

New  
Commissioner  
Orientation –  
Legislative  
Overview & CCI  
Steering  
Committee  
Meetings

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# Agenda

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I. Legislative Process

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II. Lobbying Tips

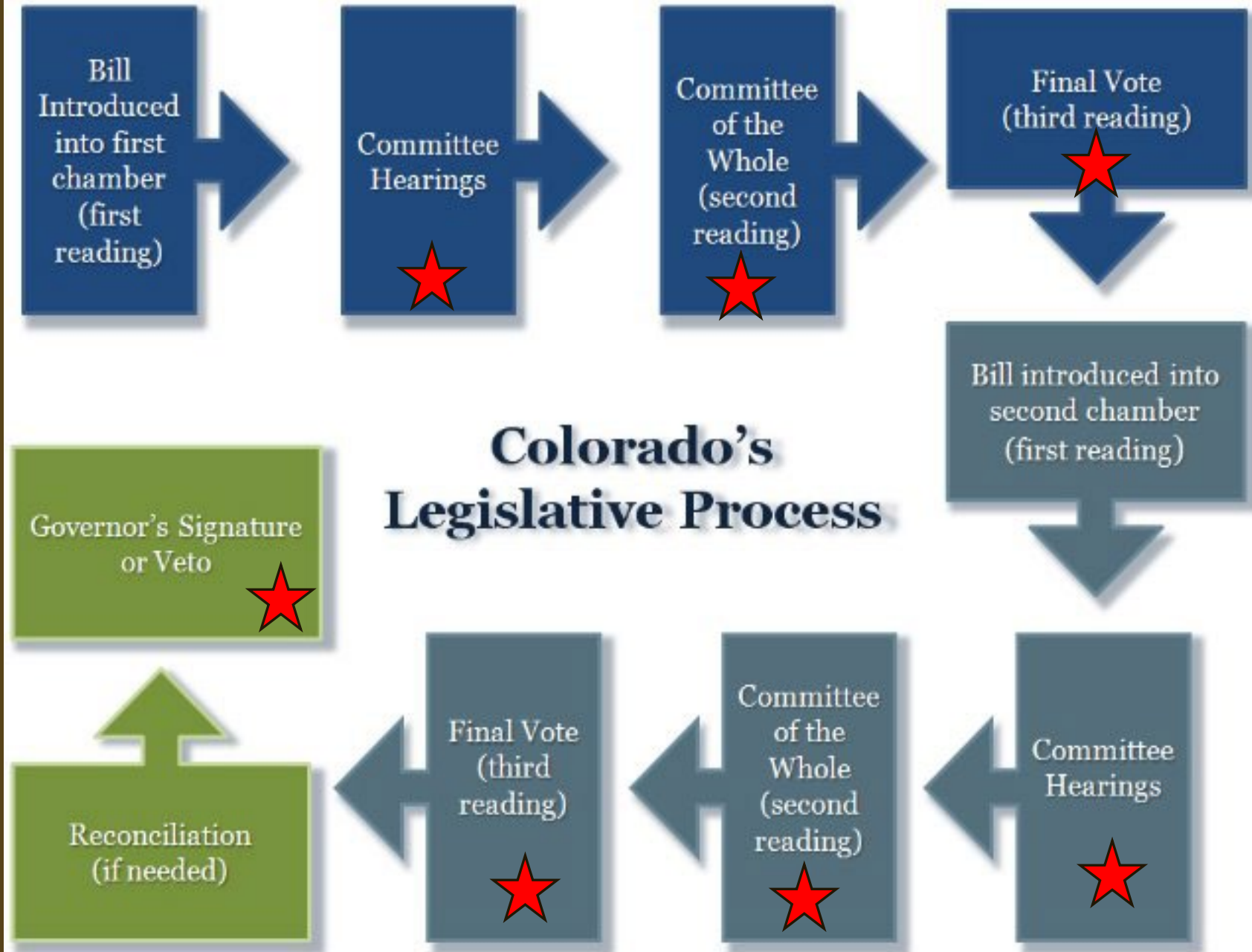
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III. FYI - Resources

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IV. Steering Committee  
Meetings

