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ABOUT THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

The mission of the League of Women Voters is to encourage informed and active participation in government and influence public policy issues through education and advocacy. **It is a nonprofit, non-partisan organization. The League does not support or oppose any political party or candidate.**

The League of Women Voters of Colorado (LWVCO) has over 1300 members, women and men, in 19 local Leagues:

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The League is organized around two main functions: **VOTER EDUCATION and PROGRAM.**

VOTER EDUCATION provides a vital service to the citizens of Colorado. The Education Fund provides the public with factual and unbiased information about ballot issues and candidates to help them in making informed decisions at election time. In addition to encouraging eligible voters to register and vote, the League provides information to help them understand the political process and promote active participation in government. Voter Education efforts are administered by the League of Women Voters Education Fund, a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit. Financial support for the voter education area comes from grants and in-kind and financial contributions.

The **PROGRAM** area is separate from Voter Education. The League studies many public policy issues. In this area we may take action in support of or opposition to the issue after thorough study and consensus by our members. The studies include issues related to government, natural resources, and social policy. The League takes action at all levels of government on public policy issues. These actions include briefings and workshops to inform our members, lobbying before government bodies, petition drives, publishing information for the general public and the news media, and holding open informational meetings. Program efforts are administered by the League of Women Voters of Colorado, a 501 (c) 4 nonprofit. Financial support for the program area comes from membership, conferences and special events, contributions, and publications.

Board members and volunteers donate hundreds of hours to the above activities including: researching ballot issues, lobbying at the legislature, hosting and broadcasting public forums, and writing reports and other publications.

HOW DOES THE LEAGUE ADOPT POLICY POSITIONS?

League members choose public policy issues for study and ultimate action. Study makes action possible by giving members the opportunity to examine facts, pro and con arguments, and political realities. League positions are reached through a process of consensus. Consensus is not a simple majority vote, nor does it mean unanimity. It is the "sense of the group" as expressed through the exchange of ideas and opinions. League action can take place only after consensus (or concurrence with another League's position) has been reached and a position formulated.

The LWVCO **Legislative Action Committee** meets biweekly during the legislative session to review pending bills in light of established League policy positions. Decisions to support, oppose, or "watch" bills are arrived at by consensus after reviewing all information available at the time. As bills change, it is sometimes necessary to change positions, and those decisions are also made by consensus of the committee.

ADVOCACY AGENDA 2015

Elections and Voting Environmental Quality and Land Use Planning Fundamental Needs of Colorado's Future

The Advocacy Agenda reflects the priority issues that will be addressed by League in both legislative and citizen-education activities across Colorado. In the area of elections and voting, we will continue to be active in the evolving nature of voting in Colorado to protect accessibility of the ballot for all. The now-healthy economy reminds us a balance must be maintained between using natural resources for growth and maintaining the quality of life of our communities, both rural and urban. Practical policies for education, for helping those afflicted with behavioral health issues, and for ensuring our state infrastructure, appropriately funded, are fundamental to our state's long term stability. These priority items inform our decision-making when conflicts arise, but do not limit the scope of legislative advocacy.

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DEADLINE SCHEDULE FOR THE 2014 COLORADO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- January 7 **General Assembly convenes.**
- January 23 Final deadline for introduction of **Senate** bills, except for the Long Bill and supplemental bills recommended by the Joint Budget Committee.
- January 28 Final deadline for introduction of **House** bills, except supplemental bills recommended by the Joint Budget Committee.
- February 2 Final deadline for introduction of supplemental bills recommended by the Joint Budget Committee.
- February 5 Deadline for **House** committees of reference to report House bills introduced on or before the 7th legislative day.
- February 12 Deadline for **Senate** committees of reference to report **Senate** bills.
- February 19 Deadline for **House** committees of reference to report remaining **House** bills.
- February 25 Deadline for final passage of **Senate** bills in the **Senate**.*
- Deadline for final passage of **House** bills in the **House**.*
- March 20 Deadline for committees of reference to report bills originating in the other house.
- March 23 Deadline for introduction of the **Long Bill** in the **Senate**.
- March 27 Deadline for final passage of the **Long Bill** in the **Senate**.
- March 30 Deadline for final passage in the **House** of **Senate** bills.*
- April 3 Deadline for final passage of the **Long Bill** in the **House**.
- April 6 Deadline for final passage in the **Senate** of all **House** bills.*
- April 10 Deadline for adoption of the conference committee report on the **Long Bill**
- Deadline for Appropriations Committee in house of introduction to report bills referred to Appropriations Committee.
- April 16 Deadline to introduce resolutions and bills.
- April 17 Deadline for final passage in house of introduction of all bills referred to the Appropriations Committee in that house.
- Deadline for final passage for any school finance bills.
- April 23 Deadline for committees of reference in second house to report bills referred to the Appropriations Committee in that house.
- April 27 Deadline for Appropriations Committee in second house to report bills referred to it.
- April 30 Deadline for final passage in second house of all bills referred its Appropriations Committee.
- May 6 Adjournment sine die.

