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## **PROGRESS IN JUVENILE JUSTICE**

This has been an excellent year in the area of juvenile justice. Three important bills have been introduced, with two signed and one still awaiting action in its first chamber.

The first bill, **HB 1139 Pretrial Detention of Children Tried as Adults (support)** sailed through both houses and has been signed by the governor. The defense bar, the sheriffs, and the DAs all thought it was a good idea to keep almost all juveniles out of county jails while they waited for their trials as adults. (The only exception is for juveniles that the Division of Youth Corrections has asked to have moved to county jails.)

The second bill that has had no opposition is **SB 28 Aggravated Juvenile Offender (support)** which would allow juveniles to be sentenced to longer sentences than are currently possible if they remain in the juvenile system (current maximum of seven years). This bill was apparently sparked by the situation in Burlington where a 12 year old boy killed his parents and seriously injured two siblings. The DAs presented this bill as bridging the gap between the sentence that could be given to a juvenile in juvenile court and the sentence that could be given to a juvenile sentenced as an adult. They felt that this would allow them to file fewer cases on young juveniles as adults.

After initial skepticism, representatives of the juvenile defense bar reached a compromise with the DAs that left many alternatives for juveniles in place (juvenile parole, a hearing at 21 to determine further disposition, YOS or adult prison for the remainder of the prison term). It creates a very flexible system for dealing with unusual cases where the future behavior of the offender could go in many directions. League agrees that some juveniles may need more time in the corrections system, especially with the support of systems like YOS or supervision or parole, in order to pay their debt to society and to have the best chance of not returning to crime after release. The bill sat for a long time in Senate Appropriations and now has been waiting for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading since April 12.

With the passage of the following bill that raises the age for direct file, we believe that it is important for SB 28 to pass to give the DAs more flexibility in how they deal with serious juvenile offenders ages 14 and 15.

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The bill that has caused controversy this session is **HB 1271 Juvenile Direct File Limitations (Reps. Nikkel & McCann; Sens. Giron & Neville) (support)**. Governor Hickenlooper signed the bill on April 20. In a *Denver Post* article he commented that he had struggled with his decision but that he found the bipartisan support of the bill hard to ignore. Direct File is the process by which a district attorney unilaterally files charges against a juvenile in adult court instead of juvenile court. The bill raises the age for direct file to age 16 from 14. Under current law, there is no judicial review of that decision. Children ages 12 and 13 can be charged as adults if a juvenile court judge decides at a transfer hearing that the adult system is the appropriate venue. This bill provides a judicial review of a direct file decision by allowing a reverse transfer hearing in adult court at which a juvenile can present their request to have their case sent back to juvenile court. It also limits the cases that are eligible for direct file to only the most egregious cases and exempts some youth who are charged and convicted as adults from mandatory minimum sentences.

It is important to note that **the bill does not make it impossible** for children to be tried as adults, but it does require that there always be an opportunity for a neutral fact finder—the judge—to make the final decision.

There is more information about this bill in LL #3, P. 24; #5, p. 48; #6, p. 58; #7, p.70.

The passage of this bill is a significant victory for those of us who have worked to reform our direct file statutes. It has been a long time coming. The expansion of the ability of the district attorneys to direct file occurred in the 1990's after the so-called "summer of violence" in the Denver metropolitan area in 1993. We opposed the expansion of direct file then. We opposed lowering the age of direct file to 14 then, and we continued oppose it. It does not take into account the differences in brain development between youth and adults. And we now have much more evidence that supports the existence of those differences. We do not believe that placing youth in the adult system promotes rehabilitation, and it certainly makes it more difficult for them to become productive members of the community when they are released because they then have an adult criminal record. For these reasons, there has been a consistent effort on the part of the League and other advocates to restrict the power of the District Attorneys and to require a judicial review if a child is to be tried as an adult.

Prior to 1993, the juvenile system in place in Colorado had served the state well, because it recognized even then that young brains simply do not make the same kind of "executive" decisions that adults are capable of making. For that reason, we view the power of DAs to direct file, without judicial review, as removal of due process in the decision about where juveniles will be charged, because it then determines their sentence (by virtue of laws about minimum adult sentences) and where that sentence will be served. Even if the current DAs do not frequently abuse their power, it is not reasonable to have a situation where an advocate for one side in the judicial process can make a decision that has such a profound effect on the outcome for a defendant.

