



STATE LEGISLATION CONCERNING ECONOMIC STABILITY and POVERTY REDUCTION

March 20, 2017

<u>Bill#</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Committee*</u>	<u>Position**</u>
<u>Awaiting Governor's Signature</u>				
110	Kefalas	Accessibility of Exempt Family Child Care		+C,y,a,u,&,G
1055	Herod	Create New Tax Check-off for Urban Peak		
1143	Landgraf	Audits of Medicaid Client Correspondence		+C,a,s,A,D
<u>In Legislative Process:</u>				
003	Neville	Repeal Colorado Health Benefit Exchange	Sapp	-C,a,w,p,l,c,s,U
004	Wist	Access to Providers for Medicaid Recipients	Hsa	-C,a,l,c,s
021	Singer	Assistance to Released Mentally Ill Offenders	Sapp	+C.a
091	Ginal	Allow Medicaid Home Health Services in Community	Sapp	+C,a,l,c,s
121	Landgraf	Improve Medicaid Client Correspondence	Sapp	+C,a,s,A,D
216	Gardner	Sunset Continue Fair Debt Collections Act	Sjud	+C,b
245	Priola	Notice-Tenancies One Month to One Year	Slg	+C,h,d
002	Petersen	Renew Child Care Tax Credit	Happ	+C,y,a,d,9,b,z,S,w,j,p,D,u,U
1021	Danielson	Wage Theft Transparency Act	Sbl	+C,a,w,U
1035	Jackson	Sex Assault & Stalking Victims May Break Lease	S2nd	+C,v,h,a,w,9,g
1042	Wilson	Increase Funding for Full day Kindergarten	Happ	+a
1087	Young	Create Office of Public Guardianship	Happ	+s
1116	Exum	Continue Low-Income Household Energy Assistance	Hag	+C,E,a,p,l,s
1126	Danielson	Medicaid Appeal Review Legal Notice Requirements	Shhs	+C,a,c,s,A,D,U
1159	J. Becker	Remedies for Forcible Entry and Detainer	Hjud	-C,w,h,a,9,v,d,S,s
1191	K Becker	Demographic Notes for Certain Bills	HApp	+C,f,w,s,a,r
1195	Winter	Exempt Diapers for State Sales Tax	HApp	+C,g,w,c,9,c,a
1210	Lontine	School Discipline PreK-Grade 2	H3rd	+&
1206	Singer	Eligible Colo Road and Community Safety Act	Happ	+&,O,g,r
1230	Salazar	Protect Colo Residents from Federal Government Overreach	H2nd	+g, &,9,r
<u>Dead:</u>				
022	Donovan	Rural Economic Advancement of Colorado Towns	Sfin	+p,a
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,U
136	Neville T	Reporting and Limiting Civil Forfeiture	Sjud	
1001	Buckner	Employee Leave Attend Child's Academic Activities	Ssa	+C,a,z,9,w,l,U,g
1129	Danielson	Technical Issues Filing Medicaid Appeals	Hphc	+C,a,s

*Committee :S=Senate; H=House ag=Agriculture; app=Appropriations, bl=Business and Labor; ed=Education, fin=finance, hhs=Health and Human Services hie=Health, insurance and environment; jud=judiciary; lg=Local Government; 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; D=Denver Women's Collaborative; E=Energy Outreach Colorado; e= CWEE; f=Colorado Fiscal Institute;g= COLOR; G= Statewide Parent Coalition; h= CO Coalition for Homeless; j=Nat'l Council of Jewish Women; l= League of Women Voters; O=Colo People's Alliance; p=Lutheran Advocacy Ministry;r=CLLARO; 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; &=Padres y Jovenes Unidos

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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.

HB1210 Ends out of school suspensions and expulsions except as required by law for PreK-2nd grade.

HB1195 would make diapers exempt from state sales tax.

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.

IMMIGRATION

HB1206 addresses technical issues related to the program for people without lawful immigration status to get or renew a Colorado Driver's License or ID.

HB1203 requires state and local government to confirm there is a legal basis prior to sharing any information with the federal government that has personal information including immigration status. Prohibits government registries to identify Coloradans based on race, religion, national origin or immigration status.