* All bills in the Appropriations Committee in either house on the day of the asterisked deadline are excluded from the final passage deadline until April 17.

GOVERNMENT

INITIATIVES

CLARIFY INITIATIVES EFFECTS

NEW **HB 1057 The State Wide Initiative Process (Reps. Court & DelGrosso; Sens. Sonnenberg & Hodge) (Support).** In the 2013-2014 ballot initiative cycle, 145 ballot titles were filed. That comes on the heels of 165 titles in 2011-12; 98 in 2009-10; 128 in '07-'08, and 139 in '05-'06. In other words, there were a lot. Many of them were different versions of the same proposals, so that groups could make sure to get language they liked moving through the initiative system.

The League of Women Voters supports the initiative process as an essential way for citizens to petition government. Subjects range from those that the legislature would not take up, to those that failed in the legislature. To the extent that initiatives represent an alternative to the form of representative government embodied in an elected legislature, proponents should be clear about, and make clear to petition signers as well as voters, the impacts and possible consequences of the measures, including the fiscal impact, just as elected representatives must do in the legislative process.

Under current law, legislative council of the general assembly prepares a fiscal impact statement for each initiative, which appears in the blue book. The fiscal impact of an initiative that is successfully placed on the ballot is, therefore, available to voters. However, no such fiscal impact information is available to those who are asked to sign petitions to place the measure on the ballot. The bill requires a fiscal impact statement by the time the measure goes to Title Board, that the statement be available on legislative council's web site, and that a summary be printed on all petitions. We hope this will help voters to "think before they ink!"

The bill also specifies that designated representatives of sponsors of initiatives attend every review and comment and every Title Board hearing on an initiative. If they do not appear, the measure will be considered withdrawn. Knowing that designated representatives sometimes live far from the front-range, we would like to see some accommodations for remote appearances.

Taken together, these provisions require that those who propose initiatives take responsibility for the laws that they propose that is similar to the responsibility taken by legislators when they sponsor bills. It is possible to view these requirements as bureaucratic hurdles to initiatives. On the other hand, initiatives propose constitutional and

statutory changes that affect all. It is our view that these requirements will add to clarity and transparency of ballot issues, and we support them.

HB 1957 will be heard in House State Affairs.

Christine Watson 303.250.1796

GUN SAFETY

PURCHASE, CARRY, AND USE FIREARMS!

NEW **HB 1009 Repeal of Large Ammo Magazines (Rep. Humphrey; Sen. Holbert) (oppose)** This bill would repeal the measure passed in 2013 that limited the size of ammunition magazines made or sold in Colorado, such as the 100-round drum that was used in the Aurora theater killings. The same bill was defeated last year. It has been assigned to the House State Affairs Committee.

NEW **HB 1049 Deadly Force against Intruders in Business (Rep. Everett; Sen. Grantham) (oppose)** This is also the same as the bill introduced last year. It declares "...any owner, manager, or employee of a place of business is justified in using ... deadly physical force, against another person when that other person has made an unlawful entry into the ... place of business, and when ... the owner, manager, or employee has a reasonable belief that such other person has committed a crime in the dwelling or place of business in addition to the uninvited entry, or is committing or intends to commit a crime against a person or property in addition to the uninvited entry, and when the occupant reasonably believes that the other person might use any physical force, no matter how slight, against any occupant of the ... place of business."

It would disallow criminal prosecution or civil liability for any such use of force. We are extremely concerned that the exemption from liability for any action in the case of "reasonable belief" that any physical force, "no matter how slight," may be used by the perpetrator is much too broad for reasonable protection of one's life and property. It has also been assigned to the House State Affairs Committee.