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## **GOVERNMENT**

### **ELECTIONS**

#### **TITLE BOARD PROCEDURES ALL BUT OFFICIAL**

**HB 1313 Statewide Initiative Title Board Procedures (Rep. Szabo; Sen. Bacon) (support)** makes official some practices that that Title Board has been following, including allowing the Attorney General and the Secretary of State to designate representatives to take their places when

appropriate. Making the change official allows retired Deputy Secretary of State Bill Hobbs to continue to sit on the Title Board. His expertise is valuable, and this is a benefit to the people of Colorado. The Senate State Affairs Committee passed the bill unanimously, sending it to the Senate's Consent Calendar, where it passed unanimously on April 13. With no Senate amendments, it is on its way to the Governor.

Previously reported: LL#4, p. 37; LL#6, p. 57.

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## BIPARTISANSHIP IN ACTION

**HB 1292 Cleaning Up Laws Relating to Administration of Elections (Rep. Murray; Sen. Heath) (support)** This bill does just what the title says: clean-up, including making it easier to change an address, allowing use of tribal ID as ID for voting, and allowing a disabled person to be assisted in voting by the person he or she wishes. It's amazing the good that results when interested parties come to the table and work out the issues. The bipartisan sponsors thrashed out most of the details before this bill was even written, so that it passed through the House State Affairs Committees unanimously, through House Appropriations with just one opposing vote, through third reading in the House with no opposition, and then passed Senate State Affairs unanimously. The bill has now been assigned to Senate Appropriations.

Previously reported: LL#5, p. 45; LL#6, p. 55.

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## WHAT NEXT?

**HB 1267 Various Elections Procedures Mailing Stubs Timing (Rep. Coram; Sen. Grantham) (support)** The bill that had been PI'd in Senate State Affairs on April 2 and then reconsidered by the Committee on April 4 continued on its complicated path. It was heard on April 9<sup>th</sup>, where it took on some of the aspects of the defeated SB109. Senator Boyd introduced two amendments: one that information cards would be sent out by **forwardable** mail and the second that would eliminate the status Inactive-Failed to Vote. This would reinstate to Active status voters who missed voting in the last general election and would therefore restore their request for permanent mail-in ballot status. The amendments and bill passed 3 -2 (Bacon, Boyd and Heath voted for and Grantham and Neville voted against) and was sent to Senate Appropriations. Lo and behold, the main feature of HB 1143, which has been waiting for hearing by House Appropriations since early February, joined the fray in the form of an amendment, increasing the reimbursement to counties for coordinated elections by 10 cents, and sent the bill to the floor by a vote of 5-4. These reimbursements come from

the Secretary of State's cash funds, but the appropriation must be approved. Voting yes on the bill: Bacon, Giron, Heath, Hodge, Steadman. Voting no: Grantham, Harvey, K. King, Lambert.

Previously reported: LL#3, p. 21; LL#5, p. 45; LL#6, p. 56; LL#7, p. 69.

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## FISCAL POLICY

### FIXING MANDATED TRANSFERS

**NEW SB 168 Triggers for General Fund Obligations (Sen. Steadman; Rep. Gerou) (support)** The bill changes the timing for the trigger on increases in the General Fund reserve and transfers from the General Fund to transportation and capital construction required by Senate Bill 09-228. In, particular, the bill postpones the onset of these General Fund obligations by one year relative to current law.

The bill also requires that personal income estimates reported by the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) be the source for determining whether the trigger occurs.

Senate Bill 09-228, which League supported, requires increases in the General Fund reserve and transfers from the General Fund to transportation and capital constructions funds once Colorado personal income increases by at least five percent from the previous year. Once this trigger is met, the transfers continue for a five-year period regardless of personal income growth during the time period. After the five-year period of transfers is complete, the General Fund statutory reserve will equal 6.5 percent of General Fund appropriations. Senate Bill 12-168 delays the required transfers and increases in the General Fund reserve until the first year *after* the personal income trigger is met. The March 2012 Legislative Council Staff forecast anticipates that Colorado personal income will grow by at least 5% percent in 2013. Under current law, the initial transfer would begin in FY 2013-14. The reason for the change in implementation is technical, rather than a change in policy. The transfers would be impractical if the information

