

ENERGY AND CLIMATE				
Council Direction	Bill #	Bill Description	City Position	Outcome
Support legislation enhancing the ability of local governments to develop and implement effective energy strategies that reduce environmental impacts, provide stable rates and promote economic vitality and, protect the authorities of cities to form municipal utilities	HB15-1219	The bill allows a taxpayer who places a new renewable energy investment in service that results in an investment tax credit to elect to receive a refund of 80% of the amount of the credit and forego the remaining 20% as a cost of the election.	Support	Awaiting Action by Governor
	HB15-1284	Deletes the requirement for community solar garden subscribers to live in the same county as the CSG	Support	Enacted
	HB15-1132	Creates a residential energy reduction income tax credit for any resident individual who makes qualified improvements to their home that result in improved energy efficiency	Support	Killed
	HB15-1236	Creates income tax credits for owners of homes that make energy efficiency improvements to the home	Support	Killed
	HB15-1250	Explore performance-based utility regulations	Support	Killed
	HB15-1332	Allows for a one-time refundable income tax credit for purchasing and installing distributed energy resource systems	Support	Killed
	SB15-092 & SB15-258	Requiers a multi-agency review of the state's proposed carbon emission plan	Oppose	Killed
	SB15-120	Requires providers of retail electric service to develop a grid modernization plan	Support	Killed
	SB15-044	The bill reduces the minimum percentage of renewable energy required of investor-owned utilities from 20% to 15% for the years 2015 through 2019 and from 30% to 15% for the years 2020 and thereafter.	Oppose	Killed
Support improvements to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission's oversight of oil and gas drilling and preservation of local control to adopt regulations, moratoriums or other limits as necessary	HB15-1119	Specifies that a local government that bans hydraulic fracturing of an oil and gas well is liable to the royalty owner for the value of the lost royalties.	Oppose	Killed
	SB15-093	Provides that if any local government action "has the effect of reducing the fair market value of the owner's mineral interest by at least sixty percent," then the government is liable to the owner of the mineral estate for the "full diminution in the fair market value of the owner's interest caused by the regulatory impairment."	Oppose	Killed
Encourage more widespread adoption of electric and efficient motorized vehicles through various means, including incentives to purchase such vehicles and a development of a network of fast-charging stations	SB15-134	Clarifies that moneys included in annual contract payments for a cost-savings contract for vehicle fleets do not include moneys that would otherwise be allocated for vehicle purchases and vehicle operation and maintenance costs	Support	Killed

HOUSING

Council Direction	Bill #	Bill Description	City Position	Outcome
Support for state housing trust fund	HB15-1384	Transmits part of the state's unclaimed property trust fund to the Colorado housing and finance authority to support affordable housing programs	Support	Killed
	SB15-079	Raises the document recording fee to fund affordable housing	Support	Killed
Support legislation that helps address the power imbalance between owners of mobile homes and owners of mobile home parks	SB15-095	Makes revisions to the Mobile Home Park Act	Support	Killed

HUMAN SERVICES/HUMAN RIGHTS				
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Support for Minimum Wage Increase	HB15-1300	Permits a unit of local government to enact laws with respect to the minimum wage within its jurisdiction	Support	Killed
	HCR15-1001	Establishes a new minimum wage and automatic increases to take the minimum wage to \$12.50 by 2020	Support	Killed
	SCR15-003	Refers a vote to the people amending the constitution to increase the minimum wage	Support	Killed
Support comprehensive federal immigration reform	HB15-1027	Requires a state-supported institution of higher education to classify as an in-state student for tuition purposes a student who is a member of a federally recognized American Indian tribe with historical ties to Colorado	Support	Killed

INTERNAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Council Direction	Bill #	Bill Description	City Position	Outcome
Oppose state legislation that could unnecessarily result in increased contributions or force a reduction in benefits for members of PERA	SB15-080	The bill allows all employees who are hired by a PERA-affiliated employer to opt to participate in the defined contribution plan rather than the defined benefit plan	Oppose	Killed

LOCAL CONTROL

Council Direction	Bill #	Bill Description	City Position	Outcome
Oppose legislation threatening local control and home rule authority	HB15-1264	Creates the "Colorado Right to Rest Act," and defines specific rights for those experiencing homelessness	Oppose	Killed

NATURAL RESOURCES, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Council Direction	Bill #	Bill Description	City Position	Outcome
Support more balance in the composition of Colorado's "Pesticide Advisory Committee," restoration of local government authority to regulate certain pesticide uses, and protection for pollinators	SB15-119	Implements the recommendations of the sunset review and report on the regulation of pesticide applicators by the Department of Agriculture	Amend	Enacted

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

Council Direction	Bill #	Bill Description	City Position	Outcome
Support removal of barriers that prevent legitimate marijuana businesses to access banking services	HB15-1387	Prohibits a business license applicant from making a transfer of medical marijuana inventory to retail marijuana inventory beginning on July 1, 2015	Support	Awaiting Action by Governor
State support for community resilience building	SB15-212	Clarified that water detention facilities designed to mitigate the adverse effects of storm water runoff do not materially injure water rights	Support	Awaiting Action by Governor
Oppose legislation that would expand the application of the "make my day" law beyond personal residences	HB15-1049	Extends the right to use deadly force against an intruder under certain conditions to include owners, managers, and employees of businesses.	Oppose	Killed
Preserve the authority of local governments to use red light cameras or photo radar enforcement	SB15-276	Eliminates the authority of local governments to use red light cameras or photo radar enforcement	Oppose	Awaiting Action by Governor
	HB15-1098	Requires local governments to submit question to voters before continuing to use red light or photo radar camera enforcement.	Oppose	Awaiting Action by Governor

TRANSPORTATION

Council Direction	Bill #	Bill Description	City Position	Outcome
Support legislation that increases transportation funding and prioritizes its expenditure on projects that maintain existing infrastructure, are multimodal in design and that otherwise promote smart growth	HB15-1003	Funds Safe Routes to School Program	Support	Killed
	HB15-1077 and HB15-1384	Would repeal FASTER fees for late vehicle registrations	Oppose	Killed

WATER

Council Direction	Bill #	Bill Description	City Position	Outcome
Oppose state legislation that significantly threatens the city's water rights	SB15-055	The bill permits a person to use a tail ditch to return variable amounts of water to a stream	Support	Enacted
	SB15-183	Requires that a quantification of the actual historical consumptive use of the water right be based on a representative study period	Support	Enacted
	SB15-084	When a water judge decrees a change of a previously unchanged portion of a water right, the bill prohibits the water judge from reducing the actual historical consumptive use of that portion of the water right based on previously decreed changes of use involving another portion of the same water right used on other parcels of land.	Oppose	Killed
Support legislation that promotes the efficient utilization and conservation of water	HB15-1259	Allows people to collect the rain off their roof in up to two rain barrels, to be used to maintain a small garden or water flowers.	Support	Killed
	HB15-1222	Authorizes the Colorado water conservation board to select the sponsors of up to 12 pilot projects for the board's acquisition of water efficiency savings for instream flow use without the need for a water court-decreed change of water right	Support	Killed
	SB15-008	Provides communities that need assistance with additional tools for land use planning as it relates to water efficiency	Support	Enacted