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## Key questions when considering legislation, rule or regulation:

### RESPONSIVE

- Is it required by state or federal law?
- Was comprehensive data used to define the problem and desired outcomes?
- Were experts who administer the affected programs engaged?

### EFFICIENT

- Will it streamline or add layers of bureaucracy?
- Is it redundant or inefficient?
- Are current staffing levels sufficient to comply with additional requirements?

### ACCOUNTABLE

- Are there measurable outcomes to be achieved by this change?
- Is there adequate state funding to pay for all direct local costs?
- Are there models in existence that may provide better outcomes?

### LOCAL-STATE PARTNERSHIP

- Have local elected officials been consulted?
- Has there been collaboration between state agencies?
- Does it limit flexibility to be responsive to community needs?

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**Responsive, Efficient, Accountable** services delivered through **Local-State Partnership**

**REAL** Colorado is an initiative of Colorado Counties, Inc. that aims to lead a collaborative, strategic reform of state and local government systems.

**REAL** Colorado represents the unified voice of Colorado's 64 counties calling for improved government services delivered through local-state partnership that are more responsive, efficient and accountable.

**REAL** Colorado collaborative reform involves: driving decisions based on data and measurable outcomes, reducing unnecessary and un-funded mandates and streamlining processes.

**REAL** Colorado strives to increase transparency and fiscal responsibility. It aims to safeguard the flexibility required for local governments to define innovative solutions for the communities they serve.

Throughout these efforts, a strong focus on outcomes will enhance the quality of services, reduce costs and help Colorado's state and local governments to meet the needs of our citizens.