



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.

- **Contact Information** (of person bringing forth issue):
 - **Name:** Carrie Geitner
 - **Title:** Commissioner
 - **County:** El Paso
 - **Phone Number:** 719-520-6412
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- **Issue/Problem to be addressed** (What is the problem this legislation is seeking to solve?)
 - Counties have been innovators as it pertains to refunding TABOR overages to citizens. This proposal would allow for further innovation by allowing counties to coordinate with the State to refund TABOR overages by applying the dollar amount to a resident's vehicle registration fee.
 - Additionally, the proposal would establish a mechanism wherein a citizen can public sector projects to which a refund may be applied, such as parks, roads, or public safety.
 - The options would all be permissive, so citizens can choose how they'd like to receive the funds.

- **Background on this Issue/Problem** (How did this come to be? Why are you seeking a legislative remedy?)
 - Counties have been innovators as it pertains to refunding TABOR overages to citizens. Some counties send checks, others issue a credit on a resident's property tax bill. This continues that innovation by authorizing the State to work with Counties on other creative ideas, such as refunding TABOR overages by applying the amount to a person's vehicle registration fees or facilitating the citizen to make a direct contribution public project that supports a county's core mission.

- **Proposed Solution/Legislative Remedy to this issue.**
 - Refund local TABOR overages by applying a person's refund amount to car registration fees. Or insert option in regular property tax mailing that allows the amount to be donated to public projects such as parks, roads, or public safety.

- **Have you explored a non-legislative solution to this problem?**
 - Yes. El Paso County staff have explored the vehicle registration fee idea with the State in the past. The State has advised that this idea requires legislative authorization.

- **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").

- **Relationship of this issue to County Commissioner's roles and/or authorities.**
 - Commissioners have the unique role to authorize TABOR overage refunds or ask voters to retain money collected above the cap. This proposal would give Commissioners additional tools they can use to refund money in a way that benefits citizens, their wishes, and public projects.

- **Has this proposal been approved by the Board of County Commissioners?**
 - Yes. Each Commissioner is supportive of this proposal.

- **List any potential Proponents/Opponents & their perspective; indicate any groups/individuals with whom you have already discussed this issue.**
 - Proponents –El Paso County Commissioners

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- Opponents – Unknown
- **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?**
 - We have visited with two local legislators, and we will continue conversations with other members of our delegation. We will update CCI as we engage in additional conversations and track their reactions.
- **Anticipated Fiscal Impact (to counties, state, other stakeholders, etc.).**
 - No fiscal impact. Refund would either be applied to car registration fee or donated to public project.
- **Please list the local subject matter experts CCI staff can follow-up with for more information on this proposal.**
 - Ryan Parsell, El Paso County Government Affairs Executive Director.
E: RyanParsell@elpasoco.com P: 719-520-6540 C: 719-244-1809
- **If your county is submitting multiple issue forms, please rank each issue.**
 - **High**

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