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CATEGORY	BILL	TITLE	LATEST ACTION	POSITION
Agriculture	HB26-1031	Protections for Agricultural Products Grown in Colorado	2026-02-12 / Intro [Hearing: Feb 17] House Second Reading Laid Over Daily - No Amendments	C3 Support
Agriculture	SB26-010	Agricultural Property Tax Definitions	2026-02-03 / Engross [Hearing: Feb 19] Introduced In House - Assigned to	
Agriculture	SB26-062	Rodenticide Use Restrictions	2026-01-28 - Introduced In Senate - Assigned to Agriculture & Natural Resources	C3 Oppose, CAR Oppose
Agriculture	SB26-065	Systemic Insecticide Use Limitations	2026-01-28 - Introduced In Senate - Assigned to Agriculture & Natural Resources - Feb 26 @ 1:30 pm	C3 Oppose
Business & Economic Dev	HB26-1012	Consumer Protections to Promote Fair Market Pricing	2026-01-14 / Intro [Hearing: Feb 25 @ 1:30 pm] To House Judiciary Committee	C3 Oppose, CAR Monitor
Business & Economic Dev	HB26-1003	Small Business Recovery Modifications	2026-02-12 / Engross To Senate Finance Committee	
Business & Taxation	HB26-1004	Continuation of Child Care Contribution Tax Credit	2026-02-05 / Intro House Committee on Finance Refer Unamended to Appropriations	
Business & Taxation	HB26-1048	Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday	2026-01-14 - Introduced In House - Assigned to Finance [Hearing: Feb 19]	
Business & Taxation	HB26-1014	Extend Colorado Job Growth Incentive Tax Credit	2026-01-14 - Introduced In House - Assigned to Finance [Hearing: Feb 23 @ 1:30 pm]	C3 Support
Business & Taxation	SB26-001	Workforce Housing & Housing Tax Credit	2026-02-04 / Engross To House Transportation, Housing & Local Government Committee	C3 Support, CAR Support
Business & Taxation	SB26-044	Tax Collection Mineral Rights County Treasurers	2026-01-27 - Introduced In Senate - Assigned to Finance	
Education	HB26-1078	Off-Campus Courses & Concurrent Enrollment Programs	2026-02-02 - Introduced In House - Assigned to Education - Hearing: Feb 19 @ 1:30 pm	C3 Support
Energy & Environment	HB26-1007	Improve Customer Use Distributed Energy Resources	2026-01-14 / Intro [Hearing: Feb 26 @ 1:30 pm] To House Energy & Environment Committee	
Energy & Environment	HB26-1121	Public Accessibility of Emissions Records	2026-02-04 - Introduced In House - Assigned to Energy & Environment- Feb 26 @ 1:30 pm	C3 Oppose
Energy & Environment	SB26-002	Energy Affordability	2026-01-14 - Introduced In Senate - Assigned to Transportation & Energy	CAR Oppose

			[Hearing: Feb 11 @ 1:30 pm]	
Energy & Environment	SB26-022	Challenges Meeting 2030 Emissions Reduction Goals	2026-01-14 - Introduced In Senate - Assigned to Transportation & Energy	C3 Support
Energy & Environment	SB26-028	Removal of Wind Energy from State Energy Goals	2026-01-14 / Intro [Hearing: Feb 18 @ 1:30 pm] To Senate Transportation & Energy Committee	
Health Care	SB26-008	Mental Health Access	2026-01-14 / Intro [Hearing: Feb 26 @ 1:30 pm] To Senate Health and Human Services Committee	C3 Amend
Health Care	SB26-041	Consumer Protections Medical Care Entities	2026-01-27 - Introduced In Senate - Assigned to Health & Human Services	C3 Oppose
Housing	HB26-1001	Housing Developments on Qualifying Properties	2026-02-06 / Intro House Third Reading Passed - No Amendments	CAR Support
Housing	HB26-1013	Ratio Utility Billing Systems	2026-02-06 / Intro [Hearing: Feb 17] House Second Reading Laid Over Daily - No Amendments	CAR Amend
Housing	HB26-1047	Protections for residential tenants	2026-01-14 / Intro [Hearing: Feb 24] To House Judiciary Committee	CAR Oppose
Housing	HB26-1119	Authority for Different Mill Levy Rates	2026-02-04 - Introduced In House - Assigned to Finance	C3 Oppose, CAR Oppose
Housing	SB26-049	Homeowner Natural Disaster Mitigation	2026-01-27 - Introduced In Senate - Assigned to Finance	C3 Support, CAR Support
Housing	SB26-053	Colorado Housing and Finance Authority Mortgage POST Officers First Responders	2026-01-27 - Introduced In Senate - Assigned to Local Government & Housing	CAR Support
Housing	SB26-054	Security Deposits & Post-Closing Occupancy Agreements	2026-02-12 / Intro [Hearing: Feb 18 @ 7:30 am] Senate Committee on Local Government & Housing Refer Amended - Consent Calendar to Senate Committee of the Whole	CAR Support
Housing	HB26-1091	Homeowner's Insurance Data Privacy Protections	2026-02-03 - Introduced In House - Assigned to Business Affairs & Labor - Feb 26 @ 1:30 pm	C3 Oppose
Housing	HB26-1099	Protect Financial Condition of Homeowners Associations	2026-02-03 - Introduced In House - Assigned to Transportation, Housing & Local Government	C3 Oppose
Judicial	HB26-1101	Criminal Offenses Related to Critical Infrastructure Metals	2026-02-03 - Introduced In House - Assigned to Judiciary	C3 Amend
Judicial	SB26-011	Search Warrants Provided to Covered Platforms	2026-02-11 / Intro [Hearing: Feb 17 @ 7:30 am] Senate Committee on Judiciary Refer Amended - Consent Calendar to Senate	C3 Amend

