



Colorado Department of Local Affairs

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Mission **Strengthening Colorado Communities**

Because Colorado has one of the strongest forms of local control governance in the nation, the legislature uniquely created DOLA to serve as the primary interface between the State and local governments. Their key policy areas where state and local governments interact are housed within DOLA.

For many communities throughout Colorado, the Department of Local Affairs is the "face of state government" — that initial and primary point of contact where local communities work in partnership with the state. Our department's mission, "Strengthening Colorado Communities," exemplifies the level of responsiveness and attentiveness that lies at the heart of our services.

For the smaller local governments who serve most of Colorado's communities, DOLA provides much-needed technical support to ensure that local governments have the administrative capacity to effectively serve their citizens, and an institutional memory to ensure continuity and stability of service to these communities.

DOLA is available to work with local communities through a myriad of services and resources to enhance their quality of life. Below is a brief overview of DOLA's divisions:

Division of Property Taxation (DPT)

Article X, Section 3 of the Colorado Constitution; Title 39, Article 2, Colorado Revised Statutes

DPT's charge is to administer the implementation of property tax law throughout Colorado's 64 counties to ensure that valuations are uniform and that each property class contributes only its fair share of the total property tax revenue.

Board of Assessment Appeals (BAA)

Article XII, Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution, Article X, Section 3 of the Colorado Constitution, and Title 39, Article 2, Colorado Revised Statutes

BAA hears appeals filed by real and personal property owners regarding the valuation placed on their property for property tax purposes creating significant savings as well as alleviating the burden on Colorado's judicial system.

Division of Housing (DOH)

Title 24, Article 32, Section 702, Colorado Revised Statutes

DOH works with a wide variety of partners to create, preserve and rehabilitate affordable housing for Coloradans including workers, families, seniors and those with special needs. DOH also certifies all factory/manufactured structures built in or shipped to Colorado and approves multifamily construction in counties with no construction codes.

Division of Local Government (DLG)

Title 24, Article 32, Section 102, Colorado Revised Statutes

DLG partners with local units of government to foster sustainable community development and improve quality of life for citizens across the state. DLG's comprehensive approach bolsters resources and capabilities of local communities through technical and financial assistance programs and services,

Division of Emergency Management

Title 24, Article 32, Section 2105, Colorado Revised Statutes

The Division of Emergency Management (DEM) is responsible for the State's comprehensive emergency management program which supports local and State agencies. Activities and services cover all phases of emergency management: Preparedness, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery for natural, technological, and human caused hazards.



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As we get into discussions about the SMART Act we need to remind the committees of two matters that will need consideration in the upcoming weeks:

1st: The committee's recommendations on the Department's Strategic Plan; and

2nd: Committee recommendations to the JBC regarding the Department's Budget.

