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WEAR WHITE TO CELEBRATE LWV's 99th ANNIVERSARY!

On February 14, 1920, a group of suffrage leaders formed a new organization, one that would provide the education and experience the public needed to assure the success of democracy. The National League of Women Voters, founded when just 28 of the needed 36 states had ratified the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, was a “mighty political experiment” designed to help 20 million newly enfranchised American women carry out their new responsibilities.

This week we celebrate those brave and optimistic women (who were the last wave of a 72-year campaign to win suffrage for women) by wearing white, as the suffragists wore when they demonstrated and marched for their rights.

Although the Colorado League was not organized until 1928, women here were not new to voting or to seeking voting rights. Attempts at suffrage were made in 1870 and 1877. In 1893, the men of our state made Colorado the first state to adopt female suffrage by popular vote. The following year, the General Assembly had its first three women members. By the time the 19th Amendment was adopted, 18 women had served in the legislature. Today, nearly half of Colorado's legislators are female.

From the first, the League of Voters of the United States focused on voter education services such as Get Out the Vote campaigns and candidate debates. (In 1928, the League sponsored the first-ever radio broadcast of a candidate debate.) The 1950s brought a community education program focusing on individual liberties. In the 1960s, the League added policy positions on equality of opportunity and after being missing in action on the Civil Rights Act of 1965, developed a position on discrimination.

In addition to building a portfolio on a wide variety of issues – child welfare, natural resources, social security, the ERA, reproductive choice, school integration, and income assistance, for example – the LWV expanded its positions on voting rights and fair elections: direct popular vote (1973), strong support for the Voting Rights Act Amendments of 1982, support for the 1993 National Voter Registration Act (“motor voter”), Help America Vote Act, and Bipartisan Campaign Finance Reform Act (both 2002). As part of its individual rights agenda, the League extended membership to men in the 1970s.

Meanwhile, state and local leagues were pursuing similar agendas. For example, the Colorado LWV backed a “short ballot” amendment; opposed legislation that would have prohibited women from holding any state, county or city office; and began to publish its ballot pamphlet – all in the 1930s.

Recently, the League has been a strong and vocal opponent of partisan gerrymandering in redistricting. The issue is making bumpy progress nationally, but here in Colorado, we have the successful 2018 Amendments Y and Z, which require independent congressional and legislative commissions to draw competitive districts. The Colorado League was an important partner in developing the language and rules for the measures.

Right now, the League of Women Voters of Colorado is strongly supporting a bill that would allow Colorado to join the National Popular Vote Agreement to elect the president by popular vote (**SB 42, by Sen. Foote & Reps. Sirota & Arndt**; see write-ups in [LL#1](#), [LL#2](#), and this issue). The bill moves to the House this week! Call your representative now!

Over its century-minus-one, the League has evolved into a unique nonpartisan organization that is a recognized force in molding political leaders, shaping public policy, and promoting informed citizen participation at all levels of government.

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GOVERNMENT

ELECTIONS

NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE AGREEMENT

SB 042 National Popular Vote (Sen. Foote; Rep. Sirota; Rep. Arndt) (support) This bill has been passed in the Senate by a vote count of 19 to 16. It is scheduled for hearing in the House State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Committee on Tuesday, February 12th at 1:30. This bill is third on the list and so might not get attention until 2:30. The LWV will again have a panel of three to give testimony in favor. Other LWV members are encouraged to attend and provide testimony in favor of the bill as well.

Previously reported: [LL#1, p. 7](#); [LL#2, p. 2](#).

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Senate Vote

YES	19	NO	16	EXCUSED	0	ABSENT	0
Bridges	Y	Foote	Y	Marble	N	Story	Y
Cooke	N	Gardner	N	Moreno	Y	Tate	N
Coram	N	Ginal	Y	Pettersen	Y	Todd	Y
Court	Y	Gonzales	Y	Priola	N	Williams A.	Y
Crowder	N	Hill	N	Rankin	N	Winter	Y
Danielson	Y	Hisey	N	Rodriguez	Y	Woodward	N
Donovan	Y	Holbert	N	Scott	N	Zenzinger	Y
Fenberg	Y	Lee	Y	Smallwood	N	President	Y
Fields	Y	Lundeen	N	Sonnenberg	N		

NO ELECTION DAY HOLIDAY

HB 1056 Election Day Holiday in Place of Columbus Day (Rep. Benavidez; Sen. Gonzales) (previously watch) At the beginning of a hearing in House State Affairs on January 31, Representative Benavidez announced this bill will be “re-worked” to eliminate any reference to Election Day, to require repeal of the Columbus Day holiday, and to replace it with Colorado Day as a holiday. Testimony was allowed, but only on the changed bill. Since LWV has no position on the substance of the bill in its promised new form, we will not continue to follow it.

Previously reported: [LL#2, p. 2](#).

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FISCAL POLICY

REDUCE STATE INCOME TAX RATE

SB 55 Reduce State Income Tax Rate (Sen. Sonnenberg; Rep. Pelton) (oppose) would permanently reduce individual and corporate state income tax rates from 4.63% to 4.49% commencing, retroactively, on Jan. 1, 2019.

The Senate Finance Committee heard the bill on January 29 and postponed the bill indefinitely on a vote of [4-3](#).

Representatives from the League of Women Voters of Colorado, Colorado Fiscal Institute, Colorado PTA, Bell Policy Center, and Colorado Education Association testified in opposition to the bill.

The League supports an equitable system of raising adequate revenue to fund Colorado's social, environmental and economic needs. [Analysis](#) from the Colorado Fiscal Institute shows that people in households earning \$32,000 pay 9 percent of their annual income in state and local income, property and sales taxes. Households earning \$400,000 a year pay around 6 ½ percent of their incomes in state and local taxes.

This is not an equitable tax structure. Reducing income tax rates for all income levels would make matters worse.

Notably, much of the committee's discussion was debating trickle-down, supply-side vs. bubble-up, consumer-driven economics, with Senators Court and Sonnenberg both agreeing that they would never agree. A less binary approach to the state's fiscal policy would be helpful.

Previously reported: [LL#2, p. 4](#).

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JUSTICE SYSTEM

KEEP FUNDS IN GRANT PROGRAMS

SB 064 Retain Criminal Justice Program Funding (Sen. Lee; Rep. Weissman) (support)
The bill renews current law allowing for unspent appropriated funds for community-based criminal

justice programs to be appropriated into cash funds for use in future years rather than reverting to the General Fund at the end of the fiscal year. The bill was heard on Jan. 28 by the Senate Judiciary Committee and was passed [5-0](#) with housekeeping amendments. It was referred to Appropriations.

Previously reported: LL#1, p. 9.

CRIMINAL HISTORIES ON APPLICATIONS

HB 1025 Limits On Job Applicant Criminal History Inquiries (Reps. Melton & Herod; none) (support) This bill would reduce barriers to employment by limiting the use or requirement of criminal histories in advertising and application for employment. The bill was heard by the House Judiciary Committee on Jan. 29. It was amended to apply to employers with 11 or more employees on and after Sept. 1, 2019 and then to all employers on and after Sept. 1, 2021. It was further amended to include independent contractors. The bill passed [8-3](#) and was referred to Appropriations.

Previously reported: [LL#1, p. 8](#).

Both reported by Kimberly Grogan 303.919.0822

SB 100 Unauthorized Disclosure of Intimate Images Act (Sen. Gardner; none) (support) This bill would create a civil cause of action for individuals who have suffered harm as a result of threatened disclosure or intentional disclosure of an intimate image without the individual's consent, subject to specific circumstances outlined in the bill.

The bill was heard on February 6 in the Senate State, Veterans & Military Affairs Committee and was placed on the consent calendar and referred to the Committee of the Whole on a vote of [4-0](#). It is scheduled for floor work on February 11.

Previously reported [LL#2, p. 5](#).

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

AFFORDABLE HOUSING/TENANT PROTECTIONS

NEW **HB 1170 Residential Tenants Health and Safety Act (Reps. Jackson & Weissman; Sens. Williams & Bridges) (support)** Current law presumes that every rental agreement between a landlord and a tenant carries an implicit guarantee that a residential property is fit for human habitation. This is referred to as a warranty of habitability.

The bill:

- modifies the conditions for a breach of the warranty of habitability, the method for notifying a landlord of problems with the premises, and time limits for the landlord to address defective conditions;
- adds specific conditions of a property to the description of an uninhabitable residence to include the presence of mold or the absence of functioning appliances;
- repeals current law exceptions to leasing a residential property with one or more uninhabitable conditions and instead requires that all premises be free of any of these specified conditions prior to leasing;
- if requested by the tenant, requires that a landlord move the tenant to a reasonably comparable unit, pay for incidental moving costs, or pay for the tenant to reside in a temporary location when a property is hazardous or uninhabitable and conditions are being remedied;
- under specific circumstances, allows a tenant to deduct from subsequent rent payments the cost to repair defective conditions;
- allows a tenant to terminate a rental agreement for recurring defective conditions;
- permits a county court, including a small claims court, to provide injunctive relief for a breach of the warranty of habitability;
- repeals the current law requirement that a tenant notify a local government prior to seeking a court injunction;
- and modifies the current law prohibition on landlord retaliation when a tenant alleges a breach, to specify damages and remove presumptions.

The bill protects the rights of tenants to negotiate for proper maintenance and management of facilities.

The bill is assigned to Public Health Care & Human Services, scheduled to be heard on February 15.

HB 1106 Rental Application Fees (Reps. Titone & Gonzales-Gutierrez; Sen. Pettersen) (support)

The bill prohibits a landlord from charging a rental application fee unless the entire amount of the fee is used to cover the landlord's cost to process a rental application, such as the cost to conduct a personal reference check or to obtain a consumer credit report.

The bill, with clarifying amendments, passed in Business Affairs and Labor on a vote of [7-4](#) and was referred to the House Floor for Second Reading, scheduled on February 11.

Previously reported: [LL#2, p. 3](#).

Both reported by Kathy Smith 303.278.8025

VOTING RIGHTS

PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP FOR VOTER REGISTRATION

NEW **HB 1156 Proof of Citizenship to Register to Vote (Rep. Neville; None) (oppose)**

This bill would require that proof of citizenship be provided when an individual is registering to vote on or close to election day at voter service & polling centers. Permissible documents are a valid US passport, legible photocopy of the pertinent pages of the passport or both a document establishing the identity of the individual along with a document proving citizenship. Permissible documents for establishing identity are a driver's license or ID card issued by a state which display a photograph or other information to establish identity (name, DOB, gender, height, eye color); ID card issued by federal, state or local government agencies provided it contains a photograph or other identifying information; school ID card with a photograph; voter registration card; US military card or draft record; military dependent's ID card; US Coast Guard Merchant Mariner card; Native American

tribal document; or a driver's license issued by a Canadian government authority. The following documents may be used to prove citizenship when accompanied by any of the above documents proving identity: Social Security card; birth certificate issued by the US Department of State; original or certified copy of a birth certificate issued by a state, county, municipal authority or territory of the US; Native American tribal document; US citizen ID card.

The League, knowing that there are citizens who may not have passports or the necessary combination of documents, is opposed to this requirement. Research shows that such a law has the potential to deny the right to vote to eligible voters who may not have, and in many cases cannot obtain, the identifications required in this bill. This bill would impact the least powerful and most vulnerable of our electors, as they may have neither the money nor the means to get to a place where they could obtain such documents.

Questions have been sent to Rep. Neville's office regarding the number of days prior to election day that this requirement would be in effect; effect on online registrations; is this only for new registrations, effect on updates; what issue is driving this proposal? As of noon February 8, no response has been received.

The bill has been assigned to State, Veterans & Military Affairs and will be heard on February 12th.

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NATURAL RESOURCES

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

CONTROLLING WILDFIRES

NEW **HB 1006 Wildfire Mitigation Wildland-urban Interface Areas (Reps. McLachlan & Carver; Sen. Fields) (watch)** This bill would create a state grant program to be administered by the Colorado State Forest Service

to fund proactive forest management fuels reduction. It establishes criteria and eligibility for a grant program. It also specifies proposal evaluation requirements, and imposes a monetary limit on the grant amount that can be awarded. This bill would create a forest management fuels reduction projects program cash fund in the state treasury. The Forest Service would have to report annually to the general assembly. There is no fiscal note yet. The bill has been assigned to House Rural Affairs and Agriculture but not calendared.

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WATER

XERISCAPING MOVES AHEAD

HB 1050 Encourage Use of Xeriscape in Common Areas (Rep. Titone; Sens. Priola & Winter) (support) This bill supports the use of drought-tolerant landscaping in common areas of an HOA controlled community. It also extends existing water conservation requirements to special districts managing parkland and open space. The bill passed Second Reading on January 25 with clarifying amendments and Third Reading with no further amendments on January 28 on a 45-19 vote. It was introduced in the Senate on February 1 and assigned to the Local Government Committee.

Previously reported: LL#1, p. 8.

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House Vote

YES	45	NO	19	EXCUSED	0	ABSENT	0	VACANCY	1
Arndt	Y	Exum		Y	Landgraf	Y	Roberts	Y	
Baisley	N	Froelich		Y	Larson	N	Saine	N	
Beckman	N	Galindo		Y	Lewis	N	Sandridge	N	
Benavidez	Y	Garnett		Y	Liston	Y	Singer	Y	
Bird	Y	Geitner		N	Lontine	Y	Sirota	Y	
Bockenfeld	N	Gonzales-Gutierrez		Y	McCluskie	Y	Snyder	Y	
Buck	N	Gray		Y	McKean	N	Soper	N	
Buckner	Y	Hansen		Y	McLachlan	Y	Sullivan	Y	
Buentello	Y	Herod		Y	Melton	Y	Tipper	Y	
Caraveo	Y	Hooton		Y	Michaelson Jenet	Y	Titone	Y	
Carver	N	Humphrey		N	Mullica	Y	Valdez A.	Y	
Catlin	Y	Jackson		Y	Neville	N	Valdez D.	Y	
Coleman	Y	Jaquez Lewis		Y	Pelton	N	Van Winkle	N	
Cutter	Y	Kennedy		Y	District 57	V	Weissman	Y	
Duran	Y	Kipp		Y	Ransom	N	Williams D.	N	
Esgar	Y	Kraft-Tharp		Y	Rich	Y	Wilson	N	
							Speaker	Y	

WATER BILLS ADVANCE

HB 1113 Protect Water Quality Adverse Mining Impacts (Reps. Roberts & McLachlan; None) (support) This bill is asking for mining reclamation plans to cover costs of remediation if water treatment is needed. The bill was heard in House Rural Affairs on February 4 and passed [7-4](#) with slight amendments on time frames to the full House.

Previously reported in [LL#2, p. 7](#).

HB 1071 CDPHE Water Quality Control (Rep. McKean; Sen.. Zenzinger) (support) This bill passed through the House with no amendments. It passed Third Reading unanimously on January 31 It will be heard in Senate Agriculture committee on February 14.

Previously reported: [LL#2, p. 7](#).

Both reported by Jeannette Hillery 303.494.7718

SOCIAL POLICY

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEHAVIORAL-HEALTH BILLS ADVANCE

HB 1044 Advance Behavioral Health Orders Treatment (Reps. Kraft-Tharp & Landgraf; Sens. Todd & Coram) (support) This bill would establish rules for advance behavioral health orders determining the scope of treatment an adult wishes to receive under certain behavioral health circumstances.

The bill passed Third Reading in the House unanimously and has been referred to the Senate Health and Human Services committee.

Previously reported: [LL#2, p. 8](#).

SB 010 Professional Behavioral Health Services for Schools (Sen. Fields; Rep. McLachlan, D. Valdez) (support) This bill expands and modifies

the grant program that exists for behavioral health services in schools.

The bill passed out of Senate Health & Human Services [4-1](#) and was referred to Appropriations.

Previously reported: [LL#2, p. 9](#).

NEW HB 1120. Youth Mental Health Education and Suicide Prevention (Reps. Michaelson Jenet & Roberts; Sen. Fenberg) (watch) The bill allows a minor of 12 years or older to seek and obtain psychotherapy services with or without the consent of the minor's parents. It also allows the provider to, with the consent of the minor, advise the minor's parents or guardian of the services provided.

