



**2017 STATE LEGISLATION CONCERNING POVERTY**

February 19, 2017

<u>Bill#</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Committee*</u>	<u>Position**</u>
003	Neville	Repeal Colorado Health Benefit Exchange	Sapp	-C,a,w,p,l,c,s
004	Wist	Access to Providers for Medicaid Recipients	S2nd	-C,a,l,c
021	Singer	Assistance to Released Mentally Ill Offenders	Sjud	+C.a
091	Ginal	Allow Medicaid Home Health Services in Community	Sapp	+C,a,l,c,s
110	Kefalas	Accessibility of Exempt Family Child Care	H	+C,y,a
121	Landgraf	Improve Medicaid Client Correspondence	Sapp	+C,a,s,A
1001	Buckner	Employee Leave Attend Child's Academic Activities	S	+C,a,z,9,w,l
1002	Petersen	Renew Child Care Tax Credit	Hfin	+C,y,a,d,9,b,z,S,w,j,p
1021	Danielson	Wage Theft Transparency Act	H2nd	+C,a,w
1035	Jackson	Sex Assault & Stalking Victims May Break Lease	Sjud	+C,v,h,a,w
1042	Wilson	Increase Funding for Full day Kindergarten	Happ	+a
1055	Herod	Create New Tax Check-off for Urban Peak	Sfin	
1087	Young	Create Office of Public Guardianship	Hjud	+s
1116	Exum	Continue Low-Income Household Energy Assistance	Happ	+C,E,a,p,l,s
1126	Danielson	Medicaid Appeal Review Legal Notice Requirements	H3rd	+C,a,c,s,A
1143	Landgraf	Audits of Medicaid Client Correspondence	H2nd	+C,a,s,A
1159	J. Becker	Remedies for Forcible Entry and Detainer	Hjud	-C,w,h,a
1191	K Becker	Demographic Notes for Certain Bills	HFin	+f,w
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022	Donovan	Rural Economic Advancement of Colorado Towns	Sfin	+p
080	Merrifield	Reduce Amount of Wages Subject to Garnishment	Sbus	+C
098	Kefalas	Mobile Home Parks	Ssa	+C, s,A,a,9
118	Fields	Information on Private Occupational Schools	Ssa	+C,b,d,a,z,e
136	Neville T	Reporting and Limiting Civil Forfeiture	Sjud	
1129	Danielson	Technical Issues Filing Medicaid Appeals	Hphc	+C,a,s

\*Committee:S=Senate; H=House app=Appropriations, bl=Business and Labor; ed=Education, fin=finance, hhs=Health and Human Services hie=Health, insurance and environment; jud=judiciary; phc =public health; sa=State Affairs; trans=Transportation,

\*\* + = support; - = oppose

**C = CO Ctr on Law and Policy** ; 9 = 9 to 5; a = AFDC Coalition; A = AARP; b = Bell Policy Ctr; c=Colo Consumer Health Initiative; d=DenUM;E=Energy Outreach Colorado; e= Ctr for Work Educ Employment; f=Colorado Fiscal Institute;g= COLOR; h= CO Coalition for Homeless; H= Hunger Free Colorado; j=Nat'l Council of Jewish Women; l= League of Women Voters;m=Colo Youth Matters; o=Homeless Outloud; p=Lutheran Advocacy Ministry; s= Sr. Lobby; S= CO Social Legislation Com; U=AAUW; u=Mile High United Way; v=Colo Coalition Against Domestic Violence, w=women's Lobby; y= CO Children's Campaign,z=Women's Foundation.

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## MEDICAID NOTICES

An interim committee was devoted to improving Medicaid client correspondence and notices. Notifications of coverage or dropping from coverage were often confusing, contradictory or entirely incomprehensible altogether. SB 121 addresses the manner in which the information outlined in the correspondence must be presented to the client in the notice. HB1126 relates to the appeals process. HB1143 requires an audit of whether improvements were made.

## FAMILY LEAVE

Under HB1001, employees would have the right to attend teacher conferences and other critical school activities for their child. The leave would not need to be paid, and would require advance notice, except in emergencies. The leave would be limited to 18 hours per YEAR.

## CHILD CARE

A tax credit for ¼ of the cost of child care up to \$500 per year for one child, or \$1000 per year for two or more children for parents earning under \$25,000 who do not qualify for the federal Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit would be renewed for three more years under HB1002.

Child care providers would not need to be licensed if they were caring for four or fewer children as long as no more than two were under two under SB110. Currently the threshold for requiring licensing depends on the relationship between the children.

## HOUSING

HB1035 would extend to stalking and sexual assault victims the same right to break a lease for their safety as domestic violence victims currently have.

HB1159 would allow law enforcement to remove people from rental units without having to go through the normal eviction process.

SB 98 would have incentivized the preservation of mobile home parks across the state of Colorado by offering park owners a tax deduction on the gain from the sale of their land, if they sold to a resident organization or non-profit entity.

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

SB118 would have added private and occupation schools to a state comparative website for consumers on education and training opportunities. Currently consumers cannot find out what success graduates of a private, for profit occupational school have in obtaining employment, or what their average earnings are, unless they are accredited Title IV schools or, in the coming years, WIOA Eligible Training Providers

## ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Use of some severance tax revenue for Low Income Energy Assistance would be ongoing, although conditional on sufficiency revenues, under HB1116.

## GUARDIANSHIP

HB1087 creates a pilot office of public guardianship to provide guardianship services to indigent and incapacitated adults who did not have someone else to name. Sunsets 1/1/21.