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Proposals for 2022 Legislative Session

Modernization of the Older Coloradans Act

Part 1 - Colorado Commission on Aging - Rename Lifelong Colorado Commission and empower the to make objective recommendations to the Department and its legislative designees in order to contribute directly to the continued implementation of the Strategic Action Plan on Aging through a shared leadership model with the Division of Aging and Adult Services;

Part 2 - State Office on Aging - Align the duties of the State Office on Aging with the mission of the state agency on aging as laid out in the Older Americans Act with a goal of moving beyond the administration of core services and adopting the strategic direction laid out in the Strategic Framework for Action; and,

Add Part 3 - Strategic Action Plan on Aging and Lifelong Colorado - Establish and define the Lifelong Colorado initiative in statute and give ownership of coordination, collaboration, and implementation of the Strategic Action Plan on Aging to the Office of Aging, Adult, and Disability Services.

Timeline for Revisions

10/8/21 SAPGA and CCOA Executive Committee's submit feedback

10/25/21 JH share revised draft with full SAPGA and CCOA

11/8/21 Deep dive with full review at SAPGA meeting

November and December - Broader stakeholder meetings

Modifications to the Area Agency on Aging Grant Program

Remove repeal date, expand the scope of eligible organizations and types of eligible projects, and rename the grant program to Strategic Investments in Aging Grant Program.

Increased flexibility and long-term sustainability for this type of funding mechanism could contribute to pilot projects, research/evaluation, capital investments, and community assessments that are in-line with the Strategic Action Plan on Aging and Lifelong Colorado.

Does not impact current \$15M for Area Agencies on Aging



Lifelong Colorado

**A Colorado well adapted for aging is one where
all individuals can thrive - a Colorado for all**



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