



Update on Selected Issues of Municipal Interest

November 14, 2017

Opioid Epidemic

Interim Study Committee on Opioid and Other Substance Abuse Disorders

- Bill A – Sets aside funds for substance abuse programs (from marijuana cash fund). The bill also continues the opioid interim committee for three years.
- Bill C – Creates a pilot program in Denver for supervised injection sites and provides for local opt in and regulation. The pilot program will begin in Denver. The proposed bill also allows schools to provide Narcan, which reverses overdoses.
- Bill D – Adds behavioral health care providers to list of healthcare providers that are eligible for loan repayment. Creates a scholarship program for cover costs of certification and medication assisted treatment training. The goal is to get providers in rural areas. Staff is likely to request the CML Policy Committee recommend support.
- Bill F – Prohibits individual and group health benefit plans from requiring prior authorization for medication-assisted treatment and requires all individual and group health benefit plans to include in the carrier's prescription drug benefit coverage a transdermal analgesic lidocaine patch for treatment of pain.

Affordable Housing

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- Real Estate Documentary Fee
 - Likely to be reintroduced in the House
 - Direct benefit to affordable housing
 - Additional penny
 - Senate passage unlikely
- Low Income Housing Tax Credit
 - Discussion around extension led by CHFAP
 - Program is set to expire at the end of 2019.
- Likely reintroduction of the Homeless Right to Rest Act

Home Rule

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- Home rules is alive and well!
- Subject has most recently come up as it pertains to sales and use tax simplification efforts

***“Keep local control local
and home rule at home!”***

Sales & Use Tax Simplification Task Force

- Interim committee created to “identify opportunities and challenges within existing fiscal frameworks to adopt innovative revenue-neutral solutions that do not require constitutional amendments or voter approval
- Steve Ellington, Denver treasurer, one of the non-legislator appointments to the Task Force

Sales & Use Tax Simplification Task Force

- Bill A – Requires department of revenue to issue ROI for an electronic sales and use tax simplification system that state or any local government that levies a sales or use tax could choose to use.
 - Goal is to determine if an option for administrative simplification can be identified, while preserving home rule municipalities' choice in how they manage their municipal sales tax.

Marijuana

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- On-premise consumption
 - Accessory premises
 - Local opt-in
- Black Market/Gray Market
 - New statewide plant count restrictions
 - Grant programs
 - State enforcement through CBI

Beer & Liquor

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- SB 16-197
 - Fermented malt beverage → Malt liquor
January 1, 2019
 - Distance restrictions
 - New licenses
 - Alcohol beverage tastings
- Hours of operation
- Where will we be 10 years from now?

Transportation & Transit Finance

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- No consensus from the General Assembly
 - HB 17-1242
 - State-only projects from SB 17-267
- Renewed discussion of initiative
 - Denver Metro Chamber, Colorado Competitive Council, Colorado Contractors Association, Metro Mayors Caucus
 - Sales tax
 - Statewide solution?

Thank you!

Questions?



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