



Legislative Report

May 11, 2017



General Assembly Overview

Frenzied Dash to a Successful Finish at the 2017 General Assembly

The Colorado General Assembly adjourned its annual 120-day legislative session on Wednesday, May 10, and what started out as a very quiet and slow session for CAMU, ended with an frenetic pace of activity in the final 30 days. Thanks to the input and participation of our members and the tremendous work of our lobbyist Kara Miller, CAMU enjoyed with a very successful session having obtained numerous amendments and winning key legislative victories during the session's final month.

2017 Key Legislative Issues

Legislation CAMU Supported

SB17-040 (CORA). This bill requires local government to produce electronic records in an electronic format. In response to the introduction of this bill, CAMU successfully lobbied for the inclusion of language to exempt records pertaining to critical infrastructure (both physical and cyber assets) from CORA requirements. **Status: Passed Legislature on May 10**

HB17-1116 (Energy Outreach Colorado Reauthorization). This bill funds and reauthorizes Energy Outreach Colorado through 2023. CAMU worked with EOC to support this measure. **Status: Passed Legislature on May 10**

Legislation CAMU Opposed

SB17-290 (Engineer Stamp on Excavation Plans). This bill was an attempt to change the underground damage prevention statutes to require engineering plans for excavation to contain "specific" facility location information. CAMU strongly lobbied against this measure and testified in opposition during the committee hearing, noting our concerns that engineering plans should never be used for utility locates. **Status: Defeated in Committee on May 2**

Legislation CAMU Amended

SB17-089 (Energy Storage Requirements) This bill sought to require utilities to treat customer-sited energy storage devices as distributed generation facilities subject to net metering requirements. As originally drafted the bill included all municipal utilities, however CAMU worked to amend this provision out of the bill. **Status: Defeated in Committee on Feb. 8**

HB17-1193 (Small Cell Wireless Pole Attachments) This bill includes small cell wireless facilities in Colorado's pole attachment laws. CAMU worked to clarify language added by the cable industry did not extend to electric lines. **Status: Signed Into Law on April 18**

HB17-1225 (RTO Hearing) This bill sought to create an interim committee hearing on the potential development of RTOs in Colorado. CAMU worked with our peers to clean-up the original draft of the bill to clarify language pertaining to utility customers and distinguish between retail and wholesale operations. **Status: Defeated in Committee on April 28**

HB17-1299 (Energy Storage Hearing) This bill sought to create an interim committee hearing on energy storage technologies. As introduced, this measure sought to have the PUC study how it could establish energy storage goals on municipal utilities that serve 40,000 or more customers. CAMU worked with the sponsor to amend out the PUC language. **Status: Defeated in Committee on April 26**

HB17-1339 (Coal Plant Closure Bonding Authority) This bill sought to permit IOUs to issue rate-payer backed bonds to pay for the early retirement of coal-fired power plants. CAMU worked with the bill sponsor on early versions of this bill to clarify definitions that would have related to public power and ensure the bill focused exclusively on investor-owned utilities. **Status: Defeated in Committee on May 03**

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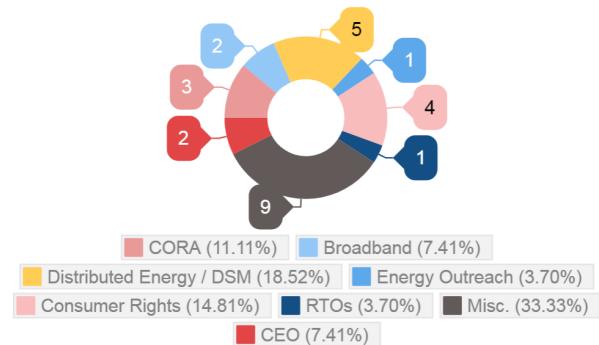
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Issues Tracked at the State Legislature

This year CAMU tracked a total of 27 bills (+4 since last report) classified as follows:

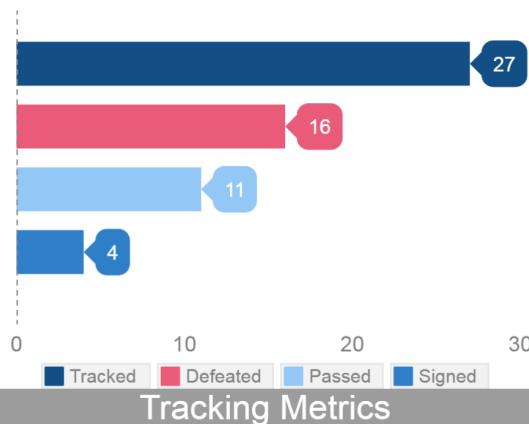
Colorado Open Records Act (3 bills)
 Broadband deployment (2 bills)
 Distributed energy / DSM (5 bills)
 Energy Outreach Colorado (1 bill)
 RTOs (1 bill)
 Customer rights & protections (4 bills)
 Miscellaneous (9 bills)
 Colorado Energy Office (2 bills)



Issues Tracked by Utility Service

Legislative Outcomes

This Session CAMU tracked 27 bills (3% of the 793 bills introduced). Of the bills we followed, the General Assembly defeated 16; passed 11; and 4 have been signed into law.



Positions Taken

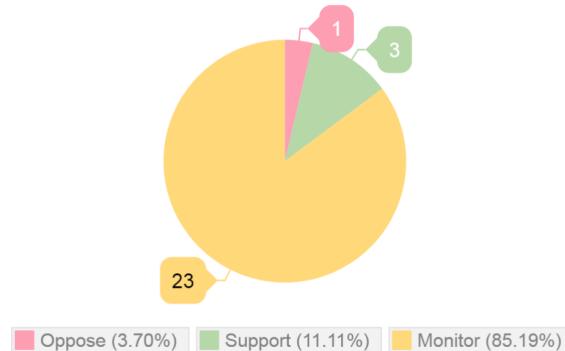
CAMU adopted positions or sought amendments on the following bills:

Support: HB17-1116 (Funding for Energy Outreach)
 SJR17-025 (Estes Park's 100th Anniversary)

Amended to Support: SB17-040 (CORA Electronic Data)

Amended to Monitor: SB17-089 (Energy Storage Mandate)
 HB17-1193 (Pole Attachments)
 HB17-1225 (RTO Study Bill)
 HB17-1299 (Energy Storage Study Bill)
 HB17-1339 (IOU Bonding Authority)

Opposed: SB17-290 (Excavation Statute Changes)



Positions Adopted this Session



Scorecard

CAMU has successfully amended 6 bills; 1/1 bills we oppose was defeated; and 3/3 bills we supported were been passed.

Favorable amendments (6 sought):

6 accepted / 0 rejected

Bills CAMU Supports (3 total):

3 passed / 0 defeated

Bills CAMU Opposes (1 total):

1 passed / 0 defeated