



Weekly News & Updates

Legislative Session: **Day 75 of 120**
Sunday, March 29, 2026



Local Control Matters Because Your Community is Not the Same as Someone Else's

State lawmakers are quietly shifting power away from your town, your county, and your neighbors, and concentrating it in Denver.

That shift affects zoning, housing decisions, infrastructure pressure, and the character of the place you chose to live. Local control is not a technical policy debate. It is the mechanism that protects your community from one size fits all mandates designed for somewhere else.

If decisions about your neighborhood matter to you, this conversation matters to you.

Read why protecting local authority is essential to preserving strong communities across Colorado.



Max's 2026 Session Bill Status

Bill No. 1 - HB26-1061

**Community Integration
Housing Tax**

- Postponed Indefinitely

Bill No. 2 - HB26-1021

**Second Amendment
Protection Act**

- Postponed Indefinitely

(Party-Line Vote in Committee)

Bill No. 3 - HB26-1098

**Public Trustee Act
Foreclosure Procedures**

*- House Considered Senate
Amendments (Laid Over)*

Bill No. 4 - SB26-098

**State & Local Noise
Abatement Authority**

*- Assigned to Transportation,
Housing, and Local Government*

Bill No. 5 - HB26-1254

Audit Enforcement

- Postponed Indefinitely

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Stay informed. Stay engaged. Stay connected.

The decisions being made at the Capitol and here at home affect your taxes, your rights, your family, and your future. You deserve direct access to the facts, the votes, and the reasoning behind them.

Follow Rep. Max Brooks on social media to:

- Get real-time updates from the Capitol.
- Watch committee testimony and floor debate highlights.
- See how he votes and why.
- Learn how legislation impacts Douglas County and Castle Rock.
- Engage directly with your Representative.

Self-government only works when citizens stay involved.

Follow Rep. Brooks on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [X](#), and [YouTube](#) today and make sure your voice stays part of the conversation.



[Bill No. 6 - HB26-1287](#)

Sunset Division of Real Estate

- Referred Amended to Appropriations

Max's Co-Sponsored Bills

[HB26-1042 - Dry Needling by Occupational Therapists](#)

- Signed by Senate President

[HB26-1031 - Protections for Agricultural Products Grown in Colorado](#)

- Passed Senate Third Reading (No Amendments)

[HB26-1024 - Raising Age of Voluntary Relinquishment of Child](#)

- Referred to Senate Committee of the Whole

[HB26-1023 - Political Party Liability for Accessibility Requirements](#)

- Referred to Senate Committee of the Whole

[HB26-1079 - Drive Motorcycle Written Permission](#)

*- Introduced in the Senate
- Assigned to Health & Human Services*

[HB26-1257 - Local Regulation of Massage Facilities](#)

- Referred to Senate Committee of the Whole

[HB26-1191 - Examination of School District Records](#)

- Passed Senate Third Reading Unamended

[HB26-1090 - Teacher Licensing Requirements](#)

- Passed Senate Third Reading Unamended

[HB26-1031 - Protections for](#)

Connect with fellow Castle Rock Conservatives!

The **Castle Rock Republican Breakfast** meets monthly, and you are invited!

Where:

Douglas County Fairgrounds Event Center
500 Fairgrounds Road Castle Rock, CO 80104

When:

Every Third Friday at 7:30 AM

It's just \$20 (cash only) for a hot breakfast and strong conversation.

Questions?

Contact or RSVP **Kent Cheese**
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Agricultural Products Grown in Colorado

- *Passed Senate Third Reading Unamended*

HB26-1009 - Colorado Mandatory Lethality Assessment Act

- *Referred to Appropriations Unamended*

SB26-134 - Payment Card Networks' Fees

- *Senate Second Reading Laid Over to 3/30/2026 Unamended*

Tidbits

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Gov. Polis Signs Bill Letting Schools and Universities Bypass Some Zoning Rules to Build Housing

Governor Jared Polis signed a bill allowing schools and universities to bypass certain local zoning rules to build housing, a move that raises serious concerns about local control and community planning.

From Rep. Max Brooks' perspective, decisions about density, infrastructure strain, traffic, and neighborhood character should remain in the hands of local governments and the citizens they represent, not shifted



A Rivalry Between Two Agricultural Overtime Bills is Settled at the Colorado Statehouse

Colorado lawmakers resolved a high profile dispute between two competing agricultural overtime proposals by advancing a compromise that reflects pressure from both farmworkers and producers.

Supporters of the compromise said strict overtime limits risk reducing worker hours and harming farm viability, especially



Douglas County Residents Question if County has the Water to Sustain Growth

Douglas County residents are asking a serious question. Does our county actually have enough water to support continued growth?

A recent Denver7 report highlights concerns from residents about long term reliance on the Denver Basin aquifers. Those aquifers are not renewable. County leaders say they are working with regional providers on

upward through state mandates.

While workforce and student housing challenges are real, solutions should respect municipal authority and taxpayer investment in thoughtful planning.

Rep. Brooks continues to support housing strategies that expand opportunity without weakening the voice of local communities.

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during short harvest windows. Labor groups argued agricultural workers should receive the same overtime protections as other industries and warned against weakening reforms adopted in 2021.

The agreement ends a split within the majority party at the Capitol and signals continued tension between protecting farmworkers and preserving Colorado's agricultural economy. For rural communities and producers, the outcome reflects recognition that agriculture operates differently than a standard 40 hour workweek.

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future supply solutions, but the reality remains clear. Growth must be matched with real, sustainable water planning.

Water security is not optional. It is foundational to responsible development, property values, and quality of life in Douglas County. Families deserve confidence that infrastructure keeps pace with expansion.

Rep. Brooks supports smart growth that protects both current residents and future generations. That starts with transparency about water supply and disciplined planning before approving large scale development.

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