

Updates from the Colorado Municipal League

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CML's Role

- 269 municipal members
- CML's Mission: Advocacy, information, and training supporting exceptional municipal governance
- Methods of communication re: tax issues
 - CML sales tax simplification committee
 - Publications (books, newsletters, emails, etc.)
 - Respond to inquiries



CML's Policy Statement on Sales and Use Taxes

- Supports retention of authority for all municipalities to set local tax rates and for home rule municipalities to collect their own taxes and determine their own tax bases.
- Supports broadening the state and local sales and use tax base.
- Supports appropriate legislation or court action allowing state and local governments to require businesses to collect state and local sales and use taxes on remote sales.
- Supports cooperative efforts among municipalities to standardize municipal sales and use tax practices and utilization of technology for the convenience of taxpayers, the business community, and municipalities.
- Supports a level playing field between local brick-and-mortar businesses and remote sellers through the requirement for remote sellers to collect and remit municipal sales taxes based on the point of delivery.
- Supports programs that allow businesses to remit state and local sales taxes to a single point while preserving home rule authority over tax rates, base, and audit authority.
- Opposes further reductions in the state and local sales and use tax base.
- Opposes legislation that would preempt the authority of state and local governments to apply their sales and use taxes to remote sales.



Legislation Update: SB 21-260 / Retail Delivery Fee

- Model ordinance to exempt the retail delivery fee from taxation
- CML supported SB 23-143, which provided flexibility for retailers



Legislation Update: HB 23-1017 / SUTS Improvements

- CML supported HB 23-1017
- Conducted member outreach regarding funding priorities
- Participated in stakeholder meetings regarding funding priorities
- Continued engagement with DOR regarding implementation



Legislation Update:

SB 22-032 / Business Licenses

- Informational article and FAQs on implementation disseminated
 - Discussion at quarterly CML Sales Tax Simplification Committee meetings
 - Responded to member inquiries including sharing sample ordinances
 - Shared DOR workgroup sessions and training invites with municipalities
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SUTS Participation Update

- 3 municipalities have joined and gone live on SUTS since the start of 2023
- 2 others have signed the SUTS agreement and are in the system onboarding process
- 8 municipalities have not yet elected to join SUTS
 - Concerns surrounding user-friendly nature and vendor implementation



SJR 23-004 Update

- Held workgroup meetings 6/15 and 7/17
- Collecting data with respect to differences in municipalities and counties
- Reviewing information to establish some "best practices" and a sample building permit form
- Still awaiting information from industry as far as issues they'd like to see addressed



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