



2019 End of Session Report

Community Associations Institute's (CAI) Colorado Legislative Action Committee (CO LAC) was busy during this legislative session. CAI members volunteered hundreds of collective hours to review bills, draft testimony, work with the LAC's lobbyists, meet with legislators and other decision-makers, and testify for and against bills. More than 650 bills were introduced, and more than 450 bills were enacted. The LAC reviewed 7 bills that directly or indirectly impacted community associations. Below is a brief list of highlights from 2019:

Bills that Passed

- **Electric Vehicle Grant Fund Updates** – This bill provided minor amendments to the powers and duties of Colorado's Electric Vehicle Grant Fund, which provides grants to state agencies, public universities, public transit agencies, local governments, landlords of multi-family apartment buildings, private nonprofit or for-profit corporations, and the unit owners' associations of common interest communities to install electric vehicle charging stations for electric vehicles. The Governor signed this bill on April 17, 2019 and it became effective on August 2, 2019.
- **Landscaping in Common Areas** – This bill promotes water-efficient landscaping on property which is subject to management by local supervisory entities. However, it does not prohibit a common interest community or special district from adopting and enforcing design or aesthetic guidelines or rules that require drought-tolerant vegetative landscapes or regulate the type, number, and placement of drought-tolerant plantings and hardscapes that may be installed on the unit owner's property or property for which the unit owner is responsible that is subject to the guidelines or rules. The Governor signed this bill into law on March 7, 2019.

Bills that Failed

- **Manager Licensing** – This bill would have prevented Colorado's Homeowners' Association Community Manager Licensing program from sunset by extending the program for one more year. The Governor vetoed this bill on May 31, 2019. In his veto memorandum, he requested that all licensing programs in Colorado be reviewed.

For more information on the CO LAC's activities and community association legislation in Colorado, visit www.caionline.org/COLAC.

Your Assistance is Needed

The CAI CO LAC may rely on professional lobbying as a vital and integral part of the legislative process. As volunteers, CAI CO LAC members including homeowner leaders, community managers, and business partners, significantly rely on this highly effective professional representation. In addition to contributions from management companies and business partners, the CAI CO LAC needs your financial support to bolster their advocacy activities in 2019 and beyond. We encourage donations from Colorado community associations, business partners, and individuals. Please visit www.caionline.org/lacdonate/ and donate to "Colorado" to support our continued efforts.

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