



HIGH COUNTRY

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

2021 Legislative Priorities



Support legislation to allow counties to include specific language on the ballot referendum designating how the proposed quarter-cent local sales tax levy will be spent.



Oppose unfunded mandates to local governments and ensure state funding for any new, state-mandated programs or employee benefits. Some examples include:



No state funding available to hire new employees necessary to perform functions required by DHHS memorandum of understanding.



Additional local cost to support fire department retirees' pension.



Trash pickup. Additionally, there is no way for law enforcement officers to enforce litter that originates from the back of a moving pickup truck.



No funding for health departments to perform re-inspections.



Seek legislation, funding, and other efforts to expand digital infrastructure/broadband capability to the unserved and under-served areas and residents of the state.



Make available grant funding to municipalities to repair and refurbish existing water and wastewater infrastructure systems.



Support legislation to protect all farming operations from nuisance lawsuits.



Support increased funding at the state level for the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund.