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RACE TO THE FINISH LINE

With just over a week to go in the 2017 session, there is a flurry of activity at the state capitol. Legislators are still working on measures to address some of the biggest priorities in the state such as transportation and infrastructure, health care, and of course, finalizing the state budget.

SB 254 2017-18 Long Appropriations Bills (Rep. Hamner; Sen. Lambert) (watch) continues to be the topic of significant debate. Since being introduced in the Senate on March 27, both the Senate and House have considered many amendments to the bill. In the end, 32 survived. SB 254 passed third reading in the Senate on March 30 and the House on April 10. Since then, the Senate has been unable to concur with the House amendments. A conference committee was requested on April 25, and on April 27 the JBC worked to reconcile the House and Senate versions of the bill. Some key outcomes of these deliberations include a \$15.3 million allocation for affordable housing and some adjustments that will provide additional money to the state education fund. The additional funding was made possible by an updated assessment of the residential property assessment rates pursuant to the Gallagher Amendment that increased the local share of funds available for K-12 education. The JBC will meet again on May 1, at which time a final vote is expected.

Meanwhile, there has been significant activity on SB 256 and SB 262, which are necessary to balance the state budget. **SB 256 Hospital Reimbursement Rates (Rep. Hamner; Sen. Lambert) (watch)** reduces the cash fund appropriation from the hospital provider fee by \$264,100,000. **SB 262 HUFT and Capital Construction Fund Transfers (Rep. Hamner; Sen. Lambert) (watch)** reduces the transfer to the highway users tax fund to be made for the current fiscal year from \$158 million to \$79 million. Both have been signed by the Senate President and Speaker of the House and were sent to the Governor on April 27.

It is hoped that the reductions made through SB 256 and SB 262 might be mitigated and additional revenue directed toward hospitals and road projects in rural areas through funding allocations in **SB 267 Sustainability**

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of Rural Colorado (Sens. Guzman and Sonnenberg; Reps. J. Becker and K. Becker) (watch). This would be accomplished through a conversion of the Hospital Provider Fee to an enterprise pursuant to TABOR. A lack of agreement over other components of the bill (e.g., lowering of the Referendum C cap) have called the bill's viability into question, however. SB 267 is scheduled for a hearing in Senate Appropriations on May 2.

Setbacks in other areas have made work in the final days of the session more difficult. **HB 1242 New Transportation Infrastructure Funding Revenue (Reps. Duran and Mitsch Bush; Sens. Baumgardner and Grantham) (support)** was postponed indefinitely on April 25, creating uncertainty over how the state will pay for the \$9 billion in transportation needs that are estimated to accrue over the next ten years. This means a lot of hopes are riding on SB 267, which is now the last major measure still pending that includes transportation funding.

In addition to the various measures impacting the state budget, there have been groups of bills introduced that address topics of significant interest for LWVCO.

Several pieces of legislation dealing with campaign finance reforms were introduced this session. The sponsors of some of these bills include a number of new legislators (e.g., Rep. Bridges, Rep. Weissman, and Rep. Kennedy) who note that recent exposure to the campaigning process reveals flaws in the current system, which inspired their interest in improvements. LWVCO supported these measures for their efforts to increase transparency and to combat corruption and undue influence. See pages 99 and 100 for discussion and status updates on these bills.

This session also saw several bills that deal with our behavioral health system and those involved in the criminal justice system. Some of this legislation was sponsored by Sen. Martinez Humenik and was prompted by a belief that Colorado has failed to address behavioral and mental health issues for too long. Sen. Martinez Humenik took action to "help get more at-risk individuals into good, stable jobs, creating a more economically prosperous future for our state." She further notes that it is her "hope that we can begin to take serious steps toward providing more behavioral and mental health services to help break the cycle of recidivism and get more citizens on a path to success." LWVCO supports these efforts, including **SB 21 Assistance to Released Mentally Ill Offenders (Sen. Martinez Humenik; Rep. Singer)** which provides housing and other support services for individuals with behavioral health issues existing the criminal justice system. This bill remains pending before the Senate Appropriations Committee. For information on other legislation dealing with behavioral health in the justice system include see page 108.

Finally, several bills were introduced that aimed to address health care affordability and accessibility, all of which LWVCO supports. Successful reforms in this area have, so far, been elusive. **HB 1235 Financial Relief Defray Individual Health Plan Cost (Reps. Mitsch Bush and Hamner; Sens. Coram and Crowder)** and **HB 1236 Health Care Policy & Financing Annual Report on Hospital Expenditures (Rep. Kennedy; Sens. Coram and Smallwood)** were both postponed indefinitely on April 24. **HB 1237 State Employee Group Benefit Plans for Local Government (Rep. Hamner, Sens. Coram and Crowder)** and **HB 1286 State Employee Health Carrier Requirements (Rep. Esgar; Sen. Crowder)** have both been assigned to the Senate State Affairs Committee.

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GOVERNMENT

ELECTIONS

SIGNATURE VERIFICATION BILL GOES TO GOVERNOR

HB 1088 Voter Signature Verification (Rep. P. Neville; Sen. T. Neville) (watch) establishes a process for signature verification on candidate petitions and establishes a cure process for deficiencies in candidate petitions and circular affidavits. The bill passed 3rd reading on a vote of 34-0-1 (A. Williams excused) in the Senate on April 21 and now heads to the Governor for signature.

Previously reported: LL#2, p. 16; LL#6, p. 71; LL#7, p. 85.

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APPROVAL VOTING APPROVED IN HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS

HB 1281 Approval Voting Optional Use Nonpartisan Elections (Rep. Singer; Sen. Kefalas) (support in part) was heard April 19 in House State Affairs and passed, as amended, to Appropriations. The sponsor offered an amendment that clarified a situation whereby a local government that falls within multiple counties in a coordinated election may use approval voting only if it is used for each ballot in a coordinating county. In addition, the timing for incorporating this method of voting would be pushed back by approximately six months. The vote was 6-3, with Benavidez, Hooton, Leonard, Melton, Weissman and Foote in favor and Humphrey, D. Williams, and Lontine opposed. The House Appropriations Committee has since voted to postpone the bill indefinitely on a vote of 13-0 during a hearing on April 28.

Previously reported: LL#7, p.83

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BILL TO REQUIRE TAX RETURNS PASSES HOUSE

HB 1328 Require Candidates To Disclose Income Tax Returns (Rep. Hansen & Hooton; Sen. Jones & Kerr) (support) would require presidential and vice presidential candidates to release five years of their tax returns to qualify for the ballot in Colorado. It was heard in House Finance on April 17 and passed un-amended to the Committee of the Whole on a 7-5 vote, with Benavidez, Gray, Herod, Kennedy, Michaelson Jenet, Foote and Pabon voting in favor and Beckman, Catlin, Lawrence, Thurlow and Van Winkle in opposition. After passing through 2nd and 3rd readings without amendments, it is scheduled to be heard in Senate State Affairs on May 1.

Previously reported: LL#7, p. 84

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CAMPAIGN FINANCE BILLS: SOME IN, SOME OUT

HB 1155 Cure Campaign Finance Reporting Deficiencies (Rep. Thurlow; Sen. Gardner) (support) The bill passed 3rd reading with amendments in the Senate April 17, on a vote of 33-0-2 (excused: Fields, A. Williams). The House is considering Senate amendments.