It also requires several related agencies and organizations to maintain a mental health education literacy resource bank to be made available to the public at no charge. It also requires the state board of education to adopt standards for mental health services and suicide prevention.

This bill is contentious due the fact that it allows a minor to seek professional services without the consent of the parents or guardian. A hearing has been scheduled for Feb 20 in the House Public Health Care and Human Services committee. After the hearing, the LAC will review the results and determine a position.

All reported by Marcia Marshall 410.271.3420

CHILDREN'S ISSUES

INFORMATION SHARING BILL PASSES FIRST HURDLE

NEW HB 1063 At-risk Information Sharing Between County Depts (Rep. Kraft-Tharp & Larson; Sen. Gardner & Lee) (support) allows county adult protective services and county child protective services access to each other's abuse/neglect records when that information is needed to assess the safety of an at-risk adult or child. It also allows an at-risk adult or their guardian or guardian ad litem (GAL) to access to their records without a court order.

The bill will enhance the ability of protective services to assess the safety of at-risk children and adults. It also removes an unnecessary hurdle faced by at-risk adults and their guardians or GALs who would like access to the at-risk adult’s records. These changes will also make the system more efficient and transparent.

The bill passed unanimously out of House Public Health Care and Human Services on February 1 and then passed 3rd Reading unanimously on February 6. It will be heard in Senate Judiciary on February 25.

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EDUCATION

COMPREHENSIVE SEX ED

HB 1032 Comprehensive Human Sexuality Education (Rep. Lontine; Sens. Todd & Coram)

(support) This bill amends and clarifies current Colorado law requiring comprehensive sex ed in public schools that opt to offer such instruction. The law does not mandate sex ed and allows parents to opt their children out of the instruction. The bill expands protection for and inclusion of all students, including LGBT relationships, and expands funding for and oversight of the corresponding grant program.

It was heard in the House Committee on Health & Insurance on Jan. 30. With over 300 people signed up to give testimony the hearing lasted until nearly midnight. Supporters spoke to the importance of medically-accurate, age-appropriate information as well as instruction on consent and a focus on healthy relationships in sex ed instruction, including LGBT relationships. Many of the opponents of the bill were from various religious organizations. Through frequently combative or explicit testimony, the majority of opponents objected to the inclusion of LGBT relationships and prohibition of gender stereotypes. The bill was amended for clarification and to require inclusion of information about “safe haven” laws. The amended bill passed [7-4](#) and was referred to Appropriations.

Previously reported: [LL#2, p. 9.](#)

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SUPPORT FOR RURAL EDUCATORS

SB 9 Financial Incentives for Rural Educators (Sen. Todd; Reps. McLachlan & Wilson)

(support) Removes limiting numbers of stipends and increases amount of stipend to \$4,000. Stipends are awarded to students who are enrolled in teacher preparation and agree to teach in a rural school or a rural school district for at least 2 years.

On January 30, the bill passed Third Reading unanimously. It passed through the Senate without amendments. It has been assigned to the House Education Committee and is scheduled to be heard on February 14 at 1:30.

Previously reported: [LL#2, p. 10.](#)

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HEALTH CARE

HEALTH-CARE BILLS ADVANCE

HB 1001 Hospital Transparency Measures to Analyze Efficacy (Rep. Kennedy; Sens. Moreno & Rankin) (support)

The bill requires development of an annual hospital expenditure report and passed the House on January 31 by a vote of 39-22-3. It was introduced in the Senate on February 4 and referred to Health & Human Services, where it is not yet scheduled.

Previously reported: [LL#2, p. 1.](#)