# Legislative Process



# Bill Paper – what am I looking at?

sponsors

Committee  
Assignment

First Regular Session  
Seventy-fifth General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO

INTRODUCED

LLS NO. 25-0183.01 Brita Darling x2241

HOUSE BILL 25-1078

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Boesenecker and Velasco, Mauro

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Marchman and Cutter,

Bill number

House Committees  
Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT IN NATURAL RESOURCES,  
102 AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, SUPPORTING THE COLORADO  
103 COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE AND OTHER GOVERNMENT  
104 AND INDUSTRY PARTNERS IN PROVIDING CAREER AWARENESS,  
105 EDUCATION, AND INTERNSHIPS IN FOREST HEALTH TO YOUTH  
106 AND YOUNG ADULTS; AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF  
107 PUBLIC SAFETY TO AWARD GRANTS FOR BASIC FIREFIGHTING  
108 CERTIFICATIONS AND FOR INSTRUCTOR TRAINING AND TO  
109 DEVELOP A PROGRAM TO TRAIN INSTRUCTORS TO TEACH  
110 FIREFIGHTING CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS; AND AUTHORIZING THE

Bill title

# Legislative Process – Committee Hearing





Legislative  
Process –  
Committee of  
the Whole →  
Third Reading  
→ move to next  
Chamber



# Legislative Process – Committee Hearings



Legislative  
Process –  
Committee of  
the Whole →  
Third Reading  
→ move to  
Governor's  
Office





# Legislative Process – Governor's Action(s)



## Tips for Lobbying

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Relationships matter – establish/build/maintain relationships with your legislators ASAP

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Make effort to meet regularly during session if possible

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TESTIFY – your stories are impactful and make a difference

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Real world examples – boots on the ground

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Communicate EARLY when you have concerns

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# RESOURCES TO REMEMBER

## COLORADO GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEBSITE

[www.leg.Colorado.gov](https://www.leg.Colorado.gov)



## DISPLAY BOARDS

<https://www.leg.state.co.us/public/display.nsf/index.html>



# CCI's Legislative Team

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**Reagan Shane** (Tourism, Resorts and Economic Development “TRED”, Land Use & Natural Resources, Agriculture, Wildlife & Rural Affairs, Public Lands): **303.859.9288**

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**Dylan Peper** (Tax & Finance): **303.941.4142**

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**Kevin Neimond** (Health & Human Services, Justice & Public Safety): **303.620.6450**

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**Meghan MacKillop** (General Government, Transportation & Telecommunications): **720.308.0672**

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Katie First, Legislative Director



# CCI's Steering Committees

# CCI's Nine Steering Committees



Justice &  
Public Safety



General Government



Tourism,  
Resorts &  
Economic  
Development



Taxation &  
Finance



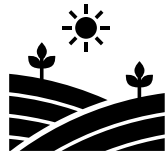
Transportation &  
Telecommunication



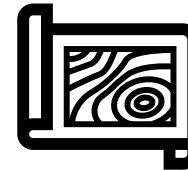
Health &  
Human  
Services



Land Use &  
Natural  
Resources



Agriculture, Wildlife  
& Rural Affairs



Public Lands

# Steering Committee Structure



# Steering Committee Process

- Hybrid Meetings – each committee runs back to back over the course of two days
- Call to order by Chair
- Staff Presents all bills that have been introduced since the last meeting seeking a position from membership (Support, Oppose, Monitor, Amend, No Position)
- Participants are encouraged to participate by raising table tents or using the “raise hand” feature on Zoom; or cough loudly on the phone
- After discussion, committee Chair will entertain a motion to adopt a position (vote by acclamation, in room/zoom/phone, or roll call) – one county one vote
- 65% or more to take a position – secret sauce of CCI (everything is bipartisan)
- Committee adjourns; next committee convenes



# What's Next?

- Steering Committee Briefing Meeting (Virtual Only) – January 24, noon – 1:30pm
- January Steering Committee Meetings (Hybrid) – January 30-31, 9am – 4pm
- Legislative Breakfast (Capitol, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor) – January 31, 7:30 – 9:00am

For Zoom information, contact Kieran Boes ([kboes@ccionline.org](mailto:kboes@ccionline.org))

Questions?