Previously reported: LL#5, p. 58 and LL#7, p. 84.

HB 1259 Independent Expenditure Committees and Candidates (Rep. Weissman) (support) would require that any independent expenditure committee established, financed, or maintained by a candidate committee be subject to the same contribution limits that are imposed on candidate committees specified in the State Constitution. Passed House State, Veterans & Military Affairs on

April 20 as amended by a vote of 9-0 and referred to House Appropriations.

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Previously reported in LL #5, p. 57 and LL #7, p. 85.

IMMIGRATION

HB 1260 Contribution Limits for County Offices (Rep. Kennedy; Sen. Fenberg) (support)

SHOULD COLORADO PUNISH SANCTUARY CITIES? BILL HEADS TO HOUSE

establishes campaign contribution limits under the "Fair Campaign Practices Act" for candidates for county offices, not including school board candidates. The bill passed House Appropriations with a conforming amendment, appropriating \$10,000 to the department of state by a vote of 8-5. Voting Yes: Danielson, Garnett, Hansen, Kraft-Tharp, Pabon, Singer, Hamner, Young. Voting No: J. Becker, Beckman, Everett, P. Neville, Rankin. On April 24 it passed the House COW 37-27-1. It is scheduled for a hearing in Senate State Affairs May 1.

SB 281 Hold Colorado Accountable Sanctuary Jurisdictions (Sens. Marble, T. Neville; Reps. Covarrubias, D. Williams) (oppose) passed 3rd reading in the Senate on April 25 on an 18-17 vote, after minor amendments in 2nd reading that changed the dates of compliance and reporting. It will be heard in House State Veterans and Military Affairs May 3.

House vote:

This bill is intended to ensure that the state or any of its jurisdictions complies with federal immigration law. As such, it would, for example, require the state to eliminate all funding to any school district or jurisdiction that was determined to be a "sanctuary." Anyone who was harmed by a crime committed by an undocumented immigrant could sue the jurisdiction. Public officials' communications regarding undocumented workers would be restricted, and employees of jurisdictions would be required to submit affirmations of compliance.

YES	37	NO	27	EXCUSED	1	ABSENT	0
Arndt	Y	Foote	Y	Leonard	N	Ransom	N
Becker J.	N	Garnett	Y	Lewis	E	Rosenthal	Y
Becker K.	Y	Ginal	Y	Liston	N	Saine	N
Beckman	N	Gray	Y	Lontine	Y	Salazar	Y
Benavidez	Y	Hamner	Y	Lundeen	N	Sias	N
Bridges	Y	Hansen	Y	McKean	N	Singer	Y
Buck	N	Herod	Y	McLachlan	Y	ThurLOW	N
Buckner	Y	Hooton	Y	Melton	Y	Valdez	Y
Carver	N	Humphrey	N	Michaelson Jenet	Y	Van Winkle	N
Catlin	N	Jackson	Y	Mitsch Bush	Y	Weissman	Y
Coleman	Y	Kennedy	Y	Navarro	N	Willett	N
Covarrubias	N	Kraft-Tharp	Y	Neville P.	N	Williams D.	N
Danielson	Y	Landgraf	N	Nordberg	N	Wilson	N
Esgar	Y	Lawrence	N	Pabon	Y	Winter	Y
Everett	N	Lebsock	Y	Pettersen	Y	Wist	N
Exum	Y	Lee	Y	Rankin	N	Young	Y
						Speaker	Y

Aside from the obvious constitutional concerns, the League opposes this bill because the federal executive order to which it relates was halted by a federal district court on the basis that the president does not have the authority to withhold funding from states in this matter. We also support policy reforms that allow immigrants to seek paths to legal status.

Previously reported: LL#5, p. 57, and LL#7, p. 85.

Previously reported in LL#7, p. 86.

Two bills we supported, **HB 1261 Disclaimers Large Electioneering Communications** and **HB 1262 Expand Disclosure Electioneering Communications** (both by **Reps. K. Becker & Bridges** and **Sen. Zenzinger**), were PI'd in Senate State Affairs on April 26 despite testimony in favor by the LWV, Colorado Ethics Watch, Colorado Common Cause and others. Testifying against were the Secretary of State's office and The Independence Institute. Voting to PI: Hill, Marble, Sonneberg. Voting Not to PI: Court, Fenberg. Both bills were previously reported in LL #5, p. 57 and LL#7, p. 85.

Senate vote:

YES	18	NO	17	EXCUSED	0	ABSENT	0
Aguilar	N	Garcia	N	Kerr	N	Scott	Y
Baumgardner	Y	Gardner	Y	Lambert	Y	Smallwood	Y
Cooke	Y	Guzman	N	Lundberg	Y	Sonnenberg	Y
Coram	Y	Hill	Y	Marble	Y	Tate	Y
Court	N	Holbert	Y	Martinez Humenik	Y	Todd	N
Crowder	Y	Jahn	N	Merrifield	N	Williams A.	N
Donovan	N	Jones	N	Moreno	N	Zenzinger	N
Fenberg	N	Kagan	N	Neville T.	Y	President	Y
Fields	N	Kefalas	N	Priola	Y		

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GUN SAFETY

HOUSE COMMITTEE KILLS NO-PERMIT CONCEALED CARRY BILL

Having passed the Senate on March 23, **SB 116 Concealed Handgun Carry Without Permit (Sen. T. Neville; Rep. Van Winkle) (oppose)** was PI'd in the House State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Committee April 26. By repealing the permit requirements (additional background check and concealed carry training) this bill would have allowed *anyone* who was 21 and legally possessed a gun to legally carry a hidden, loaded weapon. The bill was defeated on a vote of 6-3. Voting against the bill: Foote, Lontine, Benavidez, Hooton, Melton, Weissman. Voting for the bill: Humphrey, Leonard, D. Williams. Despite overwhelming public support for background checks, 2017 is the 11th consecutive year this bill has appeared.

Previously reported: LL#3, p. 30; LL#6, p. 72.

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JUSTICE SYSTEM

ELIMINATE MANDATORY CONDITIONS OF PAROLE

HB 1308 Individualized Conditions of Parole (Sens. Cooke, Kagan; Reps. Salazar, Sias) (support) removes the mandatory imposition of certain parole conditions and will allow for a more effective use of the resources currently provided for parole supervision. The bill passed the House Judiciary Committee and was referred to the Committee of the Whole with a vote of 11-0 on April 27.

Previously reported: LL#6, p. 73

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NATURAL RESOURCES

ENERGY

REGIONAL TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATION

HB 1225 Electric Regional Transmission Organization Hearing (Rep. Hansen; Sen Baumgardner) (support) directs the Transportation Legislation Review Committee to conduct a hearing before December 1, 2017, on the effects that participation in a regional transmission organization (RTO) by Colorado retail electric service providers would have on the providers, their ratepayers, and Colorado's market for renewable energy. The bill passed third reading in the House on April 17 on a vote of 43-21-1, and was introduced in the Senate on April 19. The Senate Transportation Committee on a 5-0 vote referred the bill to the Committee on Legislative Council, where it was postponed indefinitely on April 28.