House Vote

	YES	39	NO	22	EXCUSED	3	ABSENT	0	VACANCY	1	
Arndt	Y		Exum		E		Landgraf		N	Roberts	Y
Baisley	N		Froelich		Y		Larson		N	Saine	N
Beckman	N		Galindo		Y		Lewis		N	Sandridge	N
Benavidez	Y		Garnett		Y		Liston		N	Singer	Y
Bird	Y		Geitner		N		Lontine		Y	Sirota	Y
Bockenfeld	N		Gonzales-Gutierrez		Y		McCluskie		Y	Snyder	Y
Buck	N		Gray		Y		McKean		N	Soper	Y
Buckner	Y		Hansen		Y		McLachlan		Y	Sullivan	Y
Buentello	Y		Herod		Y		Melton		Y	Tipper	Y
Caraveo	Y		Hooton		Y		Michaelson Jenet		Y	Titone	Y
Carver	N		Humphrey		N		Mullica		E	Valdez A.	Y
Catlin	N		Jackson		E		Neville		N	Valdez D.	Y
Coleman	Y		Jaquez Lewis		Y		Pelton		N	Van Winkle	N
Cutter	Y		Kennedy		Y		District 57		V	Weissman	Y
Duran	Y		Kipp		Y		Ransom		N	Williams D.	N
Esgar	Y		Kraft-Tharp		Y		Rich		N	Wilson	N
										Speaker	Y

SB 015 Create Statewide Health Care Review Committee (Sen. Beckman; Rep. Ginal)

(support) The bill creates the Statewide Health Care Review Committee, comprised of health-related committee members from the Senate and the House, to study and provide a proactive legislative perspective on health care issues affecting Colorado residents. The bill was heard in Health & Human Services on January 17, passed on a vote of [4-1](#), and was referred to Appropriations.

Previously reported: [LL#1, p.11](#); [LL#2, p. 1](#).

NEW HB 1150 Recreate Consumer Insurance Council (Sen. Titone; Rep. Danielson) (support)

The bill recreates the Consumer Insurance Council, which was sunsetted in 2018, to provide advice to the Commissioner of Insurance of the Division of Insurance (DOI) on insurance matters of interest to the public. Insurance regulated by DOI includes, but is not limited to, health insurance, property/liability (homeowners, auto) and life insurance.

League supports this bill which increases consumer input, thereby promoting access, quality and affordability in insurance.

The bill is assigned to Health & Insurance where it will be heard February 13.

All reported by Carol Pace 303.863.0437

SB 1 Expand Medication-assisted Treatment Pilot Program (Sen. Garcia; None) (support)

This bill extends the successful medication-assisted treatment (MAT) pilot program both geographically and in duration, and was heard in the Senate Health and Human Services Committee on February 7. The bill passed, with minor amendments, on a vote of [5-0](#) and was referred to the Senate Committee on Appropriations. Several witnesses from across Colorado testified on the bill, all in favor, including support from LWV-Pueblo and LWV-San Luis Valley.

Previously reported: [LL#1, p. 10](#); [LL#2, p. 1](#).

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INCOME ASSISTANCE

IMPROVED TAX EXEMPTION

NEW SB 132 Senior Property Tax Exemption Medical Necessity (Sen. Gardner; Rep. Carver)

(watch) concerns the preservation of the senior property tax exemption of a senior who changes primary residences due to medical necessity.

The bill specifies that for property tax years commencing on or after January 1, 2020, a senior is deemed to be a 10-year owner-occupier of a primary residence that the senior has owned and occupied for less than 10 years (and therefore qualifies for the senior property tax exemption for the residence) if:

- The senior would have qualified for the senior property tax exemption for the senior's former primary residence but for the fact that medical necessity required the senior to stop occupying the former primary residence;
- The senior has not previously received the exemption for a former primary residence based on medical necessity; and
- The senior has not owned and occupied another primary residence since the senior first stopped occupying his or her former primary residence due to medical necessity.

“Medical necessity” is defined as a medical condition of a senior that a physician licensed to practice medicine in Colorado has certified, on a form developed by the state property tax administrator, as having required the senior to stop occupying the senior's prior primary residence.

When applying for such an exemption, a senior must provide to the assessor the form establishing proof of medical necessity.

The bill has been assigned to the Senate Finance committee and scheduled to be heard at 2:00 p.m. February 12.

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REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

MAKING ABORTION A FELONY

NEW **HB 1103 Protect Human Life At Conception (oppose)** was introduced by **Representatives Stephen Humphrey and Lori Saine**. It has no Senate sponsor.

The bill prohibits any means of terminating an “unborn child” and makes that act a class one felony. This includes the use of medicine, a drug, device or other means with intent to terminate a pregnancy and causing the death of an “unborn child.” Exceptions are made for an ectopic pregnancy or a natural miscarriage. It does not include contraceptive measures. The physician is the target of the penalties.

