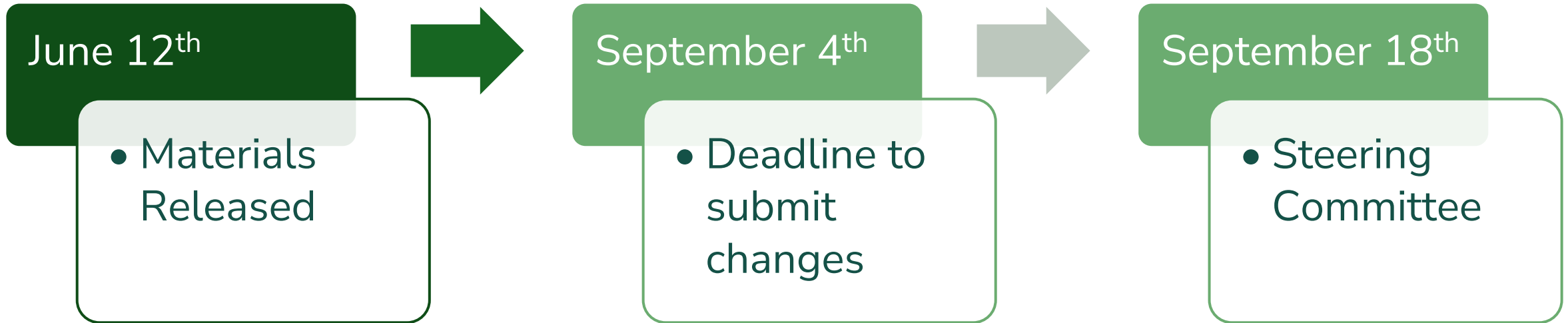
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Priorities Process

CCI 2027 Legislative Priorities Process



Policy Statement Process



Opportunities and Reminders

- Keep an eye out for Working Group opportunities throughout the Summer



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Thank you!