House vote:

	YES	43	NO	21	EXCUSED	1	ABSENT	0
Arndt	Y		Foote	Y	Leonard	N	Ransom	N
Becker J.	Y		Garnett	Y	Lewis	N	Rosenthal	Y
Becker K.	Y		Ginal	Y	Liston	N	Saine	N
Beckman	N		Gray	Y	Lontine	Y	Salazar	Y
Benavidez	Y		Hamner	Y	Lundeen	N	Sias	N
Bridges	Y		Hansen	Y	McKean	N	Singer	Y
Buck	N		Herod	Y	McLachlan	Y	Thurlow	Y
Buckner	Y		Hooton	Y	Melton	Y	Valdez	Y
Carver	N		Humphrey	N	Michaelson	Y	Van Winkle	N
Catlin	Y		Jackson	Y	Mitsch Bush	Y	Weissman	Y
Coleman	Y		Kennedy	Y	Navarro	N	Willett	Y
Covarrubias	E		Kraft-Tharp	Y	Neville P.	N	Williams D.	N
Danielson	Y		Landgraf	N	Nordberg	N	Wilson	Y
Esgar	Y		Lawrence	N	Pabon	Y	Winter	Y
Everett	N		Lebsock	Y	Pettersen	Y	Wist	N
Exum	Y		Lee	Y	Rankin	Y	Young	Y
							Speaker	Y

Previously reported: LL#7, p. 89.

EXTEND SUCCESSFUL ENERGY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

HB 1227 Electric Demand-Side Management Program Extension (Sens. Priola, Fenberg; Reps. Winter, Lawrence) (support) was heard April 26 by Senate Agriculture, Natural Resources & Energy Committee. It was referred on a 6-5 vote to Senate

Finance, where it will be heard May 4. Voting yes: Cooke, Coram, Marble, Scott, Baumgardner & Sonnenberg. Voting no: Donovan, Fenberg, Fields, Garcia & Jones.

Previously reported: LL# 6 p. 75, LL#7, p. 90.

INCREASING FUELING OPTIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES

HB 1232 Public Utilities Alternative Fuel Motor Vehicles (Sen. Priola; Rep. Danielson) (support) would have allowed public utilities to provide motor vehicle charging or alternative fueling facilities as regulated or unregulated services. The bill, with one amendment to clarify purpose, passed third reading in the House on April 17 on a vote of 36-28-1. On April 26, Senate State, Veterans and Military Affairs Committee voted to PI the bill on a vote of 3-1-1. Voting yes: Hill, Sonnenberg & Marble. Voting no: Fenberg. Excused: Court.

House vote:

YES	36	NO	28	EXCUSED	1	ABSENT	0
Arndt	Y	Footo	Y	Leonard	N	Ransom	N
Becker J.	N	Garnett	Y	Lewis	N	Rosenthal	Y
Becker K.	Y	Ginal	Y	Liston	N	Saine	N
Beckman	N	Gray	Y	Lontine	Y	Salazar	Y
Benavidez	Y	Hamner	Y	Lundeen	N	Sias	N
Bridges	Y	Hansen	Y	McKean	N	Singer	Y
Buck	N	Herod	Y	McLachlan	Y	Thurlow	N
Buckner	Y	Hooton	Y	Melton	Y	Valdez	Y
Carver	N	Humphrey	N	Michaelson Jenet	Y	Van Winkle	N
Catlin	N	Jackson	Y	Mitsch Bush	Y	Weissman	Y
Coleman	Y	Kennedy	Y	Navarro	N	Willett	N
Covarrubias	E	Kraft-Tharp	Y	Neville P.	N	Williams D.	N
Danielson	Y	Landgraf	N	Nordberg	N	Wilson	N
Esgar	N	Lawrence	N	Pabon	Y	Winter	Y
Everett	N	Lebsock	Y	Pettersen	Y	Wist	Y
Exum	Y	Lee	Y	Rankin	N	Young	Y
						Speaker	Y

Previously reported: LL# 6, p. 75.

ELECTRIC UTILITY ENERGY STORAGE TO ENHANCE EFFICIENCY

HB 1299 TLRC Interim Hrg Elec Util Energy Storage (Reps. Hansen & Coleman; Sens. Fenberg & Donovan) (support) would have directed the Transportation Legislation Review Committee (TLRC) to hold a hearing by December 1, 2017 on the potential economic and social benefits and costs of requiring the Public Utilities Commission to determine the appropriate targets, if any, for the amount of viable and cost-effective

storage systems (such as: batteries, heat sinks, pumped storage hydroelectric systems) that an electric utility subject to Colorado's renewable energy standard should incorporate into its electric resource acquisition plans.

After passing third reading in the House on April 17 on a vote of 38-26-1, the bill was PI'd by Senate State, Veterans & Military Affairs Committee on a 3-2 vote. Voting yes to PI: Hill, Sonnenberg & Marble. Voting no: Court & Fenberg. [

House vote:

YES	38	NO	26	EXCUSED	1	ABSENT	0
Arndt	Y	Footo	Y	Leonard	N	Ransom	N
Becker J.	N	Garnett	Y	Lewis	N	Rosenthal	Y
Becker K.	Y	Ginal	Y	Liston	N	Saine	N
Beckman	N	Gray	Y	Lontine	Y	Salazar	Y
Benavidez	Y	Hamner	Y	Lundeen	N	Sias	N
Bridges	Y	Hansen	Y	McKean	N	Singer	Y
Buck	N	Herod	Y	McLachlan	Y	Thurlow	N
Buckner	Y	Hooton	Y	Melton	Y	Valdez	Y
Carver	N	Humphrey	N	Michaelson Jenet	Y	Van Winkle	N
Catlin	N	Jackson	Y	Mitsch Bush	Y	Weissman	Y
Coleman	Y	Kennedy	Y	Navarro	N	Willett	N
Covarrubias	E	Kraft-Tharp	Y	Neville P.	N	Williams D.	N
Danielson	Y	Landgraf	N	Nordberg	N	Wilson	N
Esgar	Y	Lawrence	N	Pabon	Y	Winter	Y
Everett	N	Lebsock	Y	Pettersen	Y	Wist	N
Exum	Y	Lee	Y	Rankin	Y	Young	Y
						Speaker	Y

Previously reported: LL# 7, P. 89.

OMBUDSMAN FOR THE PUC

NEW HB 1323 PUC Ethics Add Consumer Protection (Rep. Esgar; Sens. Cooke & Garcia) (support) creates an independent ombudsman position in the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and eliminates the potential for PUC commissioners to have a conflict of interest. The ombudsman will receive complaints concerning PUC functions, report annually on the complaints received to the legislature and Department of Regulatory Agencies, and create/administer an ethics training program for all PUC commissioners and staff. The bill also sets standards for PUC commissioners. They will not have served as an officer or director of any PUC-regulated entity for the four years preceding their appointment and cannot have any active financial interest in any PUC-regulated entity.

The bill was heard on April 19 in the House Transportation and Energy Committee and was passed on a 9-4 vote after amendments were passed, including a requirement that audio recordings of all

proceedings of the commission be posted. Voting yes: Bridges, Esgar, Ginal, Hansen, Jackson, McLachlan, Nordberg, Winter, Mitsch Bush. Voting no: J. Becker, Buck, Carver, Lawrence.

