

# Policy & Legislative Updates from the State Capitol

Colorado's 2026 legislative session is unfolding against [a challenging fiscal backdrop](#), with lawmakers grappling with a significant budget shortfall driven in part by federal tax changes and slowing revenue growth. That reality has shaped much of the Capitol's early focus, forcing difficult conversations around spending reductions, fee increases, and prioritization of core services. At the same time, legislative leadership has signaled a continued interest in advancing policy priorities despite the tight budget environment, creating a dynamic where fiscal constraint and policy ambition are in constant tension.

Substantively, the session has featured a wide range of high-impact policy debates across housing, labor, technology, and energy. Lawmakers are again taking up housing and land use reforms aimed at increasing supply, alongside proposals affecting construction defects and local control.

## Mayor Moore Testifies in Support of SB26-119; Authorize Local Electronic Ballot Return

On March 26, 2026 Mayor Andrew Moore of Erie testified in support of **SB26-119**. While this bill has not been endorsed by the Metro Mayors Caucus, it would have an impact on municipalities which is why we are highlighting it here.



Mayor Moore emphasized the need to modernize Colorado's voting system by enabling secure mobile voting, particularly for populations that face barriers to traditional methods. Speaking on behalf of the Town of Erie and the Colorado Municipal League, he noted that while many aspects of daily life—including highly sensitive financial transactions—are already conducted securely on mobile devices, voting has yet to catch up. He also underscored the accessibility benefits, especially for veterans, seniors, students, and individuals with disabilities, including the visually impaired. By beginning with a limited rollout in statutory municipalities and special districts, **SB 119** offers a measured, low-risk approach that allows the state to build trust and evaluate effectiveness before broader implementation.

## Bills MMC is Watching at the State Capitol

Several bills moving through the General Assembly this session could have significant implications for local governments. Here are a few that we have close eyes on:

MMC Has Taken Positions and Sent Letters on:

- **HB26-1001, Housing Developments on Qualifying Properties (HOME Act)** (Oppose) signed into law
- **SB26-024, State & Local Unmanned Aircraft Regulation** (Oppose) Postponed indefinitely
- **HB26-1114, Allowed Minimum Lot Size for Subject Jurisdictions** (Oppose)
- **HB26-1065, Transit and Housing Investment Zones** (Recommend Support)
- **SB26-070, Ban Government Access Historical Location Information Database** (Recommend Oppose)

MMC has not met the Vote Threshold for:

- **SB26-001, Workforce Housing & Housing Tax Credit** (Recommend Support)
- **HB26-1037, Ban Government Purchase of Personal Data from Third Parties** (Recommend Oppose)
- **SB26-001, Workforce Housing & Housing Tax Credit** (Recommend Support)
- **HB26-1140, Local Government Impact Hearings** (Recommend Support)
- **HB26-1334 Modify Standards of Wildfire Resiliency Code Board** (Recommend Support)
- **SB26-112 Court Actions Related to Failure to Appear** (Recommend Amend)
- **SB26-129 Mitigate Impacts of Tax Increment Financing (TIF)** (Recommend Oppose)
- **HB26-1102, Funding for CO DRIVES Account** (Recommend Oppose)
- **SB26-119 Authorize Local Electronic Ballot Return** (Recommend Support)

MMC Is monitoring:

- **HB26-1190, Alcohol Beverage Manufacturer Sales**
- **HB26-1134, Fairness & Transparency in Municipal Court**
- **HB26-112, Court Actions Related to Failure to Appear in Court**
- **SB26-071, Use of Surveillance Technology by Law Enforcement**



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