

## Host Home Provider Legislation Ends in Senate

Report from FMAC:

**House Bill #18-1376** related to host home providers of residential service that supports to up top three intellectually and development disabled (IDD) persons was a late bill, and the only bill this session that FMAC actively participated in and supported. It was a bill to provide some minimal regulation for fire and life safety, to include letting the local fire departments know their address and the sleeping location in a host home where IDD persons who would require fire/rescue assistance. The bill resulted from the 2016 Arvada fatal fire involving one of these homes.

The bill passed through the house but unfortunately was killed on Wednesday evening in the first committee assigned in the Senate. Despite supportive testimony from various stakeholders including FMAC and CSFC, the bill was defeated along party lines. There were several bills that evening that had the same fate and it seemed to me that they were trying definitely whittle down the numerous remaining bills as the 2018 session comes to an end on May 9

The good news is that CDPHE/HCPF staff indicated that even they do not have a handle the location of the approximately **3200 and growing number of host homes there are around the state**. CDPHE is planning to convene stakeholders to consider some sort of rules that CDPHE may be able to implement without legislation to start fixing the problems identified during development of this bill.

FMAC & CSFC will be at the table.

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