

2021 - 2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION PROGRESS REPORT

SUMMER
2021

SHARING THE COUNTY MESSAGE

CCAP and its members provide input and testimony on legislation to a wide variety of committees, explaining how a bill might affect counties or how counties are involved in a particular issue area.

CCAP sent legislative memos on **23** bills to **14** Senate committees and **13** House committees, as well as the full House and Senate.

CCAP and its affiliates also testified at **7** hearings since January, and submitted written comments for **7** other hearings, covering policy issues like broadband, elections, human services, public worker safety, tourism, and more.

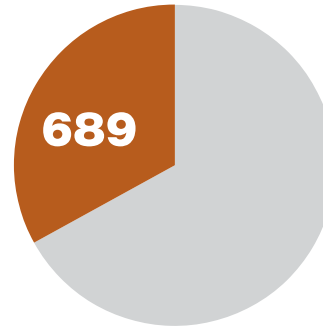
WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE 2021-2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION?

While counties have made strides on many policy fronts, including maintaining funding for county human services in the FY 2021-2022 budget, there is more work to be done on county priority issues, including elections reforms, broadband development and increased funding for community mental health programs.

CCAP continuously heard the impact of county grassroots efforts in advocating for policy counties needed. Your input and voice as a locally elected official is critical to inform policy. Share your powerful stories, bring your undeniable data showing the good work your county has achieved and also the vital need for increased resources. Using the virtual skills you've honed over the last year, ensure your legislators hear your perspective clearly and often. We must remind leaders at every level that investment and cooperation are in the best interest of all of our constituents throughout the commonwealth.



2,299 bills introduced



30%
of bills introduced
were tracked by
CCAP for potential
county impacts

15 acts affecting county
government signed
into law, including:

Act 1 of 2021: Establishes the COVID-19 Hospitality Industry Recovery Program (CHIRPS) and Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), providing for \$145M and \$569.8M in funding for COVID impact relief

Acts 7, 8, 9 of 2021: District Attorney vacancy clarifications

Act 24 of 2021: Omnibus Fiscal Code amendment for FY 2021-2022 budget providing ARP funding to address mental health in schools, nursing and long-term care facilities, updates ERAP and establishes the ARP Rental and Utility Assistance Grant Program (ERA-2)

Act 33 of 2021: Tax sale bidder pre-registration

Act 50 of 2021: Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act

Act 65 of 2021: Sunshine Act public meeting agenda amendments