



2020 LEGISLATIVE ISSUE FORM

CCI is soliciting potential legislative issues for the 2020 legislative session. Please answer all of the questions below for each of your county’s legislative issues. If your county submits multiple issue forms, please prioritize your issues. Submitted issues are discussed during the summer steering committees and district meetings. We encourage you to confer with your county managers or administrators and department heads, as well as other elected officials, to determine what issues are the most pressing in your county and have implications for other counties. All submitted issues forms **must have the support of the Board of County Commissioners or the Mayor/City and County Council** .

In accordance with the Legislative Principles that are part of CCI’s Policy Statement, “...initiated legislation should be realistic and closely related to the conduct of our members’ responsibilities if we are to retain a high level of credibility. Local elected officials’ groups, county and otherwise, as well as other interest groups, should be encouraged to find sponsors for and initiate their own proposals, allowing our members and CCI to take a supportive role when the bill is introduced.”

Please email your issue forms to Jeanne DeHaven at jdehaven@ccionline.org. Please feel free to use more than one page when submitting issues and to submit additional documentation or background information related to the issue. Legislative Issue Forms need to be returned by **Friday, June 28, 2019** in order to be discussed during the summer legislative review and steering committee meetings.

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1.) Issue: **Expanding the remote testimony opportunities to testify to the Colorado Legislature.**

2.) Background: **With the advent of improved broadband and remote accessibility, the Legislature passed a bill to allow for remote testimony. When the bill was originally approved it was on somewhat of a trial basis and only limited sites were available for remote testimony. For Northwest Colorado the only available opportunity for remote testimony was Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction Colorado. For those of us in NW Colorado, the travel time to testify is a quandary as Grand Junction is just about as far to testify as it would be to drive to Denver and directly testify at the state capitol. I'm certain the same is true for other areas across the state, NE Colorado, SW Colorado and SE Colorado.**

3.) Proposed Solution/Legislative Remedy (Please provide the specific statutory citation your board is requesting to modify AND the proposed language you are requesting.)

Expand the remote testimony opportunities across the state with more cooperative agreements with more regional institutions of higher learning. In Routt County and many mountain communities it could be at Colorado Mountain College campuses, in Moffat and Rio Blanco counties it could be at Colorado Northwest Community College campuses. These opportunities would be available in other remote locations in Colorado

4.) County Commissioner role in this issue: **Advocate and lobby for more remote testify opportunities around the state.**

5.) Proponents/Opponents (Please indicate if your board has had conversations with proponents/opponents to date and their perspective on this proposal): **None yet**

6.) Have you visited with your legislator(s) about this proposal? What was their reaction? Are members of your delegation likely to sponsor, support, or oppose this proposal: **We have not as of today but plan on discussing with our legislators. Other than the fiscal impact I believe our legislators would be supportive of the concept to make testimony on bills more available.**

7.) Anticipated Fiscal Impact: **Minimal to Colorado state government and minimal to institutions of higher education.**

8.) Please list the subject matter experts CCI staff can follow-up with for more information on this proposal: **Potential check with institutions that provide remote testimony and inquire as to the cost of remote testimony to the institutions.**

9.) Priority Ranking (If multiple issues submitted):