



2024 CEAM Fall Legislative Briefing

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Overview

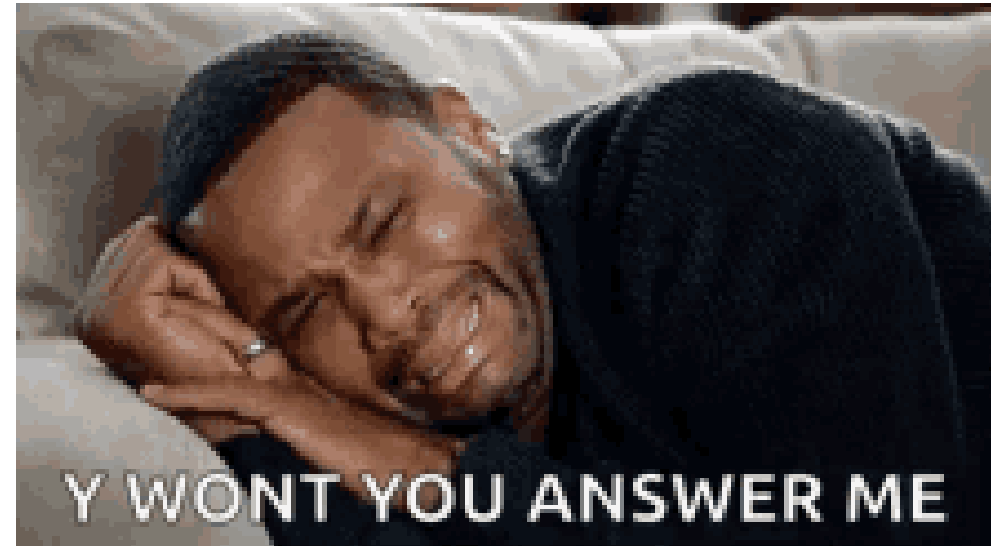
- Big Issues Ahead
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 - Budget Outlook
 - PFAS
 - Electrification
 - Housing
 - Solar Siting



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Budget Outlook

State is Entering a Challenging Budget Season

- Federal COVID Funding Drying Up
- Revenue from Gas Tax Decreasing
- Pressures to Invest in Infrastructure
- Pressures to Invest in Education
- Pressure for Credit Rating Agencies

Little Change Since Spring, Ongoing Issues

PFAS

- Increasing activity and federal and state level.
- Several bills in 2024 aimed at limiting products & targeting sources of pollution.
- We anticipate several bills targeting PFAS, some posing challenges to counties and some offering support.

Electrification

- Big questions on how federal elections will impact transition away from fossil fuels.
- Expected increased activity on encouraging all electric infrastructure, reducing fossil fuels use.

Housing

Housing Was and Continues to Be a Major Issue

- **2024 of Housing:**
 - The Housing Expansion and Affordability Act (Gov Bill)
 - The Housing and Community Development Financing Act (Gov Bill)
 - The Renters' Rights and Stabilization Act(Gov Bill)
 - HB826/SB779 (MACo Housing Bill)
- **2025 Outlook**
 - Major Issue for Both Parties at National Level
 - Increased Pressure on Local Land Use Authority

Solar Siting

Possible Compromise Bill on Horizon

- Major Components:
 - Settle Competition Between Conservation & Renewable Energy
 - Solidify Local Authority On Livability Issues, Within Guardrails
 - Provide Predictability for Communities, Counties, & Developers



THANK YOU CEAM!

Please reach out with any follow up questions or areas not addressed in this briefing.

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