

The background of the slide is a photograph of the Colorado State Capitol building in Denver. The building is a large, classical-style structure with a prominent golden dome. It is surrounded by green trees and a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on the center of the image.

Denver City Council State Budget and Legislative Update

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Bill Positions

Total: 35

Support: 11

Oppose: 7

Amend: 13

Monitor: 4

Registered Positions

Support

HB26-1004, Continuation of Child Care Contribution Tax Credit

HB26-1013, Ratio Utility Billing Systems

HB26-1075, Child Welfare Prevention Services Funding

HB26-1134, Fairness & Transparency in Municipal Court

HB26-1138, Retail Theft Prevention Program

SB26-001, Workforce Housing & Housing Tax Credit

SB26-004, Expand List of Petitioners for Protection Order

SB26-005, Rights Violation in Immigration Enforcement Remedy

SB26-008, Mental Health Access

SB26-020, Child Care Provider Licensing & Quality

SB26-098, State & Local Noise Abatement Authority

Monitor

HB26-1007, Improve Customer Use Distributed Energy Resources

HB26-1045, Disabilities Housing Protections

HB26-1061, Community Integration Housing Tax Credits

SB26-025, Monument Records Placement Submission Maintenance

Registered Positions

Amend

- HB26-1001**, Housing Developments on Qualifying Properties
- HB26-1033**, Expanding the Colorado Cottage Foods Act
- HB26-1063**, Treating People with Behavioral Health Disorder
- HB26-1065**, Transit and Housing Investment Zones
- HB26-1100**, Guardianship for Incapacitated Adults
- HB26-1101**, Criminal Offenses Related to Critical Infrastructure Metals
- HB26-1103**, Report Child Sexual Assault & Courtroom Testimony
- HB26-1117**, Temporary Marijuana Hospitality Permit
- HB26-1142**, Child Advocacy Centers
- HB26-1234**, Access to Records of Child Abuse or Neglect
- HB26-1260**, Updates to Child Care Assistance Programs
- HB26-1276**, Protect Safety of Individuals Who Are Immigrants
- SB26-109**, Building Code Accessibility

Oppose

- HB26-1012**, Consumer Protections to Promote Fair Market Pricing – *PI'D*
- HB26-1037**, Ban Government Purchase of Personal Data from Third Party
- HB26-1102**, Funding for Colorado DRIVES Account
- HB26-1114**, Allowed Minimum Lot Size for Subject Jurisdictions
- HB26-1119**, Authority for Different Mill Levy Rates
- SB26-024**, State & Local Unmanned Aircraft Regulation – *PI'D*
- SB26-062**, Rodenticide Use Restrictions

Council-Only Positions

Support

- **HB26-1005**, Worker Protection Collective Bargaining
- **HB26-1106**, Eviction Protection for Tenants
- **HB26-1275**, Law Enforcement Identification & Immigration Training Requirements
- **SB26-042**, Revenue Classification Taxpayers Bill of Rights

Legislation of Interest

Upcoming Legislation: Changes to RTD

Presentation by Maria Garcia Berry and Jamie Lewis, Accountability Task Force Members

Legislation of Interest

HB26-1001, Housing Developments on Qualifying Properties

Sponsors: Rep. Boesenecker, Rep Mabrey, Sen. Exum

Summary: The bill requires local governments to allow residential development on qualifying properties owned by certain non-profit organizations, school districts, state colleges or universities, housing authorities, or a transit district or transportation authority.

-Over 20 amendments have been incorporated into the bill

-3/12: Passed 3rd reading in the Senate, will now be sent back to the House to confirm Senate amendments

Legislation of Interest

HB26-1308, Lot Splitting Approval by Subject Jurisdiction

Sponsors: Rep. Boesenecker, Rep. Woodrow, Sen. Amabile

Summary:

- Requires local governments (starting Dec. 31, 2027) to approve administrative lot splits into two parcels if the original lot is at least 2,000 sq. ft. and meets specified conditions.
- Smaller lot must be at least 40% of the original lot; lots in older common interest communities and previously split lots are excluded.
- If the property has a residential mortgage, the lender must receive notice and provide written consent before the split can be approved.

Legislation of Interest

HB26-1030, Data Center & Utility Modernization

Sponsors: Rep. Duran, Rep. Valdez, Sen. Mullica

Summary:

- Creates a Data Center Development Authority within OEDIT to oversee incentives for new data center projects.
- Provides a 100% state sales and use tax exemption for up to 20 years (with possible 10-year extension) for certified projects.
- Projects must invest \$250M+, create jobs, meet labor standards, and comply with energy/water efficiency requirements; utilities may plan for large-load infrastructure needs.

SB26-102, Large Load Data Centers

Sponsors: Sen. Kipp, Rep. Brown

Summary:

This bill establishes new regulatory requirements for large load data centers, defined as facilities with over 30 MW of peak load (or multiple facilities exceeding 60 MW collectively).

- Requires 100% renewable energy procurement by 2031, with hourly clean-energy matching set by the PUC.
- Requires long term utility contracts, reporting on energy/water use, and infrastructure cost coverage.
- Includes local siting standards, environmental review, and community benefits agreements for projects in disproportionately impacted communities.

Legislation of Interest

SB26-129, Mitigate Impacts of Tax Increment Financing

Sponsors: Sen. Marchman, Rep. Boesenecker

Summary: The bill requires taxing entities affected by a proposed tax increment financing (TIF) plan under an urban renewal authority, county revitalization authority, or downtown development authority to either certify the plan's impact report or file a technical rebuttal within 45 days of the report being submitted. If no response is filed within that timeframe, the impact report is automatically considered certified.

Budget Process

Governor November 1 Budget Request

Staff Briefings (Nov-Dec)

December Revenue Forecast

Hearings (Dec-Jan)

Supplementals (Jan-Feb)

Figure Setting (Feb-March)



Comebacks (March)

March Revenue Forecast, *March 19th*

Long Bill

Budget Updates

Figure
Setting

County
Impacts

Human
Services



Questions?

