



Counties & Commissioners Acting Together

*Counties and individual commissioners across Colorado working to provide a unified, nonpartisan and independent voice at the statehouse. Collectively, CCAT represents all regions of the state and the diversity of issues facing every corner of Colorado.*

**SUPPORT HB 18-1118**  
**Create Health Care Legislative Review Committee**  
 By Reps. Ginal & Beckman and Sens. Aguilar & Crowder

**Bill Summary:** Recreates the former Health Care Task Force, renamed the Health Care Legislative Review Committee, to study health care issues that affect Colorado residents across the state.

**Counties and Commissioners Acting Together (CCAT) maintains that a Colorado citizen's access to affordable, quality health care should not be determined by their zip code.**

**Background:** Thousands of Coloradans in mountain and plains communities contend with the highest insurance premiums in the nation. CCAT urges the Colorado General Assembly to find solutions to support all Colorado citizens.

Colorado counties are the front door to the state's health system, investing significant limited local resources in community health systems. Colorado counties help provide financial support to local hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, behavioral health authorities and public health departments.

CCAT membership reflects a diversity of experiences – urban, suburban, rural and mountain. Each of our counties faces unique challenges when trying to support local citizens attain affordable, quality health care.

HB 18-1118 helps in the following ways:

- ✓ **Provides an ongoing forum for the General Assembly to understand and react to the health care challenges facing Colorado citizens.** Identifying answers to the complex problems in the health care system will take time and effort. A standing legislative committee will serve to continue discussion and efforts to move solutions forward.
- ✓ **Allows the General Assembly to look at issues from a statewide view.** Allowing the Committee to get out of metro Denver to assess firsthand the circumstances in rural communities is vital. A one-size-fits-all approach to health care reform will exacerbate inefficiencies and inequities, placing communities that already struggle to find affordable, quality care at a greater disadvantage.

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