## NATURAL RESOURCES

### WATER

#### NUTRIENTS ADVISORY BOARD MOVES ON

**HB 1161 Nutrients Scientific Advisory Bd. Water Quality (Rep. Looper; Sen. K. King) (oppose)** is an entirely new bill after being heard in the House. This bill stresses the need for good water quality, is responsive to the EPA requirements now being asked for, recognizes the need for nutrient regulations to ensure water quality standards but would still require the legislature approve any revision to basic standards. This is cumbersome when meeting EPA requirements as a primacy state (being in control of water quality standards, rather than the EPA). This bill would require the Interim Water Committee to address proposed revisions to the basic standards and methodologies related to total nitrogen, total inorganic nitrogen, total phosphorous, and chlorophyll A for surface water. This is cumbersome for the Water Quality Control Division.

HB 1161 passed third reading in the House on April 18 on a vote of 36-29.

Previously reported: LL#2, p. 15; LL#4, p. 38.

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#### House Vote

	YES	36	NO	29	EXCUSED	0	ABSENT	0
Acree	Y	Fischer	N	Looper	Y	Solano	N	
Balmer	Y	Gardner B.	Y	Massey	Y	Sonnenberg	Y	
Barker	Y	Gerou	Y	McCann	N	Soper	N	
Baumgardner	Y	Hamner	N	McKinley	Y	Stephens	Y	
Becker	Y	Holbert	Y	Miklosi	N	Summers	Y	
Beezley	Y	Hullingerhorst	N	Murray	Y	Swalm	Y	
Bradford	Y	Jones	N	Nikkel	Y	Swerdfeger	Y	
Brown	Y	Joshi	Y	Pabon	N	Szabo	Y	
Casso	N	Kagan	N	Pace	Y	Todd	N	
Conti	Y	Kefalas	N	Peniston	N	Tyler	N	
Coram	Y	Kerr A.	N	Priola	Y	Vaad	Y	
Court	N	Kerr J.	Y	Ramirez	Y	Vigil	N	
DelGrosso	Y	Labuda	Y	Ryden	N	Waller	Y	
Duran	N	Lee	N	Schafer S.	N	Williams A.	N	
Ferrandino	N	Levy	N	Scott	Y	Wilson	N	
Fields	N	Liston	Y	Singer	N	Young	N	
						Speaker	Y	

that personal income has, indeed, grown at least 5% came (initially) late in the fiscal year. The delay is simply to make the policy implementable If Colorado personal income does not increase by at least 5 percent in 2013, the transfers and reserve increases under both current law and the bill are postponed until the trigger is met.

We support this bill because it makes policy we support implementable.

The bill passed out of Senate Finance and full Senate unanimously. Assigned to House Finance.

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### REPRODUCTIVE CHOICE

#### OFFENSES AGAINST UNBORN COMES TO CLOSURE

**HB 1130 First Degree Murder of Unborn Child (Rep. Joshi; Sen. Mitchell) (oppose)** was finally defeated in Senate Judiciary on April 11 after a great deal of debate in the House and two hearings in Senate Judiciary.

The first hearing in the Senate led to two amendments, a tabling in that Judiciary committee, and finally, when it became clear that it would not pass, a 5-2 vote on April 11 that led to the bill being PI'd. Voting to PI: Carroll, Guzman, Giron, Nicholson, Roberts. Voting not to PI: S. King, Lundberg.

Through deliberations on this bill, those supporting it claimed that greater charges should be brought against someone who causes death or injury to an unborn child than currently exist in statute, and those opposing it claimed that it was a backdoor attempt to establish "personhood" and could well have led to making a crime of all abortions.

Previously reported: LL#2, p. 24; LL#4, p. 37; LL#6, p. 58.

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## ENERGY

### REORGANIZATION PASSES HOUSE

**HB 1315 Reorganization of Governor’s Energy (Rep. Becker; Sen. Steadman) (support)** passed the House with amendments on a vote of 49 to 16. The amended bill renames the office as “Colorado Energy Office” and adds the promotion of traditional energy to their portfolio. The office will be funded at the level of \$3 million with half from off the top severance tax dollars and half from the general fund for four years through 2016. Because we believe that it is important for Colorado to have a strong energy office we had taken a watch position but now support the bill because it will maintain the office and should assure that the State will be able to continue to expand the adoption of clean energy sources.

