



2023 Legislative Issue Form

To propose a CCI legislative issue, please complete this form.

Feel free to use more than one page and include any supplemental materials.

1.) **Contact Information** (of person bringing forth issue):

- a. **Name:** Richard Cimino
- b. **Title:** Commissioner, District 1
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2.) **Issue/Problem to be addressed** (What is the problem this legislation is seeking to solve?) The unjust difference in the amount of property taxes paid by STR owners as compared to the property taxes paid by traditional hotels, motels, commercial cabins, and guest ranches. This aggression will not stand.

3.) **Background on this Issue/Problem** (How did this come to be? Why are you seeking a legislative remedy?)

The proponents of some sort of STR solution often cite the difference in property taxes paid by STRs vs commercial lodging establishments as a major problem. So, lets remove this problem.

I have proposed this policy change before, and it was strongly voted down, however a Logan County commissioner has expressed a change of position, and therefore I wish to propose it again and see what new discussion might ensue.

4.) **Proposed Solution/Legislative Remedy to this issue.** All lodging establishments will be assessed as residential property.

Alternatively, perhaps a sub-group of lodging can be converted from commercial to residential. For example, those companies that own cabins in one location, those cabins are single family houses. They should not have to compete with STRs while paying commercial taxes, they should also pay residential taxes. We should do this for cabin-based businesses and guest ranches.

5.) **Have you explored a non-legislative solution to this problem?** No.

6.) **Statutory Citation to be modified AND proposed/revised language** (The Colorado Revised Statute is available for free at [this link](#), by selecting “Colorado Revised Statutes”).

Unknown at this time.

7.) **Relationship of this issue to County Commissioner’s roles and/or authorities.**

The relationship, if any exists, is not strong.

8.) **Has this proposal been approved by the Board of County Commissioners?**

Yes.

9.) **List any potential Proponents/Opponents & their perspective; indicate any groups/individuals with whom you have already discussed this issue.**

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By Friday, July 8.



I have not discussed this specific policy with any organizations yet. I predict:

Proponents: Commercial lodging establishments.

Opponents: Almost everyone else.

10.) **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?**

Not yet.

11.) **Anticipated Fiscal Impact (to counties, state, other stakeholders, etc.).**

There would be a reduction in revenue to taxing districts that collect property taxes and have commercial hotels in them.

12.) **Please list the local subject matter experts CCI staff can follow-up with for more information on this proposal.**

Unknown at this time.

13.) **If your county is submitting multiple issue forms, please rank each issue.**

#1) The STR/LTR imbalance solution.

#2) All lodging establishments in Colorado will pay residential property taxes.

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