On April 24 the bill passed House Finance on a 7-6 vote. On April 28 it passed Appropriations with a 10-3 vote, with the audio requirement removed. It is scheduled for third reading in the House on May 1.

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House vote:

	YES	36	NO	29	EXCUSED	0	ABSENT	0
Arndt	Y		Foote	Y	Leonard	N	Ransom	N
Becker J.	N		Garnett	Y	Lewis	N	Rosenthal	Y
Becker K.	Y		Ginal	Y	Liston	N	Saine	N
Beckman	N		Gray	Y	Lontine	Y	Salazar	Y
Benavidez	Y		Hammer	Y	Lundeen	N	Sias	N
Bridges	Y		Hansen	Y	McKean	N	Singer	Y
Buck	N		Herod	Y	McLachlan	Y	Thurlow	N
Buckner	Y		Hooton	Y	Melton	Y	Valdez	Y
Carver	N		Humphrey	N	Michaelson Jenet	Y	Van Winkle	N
Catlin	N		Jackson	Y	Mitsch Bush	Y	Weissman	Y
Coleman	Y		Kennedy	Y	Navarro	N	Willett	N
Covarrubias	N		Kraft-Tharp	N	Neville P.	N	Williams D.	N
Danielson	Y		Landgraf	N	Nordberg	N	Wilson	N
Esgar	Y		Lawrence	N	Pabon	Y	Winter	Y
Everett	N		Lebsock	Y	Pettersen	Y	Wist	N
Exum	Y		Lee	Y	Rankin	N	Young	Y
							Speaker	Y

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OIL & GAS POOLING ACCOUNTABILITY

NEW **HB 1336 Additional Protections Forced Pooling Order (Reps. Foote, Young; Sens. Jones, Aguilar) (support).** Current Colorado law allows oil and gas developers to purchase mineral rights from a single owner in an area where there may be numerous owners and to take over the other mineral rights, without consent of the owners, but giving compensation. This is called forced pooling. This statute has been around since the 1930s, but its application has increased recently as more development is occurring in suburban areas. The bill is requesting that a majority of the royalty interest owners must join in the application before the Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) hears the request; notice must be given 90 days before a hearing; before a pooling order the drilling operator must give affected interest owners a clearly stated, neutral explanation of the law regarding forced pooling; and the drilling operators must file and post an electronic report with the COGCC stating the number and location of non-consenting owners.

This measure aligns with the League's belief in a balance of human needs and environmental quality along with the responsibilities of stewardship and consideration of public and private rights. The bill passed House 3rd reading April 26, and is scheduled for a hearing in the Senate State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Committee on May 3.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

TESTING FOR LEAD IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HB 1306 Test Lead in Public School Drinking Water (Reps. McLachlan, Exum; Sen. Coram) (support) directs the Colorado Dept. of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) to establish a grant program to test for lead in public schools' drinking water systems. Highest priority would be assigned to the state's oldest public elementary schools. The bill flew through the House Education Committee and was sent to Appropriations, where amendments were made to specify the fiscal impact. For the 2017-18 year \$431,803 would be appropriated to CDPHE from the Water Quality Improvement Fund. Of that, \$310,513 would be for operating expenses. After passing 3rd reading in the House on April 26 on a vote of 47-18, the bill has been scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Health & Human Services Committee on May 3.

House vote:

	YES	36	NO	29	EXCUSED	0	ABSENT	0
Arndt	Y		Foote	Y	Leonard	N	Ransom	N
Becker J.	N		Garnett	Y	Lewis	N	Rosenthal	Y
Becker K.	Y		Ginal	Y	Liston	N	Saine	N
Beckman	N		Gray	Y	Lontine	Y	Salazar	Y
Benavidez	Y		Hammer	Y	Lundeen	N	Sias	N
Bridges	Y		Hansen	Y	McKean	N	Singer	Y
Buck	N		Herod	Y	McLachlan	Y	Thurlow	N
Buckner	Y		Hooton	Y	Melton	Y	Valdez	Y
Carver	N		Humphrey	N	Michaelson Jenet	Y	Van Winkle	N
Catlin	N		Jackson	Y	Mitsch Bush	Y	Weissman	Y
Coleman	Y		Kennedy	Y	Navarro	N	Willett	N
Covarrubias	N		Kraft-Tharp	N	Neville P.	N	Williams D.	N
Danielson	Y		Landgraf	N	Nordberg	N	Wilson	N
Esgar	Y		Lawrence	N	Pabon	Y	Winter	Y
Everett	N		Lebsock	Y	Pettersen	Y	Wist	N
Exum	Y		Lee	Y	Rankin	N	Young	Y
							Speaker	Y

Previously reported: LL#6, p. 75.

(House Journal 4/26, p. 1075)

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AIR QUALITY

NEW HB 1366 Measurable Goals Deadlines CO Climate Action Plan (Reps. Arndt, Winter)

(support) This is the second year that this bill has been introduced to include specific measurable goals to reduce Colorado's greenhouse gas emissions and increase Colorado's adaptive capability to respond to climate change with near-term, mid-term and long-term deadlines. In 2015, the state released a Climate Action Plan that was developed by DNR, CDPHE, Colorado Energy Office, Department of Agriculture, Dept. of Transportation, Office of Economic Development and International Trade and DOLA. This bill would add more specificity to the plan and would require an annual report to the legislature on its progress. The duties of the state's climate change risk management specialist would be expanded, adding a slight expenditure increase. The bill is scheduled for a hearing in House Health, Insurance and Environment on May 4.

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SENATE ENDS EFFORT TO REPEAL CLEAN-CAR TAX CREDIT

SB 188 Repeal Income Tax Credit Innovative Motor Vehicles (Sen. Marble; no House sponsor) **(oppose)** would have referred a ballot measure to voters in the November 2017 election to repeal state income tax credits for purchases of energy-efficient vehicles earlier than current law allows. The tax credits would end as of Jan. 1, 2018.

On April 6 the bill was sent by Senate Appropriations to the Committee of the Whole, where it was laid over four times and deemed lost.

Last reported: LL#5, p. 60

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

MEDICAL MARIJUANA FOR PTSD GOES TO GOV

SB 17 Allow Medical Marijuana Use for Stress Disorders (Sen. Aguilar; Rep. Singer) (support) was re-passed in the Senate with concurrence on April 25 and will be on its way to the Governor after House and Senate Leadership sign the bill. This bill creates a statutory right to use medical marijuana for a patient with acute stress disorder or post-traumatic stress disorder. It creates the same rights, limitations, and criminal defenses and exceptions as the constitutional right to use medical marijuana.

Previously reported: LL#2, p. 20; LL#3, p. 34, LL#4, p. 50, LL#5, p. 61.

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER PREVENTION & TREATMENT/RECOVERY STRATEGIES

SB 193 Research Center Prevention Substance Abuse Addiction (Sens. Jahn and Lundberg; Reps. Rankin and Pettersen) (support) passed the House Committee on Public Health Care & Human Services on April 25. Voting Yes: Catlin, Ginal, Hooton, Lewis, Michaelson Jenet, Pabon, Pettersen, Danielson, Singer. Voting No: Everett, Liston, Ransom. Excused: Landgraf. The bill was referred unamended to House Appropriations.

Previously reported: LL#4, p. 51; LL#5, p. 61; LL#6, p. 76.

