



Agenda

Government Affairs Committee

March 15th, 2021

4:00pm

Fruita Chamber of Commerce- 432 E Aspen Ave, Fruita, CO 81521

Time 4:00pm	Elected Official Updates Sen. Bennett's and Rep. Boebert's office updates on Federal Legislation. County Commissioners Janet Rowland and Cody Davis update the committee on County issues.
Time 4:20pm	Review Monitored Bills Review HB21-1056 and the changes that were made to the threshold price.
Time 4:25pm	Review New Legislative Review SB21-175, SB21-087, and HB21-1109.
Time 4:50pm	Discuss Key Issue/Guidelines Review the Key Issues document for input from the committee. Changes can be made, and approval considered at the next meeting.
Time 5:00pm	Adjourn

Previously Monitored Bills

[HB21-1056](#): Cost Thresholds For Public Project Bidding Requirements

Concerning public projects supervised by the department of transportation that are subject to the "Construction Bidding for Public Projects Act".

New Bills

[SB21-175](#): Prescription Drug Affordability Review Board

Concerning the Colorado prescription drug affordability review board, and, in connection therewith, directing the board to review the affordability of certain drugs and establish upper payment limits for certain drugs; prohibiting certain entities from purchasing or reimbursing for any drug for distribution in the state at an amount that exceeds the upper payment limit established for the prescription drug; and establishing penalties for violations.

[SB21-087](#): Agricultural Workers' Rights

The bill:

Removes the exemption of agricultural employers and employees from the Colorado "Labor Peace Act" and authorizes agricultural employees to organize and join labor unions; engage in protected, concerted activity; and engage in collective bargaining;

Removes the exemption of agricultural labor from state and local minimum wage laws;

Requires the director of the division of labor standards and statistics to promulgate rules to establish the overtime pay of agricultural employees for hours worked in excess of 40 hours per week or 12 hours in one day;

Grants agricultural employees meal breaks and rest periods throughout each work period, consistent with protections for other employees;

Requires agricultural employers to provide agricultural employees with access and transportation to key service providers;

Authorizes agricultural employees to have visitors at employer-provided housing without interference from other persons;

Requires agricultural employers to provide overwork and health protections to agricultural employees;

Prohibits the use of the short-handled or long-handled hoe for agricultural labor except in specific circumstances;

During a public health emergency, requires an agricultural employer to provide extra protections and increased safety precautions for agricultural employees;

Creates the agricultural work advisory committee to study and analyze agricultural wages and working conditions; and

Creates rights, remedies, and enforcement actions for aggrieved agricultural employees, whistleblowers, relators, and key service providers.

[HB21-1109](#): Broadband Board Changes To Expand Broadband Service

Concerning the broadband deployment board, and, in connection therewith, modifying the composition of the board, requiring the board to develop a request for proposal process for deploying broadband into critically unserved areas in the state, and requiring the board to give additional consideration to proposed projects that would include discounted service for low-income households.