



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:** Carl Young
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2.) **Issue/Problem to be addressed** (What is the problem this legislation is seeking to solve?)

The process to form a rail district is relatively complicated and it is unclear how such a district might be formed or operate if the district is only the rail right of way.

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

The San Luis and Rio Grande Railroad is in Bankruptcy and set to be auctioned in July 2022. One of the options for emergence from bankruptcy involves creating a rail district or some other form of public ownership of the rail ROW.

4.) **Proposed Solution/Legislative Remedy to this issue.**

We propose to amend Article 12 of Title 32 to provide for a formation method and governance structure for if the rail district only consists of the rail right of way or other non-populated areas.

5.) **Have you explored a non-legislative solution to this problem?**

Yes, we have considered ownership by a multi-jurisdiction IGA-created authority or direct public ownership.

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”).**

Article 12 of Title 32. Language forthcoming

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

As Counties collect the taxes for jurisdictions within their territory the Counties have been involved in the bankruptcy proceedings. County Commissioners have been directly involved with negotiations.

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.**

We do not believe there are any opponents, though this proposal will likely draw the attention of railroads and rail enthusiasts

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?**

Members of our delegation are aware of the issues surrounding the railroad bankruptcy and will be involved if this legislation moves forward.

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

None/Minimal

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By Friday, July 8.



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

- 13.) **If your county is submitting multiple issue forms, please rank each issue.**
This is the only issue we are submitting.

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