We are hopeful that this change will not result in the dilution Colorado’s efforts in promoting renewable energy and renewable energy. On the positive side there is a potential for adding programs such as expanding the use of Compressed Natural Gas for vehicles and generation of electricity from coal bed methane that could have a positive environmental impact.

The bill was assigned to State, Veterans & Military Affairs in the Senate and is calendared to be heard on April 24.

Previously reported: LL#6, p. 62; LL#7, p. 71

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#### House Vote

	YES	49	NO	16	EXCUSED	0	ABSENT	0
Acree	Y	Fischer	N	Looper	Y	Solano	Y	
Balmer	Y	Gardner B.	Y	Massey	Y	Sonnenberg	Y	
Barker	Y	Gerou	Y	McCann	N	Soper	N	
Baungardner	Y	Hammer	N	McKinley	Y	Stephens	Y	
Becker	Y	Holbert	Y	Miklosi	Y	Summers	Y	
Beezley	Y	Hullinghorst	N	Murray	Y	Swalm	Y	
Bradford	Y	Jones	N	Nikkel	Y	Swerdfeger	Y	
Brown	Y	Joshi	Y	Pabon	Y	Szabo	Y	
Casso	Y	Kagan	N	Pace	Y	Todd	Y	
Conti	Y	Kefalas	N	Peniston	Y	Tyler	N	
Coram	Y	Kerr A.	Y	Priola	Y	Vaad	Y	
Court	Y	Kerr J.	Y	Ramirez	Y	Vigil	Y	
DelGrosso	Y	Labuda	Y	Ryden	N	Waller	Y	
Duran	N	Lee	Y	Schafer S.	N	Williams A.	Y	
Ferrandino	N	Levy	N	Scott	Y	Wilson	Y	
Fields	Y	Liston	Y	Singer	N	Young	N	
						Speaker	Y	

## SOCIAL POLICY

### EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

#### CIVIL UNIONS BEGIN TO MOVE

**SB 002 Civil Unions (Sen. Steadman; None) (Support)** The bill is similar to the one introduced last year, in that it enumerates specific rights and responsibilities that any couple agrees to in entering a civil union, and provides for a legal process by which government authorities certify a civil union. This bill might be a bookend to the session. Introduced on January 11, it has finally passed out of Senate Appropriations on a vote of 5-4 (voting yes: Bacon, Giron, Heath, Hodge, Steadman; voting no: Grantham, Harvey, K. King, Lambert). It must pass the Senate (based on last year’s vote, highly likely) and get through House Committee and floor in the remaining days, now numbering fewer than 14. Thus, it could be one of the last bills passed.

Previously reported: LL#1, p. 7; LL#4, p. 40.

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### HIGHER EDUCATION

#### NEW TUITION CATEGORY PROPOSAL PASSES SENATE

**SB 15 Creating Optional Category of Higher Education Tuition by Sens. Giron & Johnston, Rep. Duran (Support)** The Colorado ASSET bill to create a new category of student tuition at state higher education institutions for undocumented students passed Third Reading in the Senate on April 9. There was little fanfare and no debate before the vote was taken. The vote was 20-14. The bill was introduced in the House on April 12 and assigned to House Education and Appropriations Committees.

Previously reported: LL#1, p. 9; LL#2, p. 17; LL#4, p. 40.

#### NEW STATE REGULATIONS FOR PRIVATE



## POSTSECONDARY SCHOOLS

**NEW SB 164 Operations of Private Postsecondary Schools (Sens. Heath & King & Reps. Massey & Todd) (Support)** This bill proposes modifications & clarifications in the way that the state regulates private institutions of higher education. Schools included in this category are for-profit proprietary schools, non-profit schools, career and technical colleges, seminaries and religious training schools (known as “bible colleges” in the current statute).

According to current statistics, there are 103 private colleges in the state. Of those, 22 are non-profit; 30 are for profit; and 51 are religious training institutions. Current enrollment for all these schools is estimated to be 138,155. Specific examples of private postsecondary schools include Colorado Christian University, Platte College and Phoenix University. The schools impacted by this legislation were involved in numerous meetings and discussions in developing this bill. They collaboratively give their support for this proposal.

