



COLORADO GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ECONOMIC STABILIZATION AND GROWTH

Committee Second Round of
Recommendations

- ✔ Extend alcohol to go service and grocery/meal kits and raw food items service for restaurants and bars through 2020 or beyond.
- ✔ Allow restaurants to set up temporary outdoor "stop and go" meal kit stations through end of summer.
- ✔ Advance licensed brew pubs to the ability to conduct retail sales of malt liquors that are manufactured at a separate brew pub under the same ownership as the brew pub at which the sale occurs – SB194 by Sen. Bridges, Sen. Fenberg, Rep. Gray and Rep. Van Winkle.
- ✔ Increase penalties for businesses that violate their liquor licenses from current cap of \$5,000 to 20% of business's liquor revenue during the corresponding period of suspension as outlined in Senate Bill 110 by Senator Williams and Senator Holbert.

- ✔ Provide a one-year waiver of SAT/ACT tests and a corresponding waiver of the SAT/ACT collection requirement outlined in C.R.S. 23-1-113 for higher education admission for the next fall and spring due to limited testing company operations.
- ✔ Establish first loss funding from the State's FY20/21 budgets to support a proposed \$250M COVID relief loan fund to mitigate Colorado business insolvency tied to the pandemic's economic disruption.
- ✔ Advocate for General Assembly amendment to existing statute to allow electric cooperatives the option of holding electronic ("online") public meetings of its members and/or its Board of Directors in order to comply with State and local public health orders.
- ✔ Consider requiring commercial lenders to provide small businesses pandemic related forbearance services or renegotiated terms on real estate, equipment, and working capital.



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Allow for at least a six-month interest-free delay in pandemic affected small business payments to lenders recovering from this economic downturn.



Consider new investments in the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund.



Expand Colorado's broadband and wireless infrastructure.



Remedy concerns around claims and payments from insurers for business interruption insurance.



Advocate for federal modification of Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) to allow those businesses who have already received funds to also receive retroactive loan forgiveness for rehiring displaced employees



Advocate for additional uses of forgivable PPP funds to include payment of sales tax, preventative maintenance contracts and expenses, and other business-related expenses.



Support the proposed federal Restaurant Recovery Program to assist restaurants struggling financially to pay their expenses and debt obligations, re-hire and retain employees, and comply with heightened health and safety standards.



Cap or waive fees for the delivery of food from restaurants and cap or waive fees for credit card transactions.



Provide temporary fee waivers for our outdoor recreation industry who depend on special use permits for federal lands.



Expand existing U.S. Forest Service pilot program that allows stewardship and clean-up hours to be applied to permit days will assist permit-holders.



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Temporarily relax the “use it or lose it” policy for permit days will allow more flexibility for businesses struggling to find customers during the recovery.



Consider new investments in our public lands, including recreational infrastructure for trails, roads, and other recreational related activities.



Support the Pandemic Response and Opportunity Through National Service Act.



Advocate for funding to support incentives or loans for clean energy projects.



Consider new enhancements to the State Energy Program, Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant program, and to encourage the Environmental Protection Agency to allow states to have more flexibility in the use of these funds.



Consider directing federal stimulus funds to utility companies that would be used to offset the non-payment of customer energy bills resulting from this crisis.



Expand eligibility for PPP and EIDL programs to include trade associations and certain nonprofits



Eliminating the 500-employee cap for 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and the \$1,000 per employee cap and allowing volunteer-run nonprofits to apply for EID advances to cover overhead costs.



Extension of the duration of the Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUC) assistance for artists, art professionals, festivals and conferences impacted by the loss of sales or closed performance venues.



Consider other investments in Community Development Block Grants or other infrastructure block grants to include eligibility for arts-related jobs, community-based programs, and facility development.