NEW **HB 1050 Repeal Gun Transfer Background Checks Requirement and Fees (Rep. Joshi; Sen. Woods) (oppose)** This bill would repeal the background check for gun transfers between private individuals (passed in 2013) and put the cost for background checks for gun sales back on all taxpayers. To date, the feared negative effects of expanded background checks have not materialized. The positive effects are also uncertain at this time. This bill was also proposed and defeated in 2014. Assigned to the House State Affairs Committee.

NEW SB 32 Lift Restrictions on Carrying of Firearms (Sen. Marble; none) (oppose) This bill would allow anyone 21 or more years old who legally purchases a firearm to carry it concealed, without any sort of permit, anywhere and at anytime. The bill specifically amends present law to allow guns to be concealed and carried in a school. It has been assigned to the Senate Judiciary Committee. We believe this endangers the public, and oppose it.

Jean Fredlund 303.863.0437

JUVENILE JUSTICE

JUVENILE PETTY OFFENSES

NEW HB 1022 Juvenile Petty Offense Contracts (Rep. McCann; Sen. Steadman and Cooke) (support) would provide an alternative way for juveniles who have committed a petty offense to be held responsible for their actions without the case going to court. It would allow a law enforcement officer to issue a petty ticket to a juvenile who has committed a petty offense or a municipal violation. The petty ticket would require the juvenile to go through an assessment process including an assessment by a law enforcement officer, assessment officer, or a screening team. The petty ticket would result in the assessment officer or a screening team offering the juvenile and his/her parent or guardian a petty contract. The contract would contain requirements such as an agreement to pay restitution and perform community service, if applicable; an agreement to attend school or a home study program; an agreement to participate in restorative justice practices, if appropriate; and an agreement that the juvenile will not commit another offense during the term of the contract.

When the juvenile has successfully completed the contract, he/she will be released from further obligation, and the DA will not file a delinquency petition in court. The completed contract will remain confidential except to the ticketing agency, the screening and supervisory entity, and the juvenile and his/her parent or guardian.

If the juvenile and the parent or guardian do not sign the offered contract or if the juvenile fails to comply with the contract, the district attorney may file charges resulting in the case going to court.

The use of a petty ticket bypasses the court process for minor offenses and would allow the juvenile court and juvenile corrections institutions including detention facilities to focus on juveniles who have committed more serious offenses. It would also prevent minor offenders from becoming involved in the court system. Unfortunately a first encounter with the juvenile court system often opens the door to repeat encounters.

The bill has been assigned to House Judiciary but has not been scheduled for hearing.

Carla Bennett 303.757.2930

SOCIAL POLICY

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

WHO CAN TREAT MINORS

NEW HB 1032 Licensed Mental Health Professionals Treat Minors (Rep. Singer; Sen. Aguilar) (support) Currently, a professional licensed to practice medicine or psychology may render mental health services to a minor who is at least 15 years of age with the minor's consent. The bill specifies that other licensed mental health professionals, namely, licensed social workers, marriage and family therapists, professional counselors, and addiction counselors, may also render mental health services to minors.

The bill was assigned to Public Health Care & Human Services and will be heard on January 20.

Carol Pace 303.863.0437

EDUCATION

TAX CREDITS FOR PRIVATE SCHOOLING

NEW SB 45 Income Tax Credits for Nonpublic Education (Sen. Lundberg; none) (oppose) is a redo of HB 11-1048 and SB 13-69. The bill offers tuition tax credits of one half the previous year's per-pupil expenditure or the cost of tuition, whichever is less, to offset the tuition at private schools. This credit would be available to the parent, or to a person or organization making this contribution to provide a scholarship for a child to attend private school. The bill also includes a \$1000 tax credit for full time home-schooled students or \$500 for half-time. Qualified students must be enrolled for a year in public school when this bill takes effect, but will be eligible for the tax credit for as long as they are in school.

LWVCO opposes this bill for the third time with the same concerns as previously:

1. Private school is not clearly defined, leaving questions about whether religious schools are covered by this bill. Colorado Constitution prohibits use of tax dollars for sectarian purposes.
2. LWV has long stood for equity for students, taxpayers and school districts in public education. This tax credit may work well for citizens in neighborhoods

where private schools are located and for families that have the resources and flexibility to transport their children to private schools farther away; but for those who lack these advantages or for families in rural communities where there are no private schools, this credit is not even an option.