The bill developed several consumer protection provisions to help students. Highlights of the provisions include:

- Each institution must obtain authorization from the State of Colorado based on their accreditation. A new process and standards were devised to renew authorization, revoke an institution’s authorization or put a private institution on probation. As part of the authorization process schools must show that they accurately represent the programs they offer in marketing materials.
- If an institution ceases to exist, their records must be turned over to the Department of Higher Education. Then students would be able to easily access transcripts when transferring to other institutions.
- Institutions must provide information as to their financial fitness. If not, then they

must post surety (in a form of a bond) in a specific amount that the CCHE (Colorado Commission on Higher Education) can use to reimburse students for loss of tuition or fees.

- A standard process will be established for reviewing and acting on student complaints against a private institution. At this time, students submit complaints directly to the Private Occupational Schools Board in the Department of Higher Education.
- A new fee structure will be developed that will generate revenue from application, renewal, degree and course review, and per student fees to be used to support direct and indirect administrative costs.

The financial note shows a cost of \$96,000 and 1.2 FTE to implement the program for the next two years. It was not clear from the hearing whether or not this is a one time or a continual cost for the program. The DHE (Department of Higher Education) will be depending on fees to partially fund program costs.

The Leagues supports this bill based on its Higher Education governance position that advocates for providing oversight for quality education in addition to efficiency and good management for post secondary education.

The bill was introduced in the Senate on March 23 and passed the Senate Education Committee on April 5 unanimously (Spence excused). It then passed Senate Finance by a vote of yes-5 and no-2 (Scheffel, Brophy) on April 12. It was referred to Senate Appropriations on April 17 where it also passed unanimously. It now awaits second reading the in the Senate.

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**HEALTH CARE**

**PAYMENT ASSISTANCE TO GOVERNOR**

**SB 134 Hospital Payment Assistance Program (Sen. Aguilar; Rep. Acree) (support)** This bill provides greater transparency in hospital billing and establishes requirements around hospital charity care programs. It passed third reading of the House on a vote of 45-20 on April 18.

Previously reported: LL#4, p. 41; LL#5, p. 52; LL#6 p.55; LL#7, p. 72.

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**House Vote**

YES	45	NO	20	EXCUSED	0	ABSENT	0
Acree	Y	Fischer	Y	Looper	N	Solano	Y
Balmer	N	Gardner B.	N	Massey	Y	Sonnenberg	N
Barker	N	Gerou	Y	McCann	Y	Soper	Y
Baumgardner	N	Hammer	Y	McKinley	Y	Stephens	N
Becker	N	Holbert	N	Miklosi	Y	Summers	Y
Beezley	N	Hullinghorst	Y	Murray	N	Swalm	N
Bradford	Y	Jones	Y	Nikkel	Y	Swerdfeger	Y
Brown	N	Joshi	N	Pabon	Y	Szabo	N
Casso	Y	Kagan	Y	Pace	Y	Todd	Y
Conti	Y	Kefalas	Y	Peniston	Y	Tyler	Y
Coram	Y	Kerr A.	Y	Priola	N	Vaad	Y
Court	Y	Kerr J.	Y	Ramirez	N	Vigil	Y
DelGrosso	N	Labuda	Y	Ryden	Y	Waller	N
Duran	Y	Lee	Y	Schafer S.	Y	Williams A.	Y
Ferrandino	Y	Levy	Y	Scott	Y	Wilson	Y
Fields	Y	Liston	N	Singer	Y	Young	Y
						Speaker	Y

**MEDICAID RECOVERIES PUSHED**

**SB 60 Improve Medicaid Fraud Prosecution (Sen. Roberts; Rep Gerou) (Watch)** changes the amount of a county’s share of recoveries of fraudulently obtained medical assistance when the recovery is initiated by a county department, county board, district attorney or HCPF on behalf of the county. Instead of sharing one-half of the state funds paid with the state, the county will be able to retain the full amount of the recovery after payment of the federal government share.

The bill has taken a long time to get through the legislative process. It passed Senate Health and Human Services and Appropriations Committees and third reading unanimously (one excused on third reading: Renfro), and has awaited hearing in the House Health and Environment Committee for more than a month. Finally, House Health and Environment heard the bill on April 19 and passed

it on to Appropriations unanimously (with Bradford and S. Schafer excused).

Previously reported: LL#2, p. 17; LL#6, p. 55.

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**MEDICAID PILOTS ADVANCE**

**HB 1281 Medicaid Payment Reform Pilot Program (Reps. Young and Gerou; Sens. Steadman and Roberts) (support)** This bill creates the Medicaid Payment Reform and Innovation Pilot Program. Within the existing state Medicaid coordinated care system, the bill fosters development of new payment methodologies. The bill, with amendments, passed third reading of the House on April 18 (Yes 51; No 14). It was introduced in the Senate on April 18 and assigned to Health and Human Services.

