

Business Friendly Policy Statements

The Douglas County Business Alliance (DCBA) believes that an environment that is friendly to businesses is imperative to the economic development of the region. Further, DCBA believes that fiscal restraint, sustainability, stability, simplicity and prioritization of programs and funding must be the guiding principles for setting the State of Colorado's tax and fee policies, as well as for spending policy.

DCBA will:

- Monitor legislation that could increase taxes and utilization of those monies.
- Evaluate the structure of the state government and find opportunities to re-structure streamline or eliminate programs and processes to increase efficiency, reduce costs, and enhance accountability.
- Understand and consider the impact of tax and fiscal policy and the overall tax and regulatory burden on economic development and business activity in Colorado.
- Seek reform of the current tax and regulatory system, including how fees and costs are assessed, to allow for an equitable environment in which individuals and businesses in similar situations are taxed and regulated in a similar manner.
- Support legislation for the establishment a "rainy day fund" for years in which the state experiences an economic downturn.
- Continue to monitor and support the elimination of Business Personal Property Tax and find a solution to eliminate the tax burden on businesses while ensuring that local government revenues are not placed in jeopardy.
- Work with the General Assembly, local elected officials, business community and nonprofits to clean up the Colorado Ballot process.

The DCBA will also monitor legislation on the following subject matters:

- Business
 - o Illegal Immigration
 - o Wages
 - o Telecommunication
 - o Insurance
 - o Workers' compensation
 - o Unemployment Insurance
 - o Surcharge Impacts
 - o Internet Taxation
- Economic Development
 - o Keep the cost of doing business low
 - o Fees appropriate only to support the impacts of the business and residential community they serve
 - o Development of infrastructure to keep pace with growth

- o State incentive efforts
 - o Workforce Housing
- Environment
 - o Growth limits/restraints
 - o Balance between development and open space/parks
- Government
 - o Local control and decision-making on issues related to growth
 - o Land use regulations
 - o Comprehensive advisory master planning that guides growth and is responsive to marketplace demands
 - o Continued investment by government and local communities in the infrastructure necessary to support development
 - o Special Districts
 - o Regulatory barriers
 - o Growth regulations
 - o RTA's
- Tourism