MEMORANDUM

TO: FSIR COMMITTEE

FROM: LUKE PALMISANO, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS MANAGER

SUBJECT: STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

DATE: APRIL 2, 2021

Action Items

HB21-1222: Regulation of Family Child Care Homes

The bill requires that family child care homes be classified as residences for purposes of licensure and local regulations, including zoning, land use development, fire and life safety, and building codes. **City staff recommend an active oppose position.**

The bill.

Sponsors: Rep Van Winkle, Rep Valdez, Sen Winter, Sen Smallwood

Status: The bill passed the House Public & Behavioral Health and Human Services committee on March 30 and was sent to the House Committee of the Whole for consideration. The bill is on the calendar for second reading on Monday, April 5.

SB21-118: Alternative Response Mistreatment At-risk Adults

This bill concerns the creation of an alternative response pilot program for county departments of human or social services to address a report of mistreatment of an at-risk adult. **City staff recommend an active support position.**

The bill.

Sponsors: Sen Ginal, Sen Gardner, Rep Pelton, Rep Snyder

Status: The bill has passed the Senate Health & Human Services committee on March 17 and referred amended to the Senate Appropriations Committee. A hearing date has not been set.

SB21-176: Protecting Opportunities and Workers' Rights Act

The bill seeks to address discrimination or unfair employment practices pursuant to Colorado's anti-discrimination laws related to employment discrimination. Employees would not be required to file a Charge of Discrimination with the Colorado Civil Rights Division prior to filing a lawsuit in court. The bill expands the definition of "employee" and adds new definitions for "harassment", "hostile work environment", and "independent contractor". The bill also specifies that it is a discriminatory or unfair employment practice for an employer to fail to initiate an investigation of a complaint or fail to take prompt remedial action if appropriate. **City staff recommend an active oppose position.**

FSIR Position: Monitor

The bill.

Sponsors: Sen Winter, Sen Pettersen, Rep Lontine, Rep Gray

Status: The bill has been assigned to the Senate Judiciary committee and has a hearing date of April 1.

SB21-182: School Discipline

The bill concerns school discipline and seeks to address disproportionate disciplinary practices and chronic absenteeism. The bill seeks to support students at risk of dropping out of school through standardizing the reporting method to report disproportionate discipline, limiting the actions of school resource officers, and developing restorative justice plans to foster strategies, procedures, and practices that minimize student exposure to the criminal and juvenile justice system. **City staff recommend a monitor position.**

The bill.

Sponsors: Sen Buckner, Rep Herod

Status: The bill has assigned to the Senate Education committee and has hearing date of April 7.

Information Items

HB21-1025: Nonsubstantive Emails And Open Meetings Law

This bill concerns a clarification under the Colorado open meetings law of the requirements governing communication by electronic mail that does not relate to the substance of public business.

FSIR Position: Active Support

The bill.

Sponsors: Rep Arndt, Sen Ginal

Status: The bill has passed third reading in the Senate on March 23 and will go to Governor Polis for his signature or veto.

HB21-1075: Replace the Term Illegal Alien

This bill concerns replacing the term "illegal alien" with "worker without authorization" as it relates to public contracts for services. The city's state priorities as approved by City Council call for support of this bill.

FSIR Position: Active Support

The bill.

Sponsors: Rep Lontine, Sen Gonzales

Status: The bill has passed third reading in the Senate on March 30 and will go to Governor Polis for his signature or veto.

HB21-1117: Local Government Authority Promote Affordable Housing Units

The bill concerns the ability of local governments to promote the development of new affordable housing units pursuant to their existing authority to regulate land use within their territorial boundaries.

The city's state priorities as approved by City Council call for support of this bill.

FSIR Position: Active Support

The bill.

Sponsors: Rep Lontine, Rep Gonzales-Gutierrez, Sen Rodriguez, Sen Gonzales

Status: The bill has passed third reading House Committee of the Whole unamended on March 22. The bill has been assigned to the Senate State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Committee. No hearing date has been set.

SB21-148: Creation Of Financial Empowerment Office

The bill creates the financial empowerment office to grow the financial resilience and well-being of Coloradans through specified community-derived goals and strategies. The office will develop tools and resources that advance, increase, and improve Colorado residents' financial management and promote financial stability.

FSIR Position: Active Support

The bill.

Sponsors: Sen Gonzales, Rep Esgar, Rep Tipper

Status: The bill passed out of the Senate Finance committee amended on March 22 and has been referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee. No hearing date has been set.

SB21-156: Nurse Intake of 911 Calls Grant Program

This bill creates a pilot program for the use of nurses in 911 dispatch to help divert incoming 911 calls that do not require emergency medical service to other types of medical care.

FSIR Position: Monitor

The bill.

Sponsors: Sen Garcia, Rep Mullica

Status: The bill passed out of the Senate Health & Human Services committee amended and was referred to Senate Appropriations. A hearing date has not been set.

Statewide Transportation Proposal

The proposal seeks to address statewide transportation funding through new fee revenue, general fund contributions, and federal and state stimulus support. The proposal projects $3.924 billion from new fee revenue to support the state and local share of the Highway Users Trust Fund, and $1.230 billion in general fund and stimulus contributions. The proposal also would create new enterprise funds to support Colorado's Greenhouse Gas Pollution Reduction Roadmap, promote multi-modal transportation, support electric vehicle charging infrastructure, vehicle fleet electrification, and electrification of public transit. The proposal includes a road usage fee, truck fee, electric vehicle fee, TNC fee, online retail order fee, rental car fee, taxi fee, among others.

The bill has not been formally introduced.

Sponsors: Sen Winter, Sen Fenberg, Rep Gray, Rep Garnett

Status: The bill draft is being circulated among bill sponsors and is expected to be formally introduced in the next week.