





Legislative Committee

The CAMU legislative committee is comprised of the entire CAMU municipal membership. The purpose of the committee is to adopt official legislative positions for the association and to guide CAMU's overall lobbying strategy. Positions are adopted on a consensus basis and CAMU does not advocate on issues where the committee is not in full agreement.



2019 LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW

Issues Framing the Session

NEW GOVERNOR, NEW PRIORITIES

Governor Jared Polis ran on a very progressive campaign platform that highlighted, among other things, a call to take Colorado to a 100% renewable energy standard. As his campaign progressed from the primary to the general election, his position shifted from calling for a strong mandate to calling for more flexible "goals." How this vision takes shape will be of paramount importance to CAMU and its members. Equally important will be the individuals tasked with the running the various departments of the administration. One early appointment of interest to CAMU is the that of former Boulder Mayor Will Toor to lead the Colorado Energy Office. Toor is currently a senior staff member at the Southwest Energy Efficiency Project. Toor has served on the Colorado Air Quality Control Commission and the Governor's Climate Action Panel.



SINGLE PARTY CONTROL

Democrats will enjoy sizable majorities in both the House and Senate in 2019. With the election of Democrat Jared Polis as Governor, it will be difficult for opponents to stop any legislation that the majority desires to enact. However, Democratic leaders in both the House and Senate are counseling caution against partisan overreach, and are calling for bipartisan effort on legislation. That being said, there's an old saying that while the minority may have its say, the majority will have its way!



CLIMATE ACTION

With mounting frustration over the lack of action on climate change coming from Washington, DC, Colorado's environmental community is looking to the State to step in and take on a stronger role in addressing greenhouse gas emissions. Proposals for addressing greenhouse gasses have ranged from a firm carbon emissions limit, to a Colorado only cap-and-trade program, and even to a Colorado carbon tax. While the breadth of such proposals would make any one of them very difficult to pass in the legislature, smaller steps like new energy efficiency requirements and increased support for distributed generation could very well be passed and signed into law. As we engage the Legislature in 2019, CAMU will be working hard to ensure that any state-wide proposal aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions does not negatively impact our ability to address climate change at the local level.





16 Senate Republicans

Republicans
Represent
CAMU in the
Senate

19 Senate Democrats Democrats
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41

House Democrats

24
House
Republicans

Democrats
Represent
CAMU in the
House

12
Republicans
Represent
CAMU in the
House



2019 CAMU Legislators SENATE

MEMBER	DISTRICT	CAMU COMMUNITIES
Jerry Sonnenberg (R)	01	Burlington, Fleming, Fort Morgan, Haxtun, Holyoke, Julesburg, Wray, Yuma
Dennis Hisey (R)	02	Colorado Springs, Fountain
Kerry Donovan (D)	05	Aspen, Delta, Gunnison
Bob Rankin (R)	08	Glenwood Springs, Oak Creek
Paul Lundeen (R)	09	Colorado Springs
Owen Hill (R)	10	Colorado Springs
Pete Lee (D)	11	Colorado Springs
Bob Gardner (R)	12	Colorado Springs
Joan Ginal (D)	14	Fort Collins
Rob Woodward (R)	15	Estes Park, Loveland
Mike Foote (D)	17	Longmont
Stephen Fenberg (D)	18	Lyons
Larry Crowder (R)	35	Center, Granada, Holly, La Junta, Lamar, Las Animas, Springfield, Trinidad



2019 CAMU Legislators HOUSE

MEMBER	DISTRICT	CAMU COMMUNITIES
Jonathan Singer (D)	11	Lyons, Longmont
Sonya Lewis (D)	12	Longmont
Shane Sandridge (R)	14	Colorado Springs
Dave Williams (R)	15	Colorado Springs
Larry Liston (R)	16	Colorado Springs
Tony Exum (D)	17	Colorado Springs
Marc Snyder (D)	18	Colorado Springs
Tim Geitner (R)	19	Colorado Springs
Terri Carver (R)	20	Colorado Springs
Lois Landgraf (R)	21	Colorado Springs, Fountain
Dylan Roberts (D)	26	Oak Creek
Brianna Buentello (D)	47	La Junta
Perry Buck (R)	49	Estes Park
Hugh McKean (R)	51	Loveland
Cathy Kipp (D)	52	Fort Collins
Jeni Arndt (D)	53	Fort Collins
Matt Soper (R)	54	Delta
Vacant (R)	57	Glenwood Springs
Barbara McLachlan (D)	59	Gunnison

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MEMBER	DISTRICT	CAMU COMMUNITIES
Julie McCluskie (D)	61	Aspen, Gunnison
Donald Valdez (D)	62	Center
Kimmi Lewis (R)	64	Granada, Holly, Lamar, Las Animas, Springfield, Trinidad
Rod Pelton (R)	65	Burlington, Fleming, Fort Morgan, Haxtun, Holyoke, Julesburg, Wray, Yuma

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