It makes it a class two felony to knowingly cause the termination of a pregnancy in any other manner. That includes reckless driving with a car, bicycle, or low-power scooter.

The bill has a fiscal note of \$334,755 over the next five years.

Clearly the League does not support this bill as it violates “the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices.”

The bill has been introduced in the House and assigned to the House Committee on Health and Insurance, where it is scheduled to be heard on February 13 at 1:30.

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Editor’s Notes:

There have been a number of changes to the makeup of the General Assembly since the first Legislative Letter was printed (using the information on the General Assembly website at the time of printing). Here is the latest information:

Kim Ransom has replaced Bob Rankin on the House Appropriations Committee.

Kim Ransom is no longer on the House Education Committee, leaving one seat vacant.

Meg Froelich and Cathy Kipp have replaced Jeff Bridges and Joann Ginal on the House Energy and Environment Committee.

Sonya Jaquez Lewis has replaced Joann Ginal on the House Health and Insurance Committee.

Cathy Kipp has replaced Sonya Jaquez Lewis on the House Public Health Care and Human Services Committee.

Perry Buck has replaced Kim Ransom on the House Transportation and Local Government Committee.

Meg Froelich has replaced Jeff Bridges on the House Transportation and Local Government Committee.

Bob Rankin has replaced Dennis Hisey on the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Joann Ginal has replaced John Kefalas on the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resource Committee.

Jeff Bridges has replaced Daniel Kagan on the Senate Education Committee.

Jeff Bridges has replaced Daniel Kagan on the Senate Local Government Committee.

Dennis Hisey has replaced John Cooke on the Senate Transportation and Energy Committee

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	LL#	Status
Behavioral Health	SB	10	Prof'l Behavioral Health Services For Schools	S	2,3	S-App
Behavioral Health	HB	1009	Substance Use Disorders Recovery	S	2	H-PHCHS
Behavioral Health	HB	1044	Advance Behavioral Health Orders Treatment	S	2,3	S-HHS
Behavioral Health	HB	1120	Youth Mental Hlth Ed & Suicide Prevention	W	3	H-PHCHS
Children's Issues	HB	1063	At-risk Information Sharing Between County Depts	S	3	S-Jud
Education	SB	2	Regulate Student Education Loan Servicers	S	3	S-Fin
Education	SB	3	Educator Loan Forgiveness Program	S	2	S-App
Education	SB	9	Financial Incentives For Rural Educators	S	2,3	H-Ed
Education	SB	33	Automatic Law Waivers For School Districts	O	2	Pl'd
Education	HB	1032	Comprehensive Human Sexuality Education	S	2,3	H-App
Elections	SB	42	National Popular Vote	S	1,2,3	H-SVM
Elections	HB	1007	Contribution Limits For County Offices	S	1,2	H-App
Elections	HB	1056	Election Day Holiday In Place Of Columbus Day	W	2,3	H-SVM
Energy	HB	1003	Community Solar Gardens Modernization Act	S	1,2	H-App
Environmental Quality	SB	34	Local Gov Recycling Standards For Food Containers	W	2	S-LG
Environmental Quality	SB	53	California Motor Vehicle Emission Standards	O	1	S-HHS
Environmental Quality	SB	96	Collect Long-term Climate Change Data	S	2	S-T&E
Environmental Quality	HB	1006	Wildfire Mitigation Wildland-urban Interface Areas	W	3	H-RAA
Equal Opportunity	HB	1096	Colorado Right To Rest	S	2	H-TLG
Equal Opportunity	HB	1106	Rental Application Fees	S	2,3	H-2nd Rdg
Equal Opportunity	HB	1118	Time Period To Cure Lease Violation	S	2	H-BAL
Fiscal Policy	SB	55	Reduce State Income Tax Rate	O	2,3	Pl'd
Gun Safety	HB	1021	Repeal Ammunition Magazine Prohibition	O	2	Pl'd
Gun Safety	HB	1022	Deadly Force Against Intruder At A Business	O	2	Pl'd
Gun Safety	HB	1049	Concealed Handguns On School Grounds	O	2	Pl'd
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