ALLOWING MARIJUANA TAXES TO FUND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

SB 264 Funding for Behavioral Mental Health Disorder Services (Sen. Moreno; Rep. Young) (support) was sent to Conference Committee on April 11, after the Senate considered House amendments. On April 19, the House voted to re-pass the Conference Committee Report 44-21. Voting No: J. Becker, Beckman, Buck, Covarrubias, Everett, Humphrey, Landgraf, Lawrence, Leonard, Lewis, Lundeen, McKean, P. Neville, Nordberg, Ransom, Saine, Sias, Van

Winkle, Willett, and Wist. The House then voted unanimously to adopt the CCR. On April 20, the Senate voted 34-0-1 (Excused: A. Williams) to adopt the CCR and then voted to re-pass 34-0-1 (Excused: A. Williams). After House and Senate leadership sign the bill, it will head to the Governor for his signature.

Previously reported: LL#6, p. 76.

EXPANDING EARLY INTERVENTION FOR AT-RISK YOUTH

HB 1320 Age of Consent Outpatient Psychotherapy For Minors (Reps. Michaelson Jenet & Landgraf; Sens. Fenberg & Coram) (support) passed the House on April 26 on a vote of 37-28. The bill is now assigned to the Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee for its first hearing there on May 1.

House vote:

	YES	37	NO	28	EXCUSED	0	ABSENT	0
Arndt	Y		Foot	Y	Leonard	N	Ransom	N
Becker J.	N		Garnett	Y	Lewis	N	Rosenthal	Y
Becker K.	Y		Ginal	Y	Liston	N	Saine	N
Beckman	N		Gray	Y	Lontine	Y	Salazar	Y
Benavidez	Y		Hammer	Y	Lundeen	N	Sias	N
Bridges	Y		Hansen	Y	McKean	N	Singer	Y
Buck	N		Herod	Y	McLachlan	Y	Thurlow	N
Buckner	Y		Hooton	Y	Melton	Y	Valdez	Y
Carver	N		Humphrey	N	Michaelson Jenet	Y	Van Winkle	N
Catlin	N		Jackson	Y	Mitsch Bush	Y	Weissman	Y
Coleman	Y		Kennedy	Y	Navarro	N	Willett	N
Covarrubias	N		Kraft-Tharp	Y	Neville P.	N	Williams D.	N
Danielson	Y		Landgraf	N	Nordberg	N	Wilson	N
Esgar	Y		Lawrence	N	Pabon	Y	Winter	Y
Everett	N		Lebsock	Y	Pettersen	Y	Wist	N
Exum	Y		Lee	Y	Rankin	N	Young	Y
							Sneaker	Y

Previously reported: LL#7, p. 90.

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EDUCATION

HOUSE COMMITTEE PIs TAX CREDITS FOR PRIVATE SCHOOLS

SB 39 Education Income Tax Credits for Non-Public School (Sen. Lundberg; Rep. Ransom) (oppose) sought to establish income-tax credits for a dependent's private school tuition, for

scholarships to attend private school, and for students who use home-based education. The League opposed this bill because it would have disproportionately benefited the rich and diverted resources from public schools, and may have indirectly violated the prohibition on public financial aid to religious institutions. The bill was postponed indefinitely by the House Committee on Education. Voting yes to PI: Bridges, Exum, Garnett, Lee, McLachlan, Buckner, Pettersen; voting no: Everett, Leonard, Lundeen, Navarro, Sias, Wilson.

Previously reported: LL #1, pp. 10-11; LL #3: p. 38; LL #7, p. 91.

ARTS EDUCATION BILL FAILS IN SENATE

SB 107 Reward Access to Arts Education in Public Schools (Sen. Merrifield; Rep. McLachlan) (support) would have created an additional performance indicator to measure the degree to which a school, district or charter school provides access to educational programs in dance drama, theatre, music and visual arts. The bill was amended then lost on Senate second reading on April 24.

Previously reported in LL#2, p. 23; LL#3, p. 38; LL #7, p. 91.

EARLY LEARNING ASSESSMENT MOVES TO HOUSE

SB 103 Early Learning Strategies in Education Accountability (Sen. Merrifeild; Rep. Pettersen) (support) requires schools operating under an improvement plan or turn-around plan to include an early-childhood learning needs assessment in their performance plan for district and public schools that serve children in kindergarten through third grade.

The bill passed Senate third reading April 17 on a vote of 19-14-2. Moving to the House, the bill was referred to Appropriations by the Committee on Education on April 24. Voting yes: Bridges, Exum, Garnett, Lee, McLachlan, Buckner, Pettersen; voting no: Everett, Leonard, Lundeen, Navarro, Sias, Wilson.

Senate vote:

YES	19	NO	14	EXCUSED	2	ABSENT	0
Aguilar	Y	Garcia	Y	Kerr	Y	Scott	N
Baumgardner	N	Gardner	N	Lambert	N	Smallwood	N
Cooke	Y	Guzman	Y	Lundberg	N	Sonnenberg	N
Coram	N	Hill	Y	Marble	N	Tate	N
Court	Y	Holbert	N	Martinez Humenik	N	Todd	Y
Crowder	Y	Jahn	Y	Merrifield	Y	Williams A.	E
Donovan	Y	Jones	Y	Moreno	Y	Zenzinger	Y
Fenberg	Y	Kagan	Y	Neville T.	N	President	Y
Fields	E	Kefalas	Y	Priola	N		

Previously reported in LL #2, p. 23; LL#3, p. 38; LL37, p. 91.

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INITIAL STAB AT FINANCING SCHOOLS

NEW The initial version of the 2017 School Finance Act, **SB 296 Financing Public Schools (Sen. Hill; Rep. Pettersen) (watch)**, passed Senate Education last Thursday, heading to Senate Appropriations. The vote was 4-3 (Yes: Sens. Hill, Priola, Gardner, Neville; No: Merrifield, Todd, Zenzinger). It is basically a draft, because total funding is still a bit in flux due to the fact that the Long Bill has not yet been completed, nor has the Residential Assessment Rate (required by the Gallagher Amendment) been determined. The RAR is projected to bring more local property tax dollars to the schools, thus lowering their state program allowance and potentially providing more funds.

The bill sets the base per-pupil funding for 2017-18 at \$6,546.20 (an inflationary increase of 2.8%) and the total program funding for all schools as not less than \$6,585,800,182. This amount includes the deduction of the negative factor (-11.75%) totaling \$48.8 million this year. A chart that includes the effect of the negative factor on each district’s state program funding for 2017-18 can be found in the fiscal note

http://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/document/s/2017A/bills/fn/2017A_SB296_00.pdf

The bill passed the committee with four amendments:

- Remove the requirement that the signed oath to the U.S. and Colorado constitutions required for public school and college and university teachers be a notarized document. Removing this requirement will save over a half million dollars alone for higher education as well as a huge amount of paper.

• SB 61 Additional Funding Charter School Operating Costs in its entirety.

- Senator Hill’s effort to eliminate the effects of the negative factor would appropriate \$9.6M from the school health professionals program, \$16.3M from the affordable housing program funded by marijuana tax funds, and \$22.8M from the state education fund.
- An amendment from Senator Gardner (and the education reform community) would allow the State Board of Education to provide districts with a kind of “bridge loan” if start-up schools or programs raise their enrollments more than 20% above their July projections.

