

IMPROVING INFRASTRUCTURE TO REDUCE HOMELESSNESS



Homelessness in Colorado is increasing at an alarming rate, with a rising number of individuals and families facing the harsh realities of living without a place to call home. Although state and local governments have taken steps to mitigate the crisis, there remains a need for statewide strategies and coordination between local governments, continuums of care, nonprofits, and other housing organizations to prevent and resolve homelessness.

Colorado's most recent Point in Time Count revealed that the number individuals experiencing homelessness increased 30% from 14,439 in 2023 to 18,715 in 2024.

HB25-1032 will improve and facilitate statewide strategies and coordination on homelessness resolution through three main objectives:



Re-establish an interagency council on homelessness

Led by the Department of Local Affairs, the Council will create a statewide response strategy, share best practices, conduct outreach and education, make policy and funding recommendations, and streamline access to resources. The Council will also incorporate feedback from an advisory group and report annually to the legislature.



Allow counties and municipalities to form regional authorities to combat homelessness

Counties and municipalities will have the authority to address homelessness collectively and from a regional perspective, much like current regional housing authorities. These regional authorities will have the ability to collect and expend resources and enter into contracts for the prevention and resolution of homelessness within the region.



Allow documentary fees to be used for affordable housing

Local governments will have the authority to choose to direct a portion of their documentary fees to affordable housing and homelessness needs in their communities. Documentary fees are collected by county clerks when real estate documents are filed.

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