3. Accountability is not addressed in this bill. Tax supported public schools, which include charter schools, are held to some common standards through the common tests that are required by the state. Private-school students are not required to take these tests. Home schooling is deregulated in Colorado. Home-schooled students are required by state law to take a test determined by their school district every two years. The minimum score requiring return to public school is the 13th percentile.

The bill has been assigned to the Senate Education Committee.

Sally Augden 303.455.5800

HEALTH CARE

REFINEMENTS IN HEALTH CARE

NEW **HB 1029 Health Care Delivery via Telemedicine Statewide (Reps. Buck and Ginal; Sens. Kefalas and Martinez Humenik) (watch)** Currently health benefit plans cannot require in-person health care delivery for a person who resides in a county with 150,000 or fewer residents, if the care can be appropriately delivered through telemedicine and the county has the technology necessary for care delivery via telemedicine.

The bill removes the population restrictions and precludes a health plan from requiring in-person care delivery when telemedicine is appropriate, regardless of the geographic location of the health care provider and the recipient of care. A provider need not demonstrate that a barrier to in-person care exists for coverage of telemedicine. In addition carriers must reimburse providers who deliver telemedicine care on the same basis as providers that provide in-person care and cannot charge deductibles, copays or coinsurances that are not equally imposed on all health benefit plan services, and cannot impose an annual or lifetime dollar maximum that applies separately to telemedicine services. We support this kind of expansion of access to health care, but are concerned about some definitions, and will seek some clarification.

The bill was assigned to Health, Insurance & Environment and will be heard on January 22.

AUDIT THE HEALTH CARE EXCHANGE

NEW **SB 19 Health Exchange Audit (Sens. Sonnenberg and Jahn; Rep. Nordberg) (support)**

The bill allows the state auditor to conduct a performance audit of the Colorado health benefit exchange and submit a written report to the legislative audit committee with any findings and recommendations. The authority to conduct performance audits continues as long as the state auditor or the legislative audit committee deems it appropriate. This is similar to a bill proposed in 2014, following rumors of lax financial controls. It has resurfaced after more specific and verified information about improper use of federal government funds, as well as lax controls in payment to contractors. We want to make clear that League believes the Connect for Health Colorado (the Exchange) is essential in getting access to quality health care for all. We also support accountability, transparency, and prudent use of public funds in its management.

Assigned to Senate Health & Human Services.

Both reported by Carol Pace 303.863.0437

INCOME ASSISTANCE

PLANNING FOR GOLDEN YEARS

NEW **HB 1033 Strategic Planning Group on Aging (Rep. Primavera; Sen. Crowder) (support)** We've heard from the state demographer about the growing percent of Coloradans over 60. It's going to bring changes, challenges and opportunities, and this bill would create a strategic action planning group to help the state get ready for them. We anticipate such a plan would help the state use its resources efficiently as the demographics change. Made up of consumers and advocates, care providers, representatives of business and state agencies, and experts on budgets and aging, the group is to look into economic, workforce and social effects on our society. It is charged with making recommendations that could be carried out by state agencies and the private sector, as well as proposing legislation.

A cash fund would be established to accept gifts, grants, donations, and possible future appropriations. The bill has been assigned to the Public Health Care & Human Services committee.

Julie Leonard 720.384.8421

STATUS SHEET

The Status Sheet is a constantly 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
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Education	SB	45	Tax Credits For Nonpublic Education	O	8	S-Ed
Gun Safety	SB	32	Lift Restrictions On Carrying Of Firearms	O	8	S-Jud
Gun Safety	HB	1009	Repeal Large Ammo Magazine Ban	O	7	H-SA
Gun Safety	HB	1049	Deadly Force Against Intruders In Businesses	O	7	H-SA
Gun Safety	HB	1050	Repeal Gun Transfer Background Check Rqmnt & Fee	O	7	H-SA
Health Care	SB	19	Health Exchange Audit	S	9	S-HHS
Health Care	HB	1029	Health Care Delivery Via Telemedicine Statewide	S	9	H-HIE
Income Assistance	HB	1033	Strategic Planning Group On Aging	S	9	H-PHC
Initiatives	HB	1057	The Statewide Initiative Process	S	7	H-SA
Juvenile Justice	HB	1022	Juvenile Petty Offense Contracts	S	8	H-Jud

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