Our League position on adequate and equitable funding for public schools forces concerns about two of these amendments. We have already taken an oppose position on SB 61 because of the equity issue and that of local control. The School Finance Act’s requirement is to focus on state funding for public schools. SB 61 mandates the use of locally raised property taxes. Placing this mandate within SB 296 is simply inappropriate. While we certainly sympathize with Senator Hill’s attempt to pull more funding for schools, stripping funds from programs that can make children’s lives better is another indication that Colorado is not providing adequate funding for schools or other necessary and related programs. Children in need of counseling or whose housing situations are tenuous at best cannot learn effectively. We need to do better for our children.

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

HOMELESS RIGHTS BILL FAILS IN MARATHON COMMITTEE SESSION

HB 1314 Colorado Right to Rest (Reps. Melton & Salazar) (support) establishes basic rights for persons experiencing homelessness, including the right to use, move freely in and rest in public spaces, to eat or accept food where food is not prohibited, to occupy a legally parked vehicle, and to have a reasonable expectation of privacy of one’s property.

The League has supported bills for several years concerned with guaranteeing the constitutional rights of people who are experiencing homelessness (the same rights, incidentally, that apply to anyone using a public space). Increasingly, an acute lack of affordable housing and the costs of enforcing camping bans have also been cause for concern. These League concerns were the topics of the many people who testified in the House Local Government hearing on April 19. The 10-hour+ session heard testimony largely from supporters, including dozens of homeless people, the ACLU and the Washington-based National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty. The few opponents and opposing committee members questioned the bill's potential to stymie local efforts to manage their own public spaces and raised the specter of unregulated encampments that could not be controlled locally.

Even though the bill sponsors had stripped the bill down to the barest essentials of protecting rights and preventing the criminalization of being homeless, the opponents won the day and voted to PI the bill 8-5. Voting to postpone the bill indefinitely: Coleman, Gray, Liston, Navarro, Ransom, Thurlow, Wilson, Rosenthal. No: Exum, McKean, Singer, Valdez, Lebsock.

Previously reported in LL #7, p. 92.

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HEALTH CARE

PT THERAPIST LICENSURE EXPANDED

HB 1057 Interstate Physical Therapy Licensure Compact (Reps. Winter & Liston; Sens. Gardner & Kerr) (support) would allow the state to engage in an interstate compact to allow physical therapists (and other related providers) licensed in Colorado to practice in other member states.

The bill passed through House Finance and Appropriations with little opposition before being passed by the COW unanimously on April 3. It was the same story in the Senate until third reading, with

a vote of 29-6 on an amended version. (Voting no: Baumgardner, Cooke, Marble, T. Neville, Tate, Zenzinger.) The House considered amendments and concurred on April 27.

Previously reported: LL#1, p.11.

MORE OMBUDSMEN

HB 1264 PACE Ombudsman Program Add Local Ombudsman (Reps. Ginal, Lawrence; Sens. Jahn, Martinez-Humenik) (watch) adds ombudsman positions to the Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) program that provides long-term health care services as an alternative to nursing facility care. The bill was heard in House Appropriations on April 28, where it was referred, amended, to the Committee of the Whole on a vote of 12-1 (voting No: Everett). The bill passed House Second Reading Special Order with amendments.

Previously reported: LL#6 p. 79.

STUDY TO INFORM LEGISLATORS

NEW HB 1351 Study Inpatient Substance Use Disorder Treatment (Rep. Pettersen; Sens. Jahn and Crowder) (support) requires the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF), in collaboration with the Department of Human Services (CDHS), to prepare a written report for committees of the General Assembly relating to residential and inpatient substance use disorder treatment options under the Medicaid program. The report should include the cost of treatment and the potential impact on other state and county programs and services if residential and inpatient substance use disorder treatment options were effective. The departments' report shall also include recommendations relating to the implementation of residential and inpatient substance use disorder treatment, better coordination of substance use disorder services among state agencies, and necessary changes to state law to implement treatment. League supports this effort to increase health care quality while coordinating services and options.

On April 27, House Health, Insurance, and Environment referred the amended bill to Appropriations on a vote of 6-5. Voting yes: Buckner, Jackson, Kennedy, Lontine, Esgar, Ginal; voting no: Beckman, Covarrubias, Humphrey, Landgraf, Ransom.

EFFORT TO REPEAL CO HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE

SB 3 Repeal Colorado Health Benefit Exchange (Sen. Smallwood; Rep. P. Neville) (oppose) would repeal the act that created the Colorado Health Benefit Exchange (C4HCO), which would result in Colorado being required to shift to a federal exchange from a state-directed model.

The bill passed Senate Appropriations on April 6 on a vote of 4-3 (Yes: Gardner, Sonnenberg, Lambert, Lundberg; no: Garcia, Kerr, Moreno) and was referred to the Committee of the Whole. Senate Second Reading is laid over daily to 5/1/17.

Previously reported: LL#1, p. 12.

NON-CONTRACT MEDICAID PROVIDERS PI'D

SB 4 Access to Providers for Medicaid Recipients (Sen. Tate; Rep. Wist) (oppose) addresses access by Medicaid recipients to non-contracted providers. It was PI'd in House State, Veterans, and Military Affairs April 19 on a vote of 5-3-1. (Voting Yes: Benavides, Hooton, Weissman, Lontine, Foote. No: Humphrey, Leonard, D. Williams. Excused: Melton.)

Previously reported: LL#1, p.12; LL#4, p. 53.

EXPAND HOME HEALTH SERVICES

SB 91 Allow Medicaid Home Health Services in Community (Sens. Crowder & Moreno; Rep. Ginal) (support) allows Medicaid home health services to be delivered in the community as well as the residence, bringing Colorado law into line with federal Medicaid rules. The bill passed the Senate April 10 on a vote of 31-4 (voting no: Baumgardner, Holbert, Marble, T. Neville). In the House, it passed Health, Insurance & Environment Committee on

April 20 on a unanimous vote and passed House Appropriations on April 28 on a vote of 8-5 (voting Yes: Danielson, Garnett, Hansen, Pabon, Winter, Hamner, Young. Voting No: J. Becker, Beckman, Everett, P. Neville, Rankin). Referred to the Committee of the Whole, it passed House Second Reading Special Order on April 28 with no amendments and is scheduled for third reading May 1.

Previously reported: LL#1, p. 12.

NO ALTERNATIVE DRUGS

SB 203 Prohibit Carrier from Requiring Alternative Drug (Sen. Todd; Reps. Covarrubias, Kennedy) (support) prohibits a carrier from requiring a person to undergo step therapy and requiring a drug that is part of the carrier's medication formulary, if that person is being treated for a terminal condition, or if the person has previously tried a step-therapy-required drug.

The bill passed Health, Insurance and Environment April 11, with amendments related to procedures to be used by carriers, on a vote of 8-3 (voting Yes: Buckner, Covarrubias, Jackson, Kennedy, Landgraf, Lontine, Esgar, Ginal; No: Beckman, Humphrey, Ransom) and was referred to the Committee of the Whole, where it passed third reading on April 18. The Senate rejected the House amendments, and the House concurred; the bill is on the way to the governor.