Previously reported: LL#5, p. 51; LL#6, p. 55.

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**House Vote**

YES	51	NO	14	EXCUSED	0	ABSENT	0
Acree	N	Fischer	Y	Looper	N	Solano	Y
Balmer	N	Gardner B.	Y	Massey	Y	Sonnenberg	N
Barker	Y	Gerou	Y	McCann	Y	Soper	Y
Baumgardner	N	Hammer	Y	McKinley	Y	Stephens	Y
Becker	N	Holbert	N	Miklosi	Y	Summers	Y
Beezley	N	Hullinghorst	Y	Murray	Y	Swalm	Y
Bradford	Y	Jones	Y	Nikkel	N	Swerdfeger	Y
Brown	Y	Joshi	N	Pabon	Y	Szabo	Y
Casso	Y	Kagan	Y	Pace	Y	Todd	Y
Conti	Y	Kefalas	Y	Peniston	Y	Tyler	Y
Coram	Y	Kerr A.	Y	Priola	N	Vaad	Y
Court	Y	Kerr J.	Y	Ramirez	N	Vigil	Y
DelGrosso	Y	Labuda	Y	Ryden	Y	Waller	Y
Duran	Y	Lee	Y	Schafer S.	Y	Williams A.	Y
Ferrandino	Y	Levy	Y	Scott	N	Wilson	Y
Fields	Y	Liston	N	Singer	Y	Young	Y
						Speaker	Y

**HEALTH CARE PILOTS APPROVED**

**HB 1017 Extend Local Access Health Care Pilot (Reps. Swerdfeger and Pace; Sen. Giron) (support)** This bill extends the local access to a health care pilot program operated under the authority of the board of the county commissioners of Pueblo County. The bill passed the House on March 5 and the Senate on April 10 by a vote of 28-

7. Voting no: Brophy, Cadman, K. King, S. King, Lambert, Renfroe, Scheffel.

Previously reported: LL#2, p. 17; LL#6, p. 55.

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**INCOME ASSISTANCE**

**DENTAL CARE FOR OLD AGE PENSIONERS**

**HB 1326 Concerning Assistance to the Elderly (Rep. Acree; Sen. Spence) (support)** The proposed

budget includes funding to raise the Old Age Pension (OAP) maximum allowance to \$725, as recommended by this bill. It also funds the Dental Assistance Program for OAP recipients who are over 60 but too young for Medicare, the other goal of HB 1326. The House passed the bill on Second Reading with minimal amendments and Third Reading on April 18 by a vote of 59-6. Voting no: Balmer, Baumgartner, Beezley, Holbert, Joshi, Sonnenberg. It's been assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

Previously reported: LL#6, p. 63.

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**STATUS SHEET**

The Status Sheet is a regularly updated list of bills being followed by Legislative Action Committee members.