			Committee of the Whole	
Labor	HB26-1054	Protections for Worker Safety	2026-01-14 / Intro [Hearing: Feb 26 @ 1:30 pm] To House Business Affairs and Labor Committee	C3 Oppose
Labor	HB26-1010	Older Adult Support & Representation in Workforce	2026-01-14 - Introduced In House - Assigned to Business Affairs & Labor [Hearing: Feb 19 @ 1:30 pm]	
Labor	HB26-1005	Worker Protection Collective Bargaining	2026-02-12 / Intro House Committee on Finance Refer Unamended to Appropriations	C3 Oppose
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Health Care	SB26-029	Health Savings Account Tax Credit	2026-02-03 / Fail Senate Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Postpone Indefinitely	
Business & Taxation	HB26-1036	Local Taxes on Vacant Residential Property	2026-02-09 - House Committee on Finance Postpone Indefinitely	C3 Oppose, CAR Oppose

BLM Update

- The Bureau of Land Management has proposed updates to oil and gas regulations that aim to allow more efficient energy production on federal lands. The new rule modernizes restrictions on "commingling"—the practice of combining production from multiple leases through a single well pad. Currently, commingling is only permitted when mineral ownership and royalty conditions are identical. The proposed changes would use modern metering technology to ensure accurate royalty distribution while reducing the number of well pads needed.
- Public comments on the proposal are open through March 31, 2026 at <https://www.regulations.gov/document/BLM-2025-0070-0003>

La Plata County Manager Update

- The Board of La Plata County Commissioners have hired Shawna Legarza as the new County Manager. Legarza was previously the County's Director of Emergency Management. The initial term of the agreement is one year, with renewal by mutual written agreement.
- Compensation includes a biweekly salary of \$7,692.31 for 2026 (\$200,000 annualized), subject to periodic review and general pay adjustments.

La Plata County Land Use Code Update

- La Plata County Commissioners directed Community Development staff to amend Chapter 65 of the Land Use Code to point to Chapter 66 thresholds for major land use permitting. What that means is that if the changes are approved, Animas Valley residents will have more say when major projects come forth.

Durango Affordable Housing Update

- The City of Durango will exceed the state's requirement to add 184 affordable housing units over three years, qualifying for Proposition 123 funding. Prosperity Officer Mike French reported that 1,750 housing units are in various planning stages (27% affordable), representing an 18% inventory increase over 5-6 years.
- While the city has made progress through public-private partnerships, Urban Renewal Authorities, and fee offsets totaling \$1.1-\$1.5 million annually, the core challenge remains funding. There's a \$100,000 gap per unit between development costs

and affordable pricing, and French said housing affordability is the city's biggest obstacle to workforce retention and community sustainability.

Development Projects

- Durango’s Community Development Commission (DCDC) recommended approval of the Lightner Creek Commons Planned Development Preliminary Plan. Located at 271 Twin Buttes Avenue, this is a public/private partnership between the City of Durango, Twin Buttes, Elevation Community Land Trust, and Tributary Development. The proposed development consists of 29 units, including duplexes and townhomes, which will be sold to local workforce earning 70-120% of the Area Median Income (AMI) through a community land trust model. The project still needs approval of the Durango City Council.
- DCDC recommended approval of Parker’s Animal Rescue Variance & Conditional Use Permit at 20578 & 20778 Hwy 160 West. The permit paves the way for a kennel with accessory spaces related to operating the animal rescue including a caretaker living unit.

Meetings attended January 22 - February 23

1/29 - 4 pm LAC Meeting	2/10 - 10 am BOCC Business Meeting
2/3 - 2 pm Durango City Council Study Session	2/10 - 1 pm BOCC Special Planning Meeting
2/3 - 5:30 pm Durango City Council Meeting	2/11 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time
2/4 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time	2/17 - 10 am BOCC Business Meeting
2/5 - 4 pm RHA Board Meeting	2/18 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time
2/10 - 8 am Alliance Investor Meeting	2/18 - 5:30 pm Durango City Council Meeting