House vote:

	YES	44	NO	21	EXCUSED	0	ABSENT	0
Arndt	Y		Foote	Y	Leonard	N	Ransom	N
Becker J.	N		Garnett	Y	Lewis	N	Rosenthal	Y
Becker K.	Y		Ginal	Y	Liston	Y	Saine	N
Beckman	N		Gray	Y	Lontine	Y	Salazar	Y
Benavidez	Y		Hamner	Y	Lundeen	N	Sias	N
Bridges	Y		Hansen	Y	McKean	N	Singer	Y
Buck	N		Herod	Y	McLachlan	Y	Thurlow	Y
Buckner	Y		Hooton	Y	Melton	Y	Valdez	Y
Carver	N		Humphrey	N	Michaelson	Y	Van Winkle	N
Catlin	Y		Jackson	Y	Mitsch Bush	Y	Weissman	Y
Coleman	Y		Kennedy	Y	Navarro	N	Willett	N
Covarrubias	Y		Kraft-Tharp	Y	Neville P.	N	Williams D.	N
Danielson	Y		Landgraf	Y	Nordberg	N	Wilson	Y
Esgar	Y		Lawrence	N	Pabon	Y	Winter	Y
Everett	N		Lebsock	Y	Pettersen	Y	Wist	N
Exum	Y		Lee	Y	Rankin	Y	Young	Y
							Speaker	Y

Previously reported LL#5, p. 65; LL#6, p. 79.

HIGH-RISK HEALTH-CARE POOLS?

NEW SB 300 High-risk Health Care Coverage Program (Sen. Lambert; Rep. Kennedy) (watch)

concerns the authority of the commissioner of insurance to implement programs to address the rising costs of providing health care coverage to high-risk individuals in the state. The bill authorizes the commissioner of insurance to:

- Develop a high-risk health care coverage program to address access to coverage for individuals with high-cost medical conditions and to reduce health insurance premiums;
- Apply for a waiver under federal law to implement the program;
- Seek, accept, and expend public and private gifts, grants, and donations to implement the bill.

The League supports the Affordable Care Act in its current implementation, which does not segregate and name medical conditions and create separate payments mechanisms. In a population of 5.5 million some estimates indicate that 2.3 million had pre-existing conditions prior to ACA enactment. Creating a high-risk pool opens the door to denying or limiting coverage. Although re-insurance may complement regular insurance structures, the bill as framed currently would require significant modification to suggest that is the purpose. The League will take a watch position on this late addition to the legislative session.

Introduced on April 26 in the Senate, the bill was assigned to Health and Human Services, where it will be heard on May 3.

All reported by Carol Pace 303.863.0437

INCOME ASSISTANCE

EVERYONE DESERVES A JOB

HB 1305 Limits on Job Applicant Criminal History Inquiries (Sen. Guzman; Reps. Foote, Melton) (support) passed the House on April 24 with a vote of 36-28-1. The bill was referred to the Senate State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Committee and will be heard on May 1.

This bill prohibits employers from advertising that a person with a criminal history may not apply for a position. Employers are also prevented from including questions about arrests and convictions on the application. A qualified candidate seeking employment should never be automatically skipped over because of a criminal history.

House vote:

YES	36	NO	28	EXCUSED	1	ABSENT	0
Arndt	Y	Foote	Y	Leonard	N	Ransom	N
Becker J.	N	Garnett	Y	Lewis	E	Rosenthal	Y
Becker K.	Y	Ginal	Y	Liston	N	Saine	N
Beckman	N	Gray	N	Lontine	Y	Salazar	Y
Benavidez	Y	Hamner	Y	Lundeen	N	Sias	N
Bridges	Y	Hansen	Y	McKean	N	Singer	Y
Buck	N	Herod	Y	McLachlan	Y	Thurlow	N
Buckner	Y	Hooton	Y	Melton	Y	Valdez	Y
Carver	N	Humphrey	N	Michaelson Jenet	Y	Van Winkle	N
Catlin	N	Jackson	Y	Mitsch Bush	Y	Weissman	Y
Coleman	Y	Kennedy	Y	Navarro	N	Willett	N
Covarrubias	N	Kraft-Tharp	Y	Neville P.	N	Williams D.	N
Danielson	Y	Landgraf	N	Nordberg	N	Wilson	N
Esgar	Y	Lawrence	N	Pabon	Y	Winter	Y
Everett	N	Lebsock	Y	Pettersen	Y	Wist	N
Exum	Y	Lee	Y	Rankin	N	Young	Y
						Sneaker	Y

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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
Administration	SB	40	Public Access To Gov Files	S	15,44,70	H-App
Behavioral Health	SB	12	Competency Restoration Services & Education	W	49	S-App
Behavioral Health	SB	17	Allow Medical Marijuana Use For Stress Disorders	S	20,34,50,61,104	S-3 rd Rdg
Behavioral Health	SB	19	Medication Mental Illness In Justice Systems	S	9,22	S-App
Behavioral Health	SB	21	Assistance To Released Mentally Ill Offenders	S	49, 98	S-App
Behavioral Health	SB	68	School Counselors Early Support For Students	S	8,21,35,51,77,90	To Gov
Behavioral Health	SB	74	Create Medication-assisted Treatment Pilot Program	W	8,22,62,77,91	H-App
Behavioral Health	SB	193	Research Ctr Prevention Substance Abuse Addiction	S	51,61,76,104	H-App
Behavioral Health	SB	207	Strengthen CO Behavioral Health Crisis System	S	60,76	S-App
Behavioral Health	SB	264	Funding For Behavioral Mental Hlth Disorder Servs	S	76,104	Conf. Comm.
Behavioral Health	HB	1020	Staffing Task Force Mental Illness Justice Systems	S	9,21,34,51,61	Signed
Behavioral Health	HB	1046	Update Outdated Statutes Persons With Disabilities	S	8,21,34,50,61	Signed
Behavioral Health	HB	1215	Mental Health Support For Peace Officers	S	52,62,76	To Gov
Behavioral Health	HB	1320	Age Of Consent Outpatient Psychotherapy For Minors	S	90,105	S-SA
Children's Issues	SB	16	County Choice Child Protection Teams	O	10,22,62,77	Signed
Children's Issues	SB	177	Children's Code Definition Of Special Respondent	S	52,77	Signed
Children's Issues	HB	1185	Reports Of Suspected Child Abuse Or Neglect	S	52,62,78,91	To Gov
Children's Issues	HB	1292	Child Welfare Provider Rates	S	77	H-App
Education	SB	39	Education Income Tax Credits For Nonpublic School	O	10,38,91	PI'd
Education	SB	61	Additional Funding Charter School Operating Costs	O	24,36,53,63,78	To House
Education	SB	67	Educator Effectiveness 50% Student Academic Growth	S	11,37	PI'd
Education	SB	103	Early Learning Strategies In Ed Accountability	SIP	23,38,91,105	H-App
Education	SB	107	Reward Access To Arts Education In Public Schools	SIP	23,39,91,105	S-2nd Rdg
Education	SB	119	Restoration Of School District Mill Levies	W	24,37	PI'd
Education	SB	296	Financing Public Schools	W	106	H-App
Education	HB	1001	Employee Leave Attend Child's Academic Activities	S	11,36,63	PI'd
Education	HB	1182	Charter School & District Student Revenue True Up	W	63,78	PI'd
Elections	SB	69	Candidate Petition Info Verify Elec Process Study	S	16	PI'd
Elections	SB	99	National Popular Vote Agreement	S	14,31	PI'd
Elections	SB	71	Voter Serv & Polling Ctr Early Voting Gen Election	W	17, 58,70	lost
Elections	SB	138	Election Watchers	W	16,71	PI'd
Elections	HB	1014	Election Offenses Committed By A Voter	W	45	Signed
Elections	HB	1088	Voter Signature Verification & Elec Petition Pilot	O	16,71,85,99	S-3 rd Rdg
Elections	HB	1155	Cure Campaign Fin Reporting Deficiencies	S	58,84,99	S-3rd Rdg
Elections	HB	1259	Independent Expenditure Committees & Candidates	S	57, 85,99	H-App
Elections	HB	1260	Contribution Limits For County Offices	S	57,85,100	H-App
Elections	HB	1261	Disclaimers Large Electioneering Communications	S	57,85,100	PI'd
Elections	HB	1262	Expand Disclosure Electioneering Communications	S	57,85,100	PI'd
Elections	HB	1281	Approval Voting Optional Use Nonpartisan Elections	S	83,99	PI'd
Elections	HB	1328	Require Candidates To Disclose Income Tax Returns	S	84,99	S-SA
Energy	SB	188	Repeal Income Tax Credit Innovative Motor Vehicles	O	60,104	lost
Energy	HB	1124	Local Gov Liable Fracking Ban Oil & Gas Moratorium	O	19,48	PI'd
Energy	HB	1225	Elec Regional Transmission Organization Hearing	S	89,101	PI'd
Energy	HB	1227	Electric Demand-side Management Program Extension	S	75,90,101	S-Fin
Energy	HB	1232	Public Utilities Alternative Fuel Motor Vehicles	S	75,102	PI'd
Energy	HB	1256	Oil & Gas Facilities Distance From School Property	S	59,74,89	PI'd
Energy	HB	1299	TLRC Interim Hrg Elec Util Energy Storage	S	89,102	PI'd

