



Under the Dome

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NCLA Legislative Process Endures Virtually

The General Assembly's 2nd week back to work continued with virtual committee meetings, presentations on transportation funding, health care, and broadband expansion. As we emerge slowly from the grips of COVID the legislative process is adapting. The requirement for the business community voices to be heard becomes challenging but through the historical relationships and effectiveness of the NCLA we are happy to be included in important discussions.

Bennet, Neguse, Hickenlooper and Buck Meet with NCLA on Federal Infrastructure

Last week, the NCLA engaged in a live meeting with US Senator Michael Bennet and Congressman Joe Neguse alongside the Offices of US Senator John Hickenlooper and Congressman Ken Buck on Friday, February 26. where each shared insights and joined in a dialogue about the future of a federal Infrastructure stimulus package. This was a timely event on the heels of US Senate Environment and Public Works Committee hearing on President Biden's \$2T Build Back Better Infrastructure plan. In response to questions of improving Colorado's position in the allocation of any future funding, the Senator and Congressman encouraged a coalition approach with other similarly situated growing western states and their US Senators. All noted how critical investments are as proven job creators and economic stimulators.

If you weren't able to join the meeting, you can [watch the lively 45 minutes discussion with the leaders here.](#)



[NCLA Presents: Future of a Federal Infrastructure Stimulus Package](#)

Colorado's need for infrastructure funding and investment continues to grow. Such investments are proven job creators and economic stimulus. What are the c...

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State Transportation Discussions Heat Up and Begin to Take Shape

Legislative leaders and the Governor addressed transportation and plans for funding infrastructure and spending during two presentations last week.

The [first with local governments primarily from the metro area](#) focused largely on the multimodal and environmental aspects of a transportation funding and spending plan. Senate President Leroy Garcia (D-

Pueblo), Senator Majority Leader Steve Fenberg (D-Boulder), Speaker of the House Alec Garnett (D-Denver), CDOT Executive Director Shoshana Lew and Governor Jared Polis joined online event.

The Colorado Business Roundtable hosted the second event, the [State of the State](#), that included Governor Polis and his initiatives for 2021 that impact Colorado businesses and economy. During the event, the Governor leaned heavily on the importance of getting a deal on transportation done this session.

NCLA Positions on Legislation

On a bi-weekly basis, the NCLA Board reviews and considers its position on pending legislation. The NCLA board took positions on the following measures during our last board meeting. See the [NCLA 2021 Legislative Tracking Report](#) for a listing the measures thus far introduced that the NCLA is monitoring and upon which the NCLA will take a position.

Bill Number	Bill Title	NCLA Position	Bill Status
HB21-1027	Continue Alcohol Beverage Takeout And Delivery-	Support	Assigned to House Business Affairs & Labor- Not scheduled
SB21-087	Agricultural Workers' Rights	Oppose	Assigned to Senate Business, Labor & Technology – Not scheduled
HB21-1043.	Study Underground Water Storage Maximum Beneficial Use	Support	Assigned to House Agriculture, Livestock & Water – March 1 1:30
HB21-1047	County Commissioner Districts Gerrymandering	Oppose	Assigned to House State, Civic, Military & Vet Affairs – March 4 Adj.
HB21-1048	Retail Business Must Accept Cash	Oppose- follow up with Valdez and Retail Council	Assigned to House Business Affairs & Labor- March 11 1:30
HB21-1052	Define Pumped Hydroelectricity as Renewable Energy	Support	House Energy & Env. – Not scheduled
HB21-1074	Immunity for Entities During COVID-19	Support	Assigned to House State, Civic, Military & Vet Affairs March 11 Adj.
SB21-005	Business Exempt from Public Health Order to Close	Support	Assigned to Senate State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Not scheduled
SB21-070	County Authority to Register Businesses	Oppose	Amended and passed through the Senate. Assigned to the House Transportation & Local Government Not scheduled