



## **2025 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 the person bringing forth the issue):
  - a. **Name:** Steve Garchar
  - b. **Title:** County Commissioner
  - c. **County:** Dolores
  - d. **Phone Number:** 970-677-2383
  - e. **E-Mail Address:** dcmanager-project@fone.net
  
- 2.) **Issue/Problem to be addressed** (What is the problem this legislation is seeking to solve?)

**Elected Officials Salaries for Rural Counties should not be set by Denver-Aurora-Lakewood consumer price index. The Dolores County budget cannot sustain this amount of increase. Legislation should allow smaller counties some flexibility in setting the salaries for elected officials according to individual county budgetary restraints.**
  
- 3.) **Background on this Issue/Problem** (How did this come to be? Why are you seeking a legislative remedy?)

**Section 30-2-102CRS sets forth an increase for the newly elected officials for 2025 and their 4-year term. The amount set forth is unfeasible for our county budget to sustain. The States regulations concerning Natural Resource development in our county has resulted in a decrease in revenues which accounts for 63% of our total revenue.**
  
- 4.) **Proposed Solution/Legislative Remedy to this issue.**

**Drop down a tier, from V-C to V-D and allow counties some flexibility in elected officials salaries according to the respective budget. We would also like to have the elected officials make the same amount and not have staggered wages, except for the Sheriff and the Coroner.**
  
- 5.) **Have you explored a non-legislative solution to this problem?**

**There is not one.**
  
- 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”).

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

**The County Commissioner’s have the role of fiscal responsibility to the taxpayers, this kind of increase is not being fiscally responsible.**
  
- 8.) **Has this proposal been approved by the Board of County Commissioners?**

**Yes, and all Elected Officials.**
  
- 9.) **List any potential Proponents/Opponents & their perspectives; indicate any groups/individuals with whom you have already discussed this issue.**

Proponents would be our Taxpayers.
  
- 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?**

**We have contacted Marc Catlin, he is looking into this for us.**

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**By Friday, July 12.**



- 11.) **Anticipated Fiscal Impact (to counties, state, other stakeholders, etc.).**  
The fiscal impacts could result in loss of services to our constituents & laying off of employees.
  
- 12.) **Please list the local subject matter experts CCI staff can follow up with for more information on this proposal.**  
**Commissioners: Steve Garchar, Floyd Cook, Linda Yellowman. Clerk, Lana Hancock, Assessor, Amber Blackmore, Treasure, Taylor Funk, Sheriff, Don Wilson, Coroner, Aaron Hankins. Budget Officer, Margret Daves.**
  
- 13.) **If your county is submitting multiple issue forms, please rank each issue.**  
N/A

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