Energy	HB	1323	PUC Ethics Add Consumer Protection	S	102	S-2nd Rdg
Energy	HB	1336	Additional Protections Forced Pooling Order	S	103	S-SA
Environmental Quality	SJR	2	Support For Use Of Biochar	W	7,20	PI'd
Environmental Quality	SB	14	Limits On Underground Storage Tank Regulation	O	8,33	H-Tra
Environmental Quality	HB	1306	Test Lead in Public Schools Drinking Water	S	103	S-HHS
Environmental Quality	HB	1366	Meas. Goals Deadlines CO Climate Action Plan	S	104	H-HIE
Equal Opportunity	HB	1122	Gender Identification On Birth Certificates	S	25,63,92	PI'd
Equal Opportunity	HB	1156	Prohibits Conversion Therapy Mental Hlth Provider	S	40,53,64,78	PI'd
Equal Opportunity	HB	1314	Colorado Right To Rest Act	S	92,106	PI'd
Fiscal Policy	SB	254	2017-18 Long Bill	W	69,97	H-3 rd Rdg
Fiscal Policy	SB	256	Hospital Reimbursement Rates	W	69,97	H-3 rd Rdg
Fiscal Policy	SB	262	HUFT & Capital Construction Funds Transfers	W	97	To Gov.
Fiscal Policy	SB	267	Sustainability Of Rural Colorado	W	70,72,86,97	S-App
Fiscal Policy	HB	1187	Change Excess State Revenues Cap Growth Factor	S	45,71	PI'd
Gun Safety	SB	5	Handgun Safety Training For School Employees	O	18,29,72	PI'd
Gun Safety	SB	6	Concealed Carry for Military Under 21	O	29,72	PI'd
Gun Safety	SB	7	Repeal Ammo Magazine Prohibition	O	18,28,72	PI'd
Gun Safety	SB	116	Concealed Handgun Carry Without Permit	O	30,72,101	PI'd
Gun Safety	HB	1037	Deadly Force Against an Intruder at a Business	O	30	PI'd
Gun Safety	HB	1036	Concealed Carry in Public Schools	O	29	PI'd
Gun Safety	HB	1097	Repeal Ammunition Magazine Prohibition	O	28	PI'd
Health Care	SB	3	Repeal Colorado Health Benefit Exchange	O	12,108	S-2 nd Rdg
Health Care	SB	4	Access To Providers For Medicaid Recipients	O	12,53,108	PI'd
Health Care	SB	57	CO Healthcare Affordability & Sustainability Enter	S	12,72	PI'd
Health Care	SB	64	License Freestanding Emergency Departments	S	12	PI'd
Health Care	SB	84	Coverage For Drugs In A Health Coverage Plan	S	12	PI'd
Health Care	SB	88	Participating Provider Network Selection Criteria	S	65,78	To Gov
Health Care	SB	91	Allow Medicaid Home Health Services In Community	S	12,108	H-2 nd Rdg
Health Care	SB	133	Ins Comm Investigation Of Provider Complaints	S	65	PI'd
Health Care	SB	203	Prohibit Carrier From Requiring Alternative Drug	S	65,79,108	H
Health Care	SB	206	Out-of-network Providers Payments Patient Notice	W	66	PI'd
Health Care	SB	300	High-Risk Health Care Coverage Program		107	S-HHS
Health Care	HB	1057	Interstate Physical Therapy Licensure Compact	S	11,107	S-3 rd Rdg
Health Care	HB	1094	Telehealth Coverage Under Health Benefit Plans	S	39,53	Signed
Health Care	HB	1173	Health Care Providers & Carriers Contracts	S	64,79	Signed
Health Care	HB	1235	Financial Relief Defray Individual Hlth Plan Cost	S	65,98	PI'd
Health Care	HB	1236	HCPF Annual Report On Hospital Expenditures	S	66,79,98	PI'd
Health Care	HB	1237	State Employee Group Benefit Plans For Local Gov	S	92,98	S-SA
Health Care	HB	1264	PACE Ombudsman Program Add Local Ombudsmen	W	79,107	H-2 nd Rdg
Health Care	HB	1286	State Employee Health Carrier Requirements	S	79,98	S-SA
Health Care	HB	1351	Study Inpatient Substance Use Disorder Treatment	S	108	H-App
Immigration	SB	281	Hold CO Gov Accountable Sanctuary Jurisdictions	O	86,100	H-SA
Immigration	HB	1134	Hold Colorado Government Accountable Sanct Jurdct	O	31,46	PI'd
Immigration	HB	1230	Protect CO Residents From Federal Gov Overreach	S	58,73,87	PI'd
Income Assistance	HB	1002	Child Care Expenses Income Tax Credit Extension	S	54	PI'd
Income Assistance	HB	1116	Continue Low-income Household Energy Assistance	S	25,40,54,66,80	S-App
Income Assistance	HB	1119	Payment Of Workers' Compensation Benefits	S	54	S-2 nd Rdg
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Juvenile Justice	HB	1064	Misuse Of Electronic Images By A Juvenile	W	7,48,74,89	PI'd
Juvenile Justice	HB	1204	Juvenile Delinquency Record Expungement	S	47,74	H-2 nd Rdg
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Reproductive Freedom	HB	284	A Woman's Right To Accurate Health Care Info	O	94	Lost
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