**New bills are in boldface.**

S=Support O=Oppose SIP=Support in Part OIP=Oppose in Part W=Watch or Monitor

POLICY AREA	S/H	BILL #	BILL TITLE	S/O	PAGE	STATUS
Children's Issues	SB	11	Child Abuse Differential Response Program	S	26,60	Signed
Children's Issues	SB	33	Child Fatality Reviews	S	8,26,49,60	Signed
Children's Issues	SB	64	Colorado Children's Trust Fund	S	26,39	Signed
Children's Issues	SB	66	Guardianship Program Eligibility	S	15, 26,60	Signed
Children's Issues	SB	99	Expand Access To Academic Model Juvenile Facility	OIP	27,39,60	Signed
Children's Issues	SB	130	Governance Of Child Development Programs	S	38,71	H-SVM
Children's Issues	HB	1047	Non-safety Licensing Standards Kinship Foster Care	S	39	Signed
Education	SB	46	Discipline In Public Schools	S	15,40,49	S-APP
Education	SB	103	At-risk Funding Formula Charter School & District	S	39	S-ED
Education	HB	1238	Ensuring K-3 Literacy Education	O	20,61,72	S-SVM
Education	HB	1345	Financing Of Public Schools	W	72	H-2nd Rdg
Elections	SB	109	Maintenance Regular List Regis Electors	S	21,36,56,69	PI'd
Elections	SB	135	Secretary of State Post Election Returns Online	S	35	S-2nd Rdg
Elections	SB	147	Prohibit False Election Info Made To Deter Voting	S	22,35,5	PI'd
Elections	SB	155	Transparency of Elections & CORA	W	44,56	S-2nd Rdg
Elections	HB	1024	Plain Language For Ballot Titles	S	7, 46	PI'd
Elections	HB	1076	Additional Voluntary Info On Initiative Petitions	W	7	PI'd
Elections	HB	1089	Specific Wording Relating To Statewide Ballot Title	S	13,22,46	Signed
Elections	HB	1143	Adjust County Reimbursement Rate For Elections	S	22	H-2nd Rdg
Elections	HB	1267	Various Elections Procedures Mailings Stubs Timing	O	21,45,56,69,78	S-2nd Rdg
Elections	HB	1279	Public Financing Of Legislative Campaigns	S	35,56	PI'd
Elections	HB	1292	Update Election Law Administration Timing Process	S	46,55,78	S-APP
Elections	HB	1313	Statewide Initiative Title Board Procedures	S	35,57,77	To Gov
Energy	HB	1105	Wind Energy Property Rights	W	59	H-Concur
Energy	HB	1121	PUC Hearings Utility Ratepayers Bill of Rights	O	49	PI'd
Energy	HB	1160	Captured Methane From Coal Mines	S	14,59	S-2nd Rdg



Energy	HB	1164	Require Disclosure Severed Mineral Estate	S	14	PI'd
Energy	HB	1173	Protect Pub Health Oil & Gas Hydraulic Fracturing	S	25	PI'd
Energy	HB	1176	Oil Gas Surface Owner Horizontal Drilling Setbacks	S	15, 25	PI'd
Energy	HB	1277	Local Control Oil Gas Regulation	S	25,38	PI'd
Energy	HB	1315	Reorganization Of Governor's Energy Office	OIP	62,71,80	S-SVM+ APP
Equal Opportunity	SB	2	Civil Unions	S	7,40,80	S-2nd Rdg
Fiscal Policy	SB	83	Dynamic Modeling For Fiscal Impact Of Bills	S	23	S-FIN
<b>Fiscal Policy</b>	<b>SB</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>Triggers For General Fund Obligations</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>H-APP</b>
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Fiscal Policy	HB	1029	Economic Stimulus Personal Property Tax Exemption	S	47,57	Signed
Fiscal Policy	HB	1075	Six Percent General Fund Appropriation Limit	O	32	H-2nd Rdg
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Gun Control	HB	1048	End CBI Instacheck Duty For Firearm Transfers	O	13,23,48	S-SVM
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Higher Education	SB	45	Higher Ed Associate Degree Transfer Students	S	18,40,60,72	Signed
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Income Assistance	SB	139	Coordination Of Work Support Assistance	S	41	S-2nd Rdg
Income Assistance	HB	1028	Continue Low-income Energy-related Assistance	S	9,18,29,51,62	Signed
Income Assistance	HB	1046	Colorado Works Program Drug Testing Requirement	O	2973	Lost
Income Assistance	HB	1152	Economic Opportunity Poverty Reduction Task Force	S	29,41	PI'd
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Income Assistance	HB	1320	Energy-related Assistance Low-income Households	W	62	H-AG
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Justice System	SB	163	Reduce Penalty Certain Drug Abuse Offenses	S	58,69	S-APP
Juvenile Justice	SB	28	Aggravated Juvenile Offender	S	24,76	S-2nd Rdg
Juvenile Justice	HB	1139	Pretrial Detention Of Children Tried As Adults	S	13,37,48,76	Signed
Juvenile Justice	HB	1271	Juvenile Direct File Limitations	S	24,48,58,70,76	Signed
Reproductive Choice	HB	1100	Pregnancy & Evidence Of Substance Use	S	25,37	Signed

Reproductive Choice	HB	1130	First Degree Murder Of Unborn Child	O	24,37,58,79	Pl'd
Voting Rights	SB	62	Voting By Military Personnel	S	14, 25	Signed
Voting Rights	HB	1111	Photo Identification For Voting	O	14,37,59,70	Pl'd
Voting Rights	HB	1298	Voter Preregistration At 16	S	37, 48	Pl'd
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