

Forging Pathways from Poverty

2020 STATE LEGISLATION CONCERNING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND POVERTY REDUCTION

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<u>Bill#</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	Title	<u>Com*</u>	Position**
LAW				
009	Zenzinger and Rankin	Expand Adult Education Grant Program		+m,C,a,r,2,h,b,S,U
029	Fields and Moreno	Cost of Living Adjustment for CO Works Program		+y,C,a,h,r,,9,B,f,E,p,R,W,b,S,U,w
030	Garcia and Rodriguez	Consumer Protections for Utility Customers		+E,a,r,w,C,A
126	Story and Smallwood	Allow Home Child Care in HOA Community		+R
200	Donovan & Pettersen	Implementation of Colorado Secure Savings Program		+b,C,w,A,f,n,s,p,u,Y,z
205	Fenberg & Bridges	Sick Leave for Employees		+L,9,f,b,y,c,g,z,n,,C,W
206	Todd & Cooke	Pub Assistance Prog Recipient Disqualification		+C,a,W,y
207	Hansen & Winter	Unemployment Insurance		+L,n,y,f,b
211	Winter & Gonzales	Limitations on Extraordinary Collections Actions		+C
215	Moreno & Donovan	Health Insurance Affordability Enterprise		+c,C,a,W,A,y,r,f,g
224	Gonzales	Landlord Prohibitions Tenant Citizenship Status		
1053	Sirota and Wilson	Supports for Early Childhood Educator Workforce		+y,z,b,C,2,r,u,R,2,m,W
1009	Jackson	Suppressing Court Records of Eviction Procedures		+C,a,h,9,r,B,f,s,E,p,R,m,N,v,A,y,w,W,b,S,L
1010	Tipper and Coleman	CO Accurate Residence for Redistricting Act		+C,w
1010	Froelich			-
		Pass Through Child Support Payment		+C,e,a
1196	Hooton & McCluskie	Mobile Home Park Act Updates		+C,9,W,F,w,r,h,y,s
1197	Snyder & Rich	2-1-1 Statewide Human Service Referral System		+u
1201	Hooton & Gonzales-Gutierrez	Mobile Home Park Residents Opportunity to Purchase		+f, C, b, a,W,F
1236	Lontine & Will	Health Care Coverage Easy Enrollment Program		+C,f,c,y,R,A
1332	Herod and Jackson	Prohibit Housing Discrimination Source of Income		+h,C,9,a,B,b,r,f,o,E,w,p,F,y,W
1347	Young	Licensure Exemption for Family Child Care Homes		+C
1361	Esgar & McCluskie	Reduce the Adult Dental Benefit		-A
1370	Esgar & McCluskie	Transfers from Unclaimed Property Trust Fund Housing		+h
1410	Gonzales-Gutierrez & Exum	COVID Related Housing Assistance		+C,h,9,g,u,A,y,r,w
1412	Kennedy & Cutter	COVID-19 Utility Bill Payment-related Assistance		
1420	Sirota & Gray	Adjust Tax Expenditure for State Ed Fund		+f,b,Cy,w,h,c,L,w
1422	Esgar & Cutter	Food Pantry Assistance Program Grants		+H,C
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020	Sonnenberg	Reduce the State Income Tax Rate	Ssa	-f,C,b
093	Foote & Fenberg	Consumer and Employee Dispute Resolution Fairness	Hfin	+r,n,C,b,A,f
151	Tate & Rodriguez	Administration of the RTD	Sjud	+r,f
1035	Singer	Programs to Develop Housing Support Services	Нарр	+h,C,r,w,W
1043	Buckner and Wilson	Income Tax Credit for Early Childhood Ed Fix	Нарр	+y,C,z,b
1110	McLachlan & Exum Hooton	Higher Ed Student Emergency Assistance Grants	Happ	+Y,C,h +U -f
1112 1122	Hooton and Larson	Expand Child Care Contribution Income Tax Credit Homeless Youth Services Act & Grant Program	Нарр Нарр	+U -f +w
1122	Sandridge	Interlocutory Appeals in Forcible Entry and Detainer	Hjud	-c,h
1134	Caraveo & Gonzales-Gutierrez	Fees Charged to Tenants by Landlords	Hbus	+9,C,w,r,W,b,h,s,A,y,aU
1193	Landgraf and Van Winkle	Income Tax Benefits for Family Leave	Hfin	-F
1203	Sirota & Gray	EITC & Child Tax Credit	Нарр	+f,b,C,a,W,e,y,L,S,E,F,,z
1233	Melton & Benavidez	Basic Life Functions in Public Spaces	Htlg	+a,h
1335	Melton & Winter	CO homeless Project Contribution Tax Credit	Hlg	+h,C
1350	Froelich	Child Support Commission Recommendations	Hphc	
1351	Lontine & Gonzales-Gutierrez	Local Government Authority Promote Affordable Housing Units	Hlg	+C,w
1405	Woodrow	Funding for Eviction Legal Defense	Hfin	+C,a,W,9,w,h
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BUDGET

The public health emergency related to the Corona virus has created a sudden budget crisis with a \$3.3 billion gap in the budget. The federal CARES act provided Colorado with a one time supplement of \$1.7 Billion to help address expenses created by the COVID19 pandemic. Additional federal help is not certain. The current focus was just balancing the state budget. Long term is the question of how Colorado we pay for recovery and moving forward.

CCLP and its partners supported HB1203-an expansion of tax credits than benefit struggling families like the EITC and the Child Tax Credit, as the poorest Coloradans pay the highest portion of their income in state taxes- sales, excise, and indirectly property tax, etc. This would be paid for by closing a corporate loophole. This bill was folded into HB 1420 which reduced a couple federal tax loopholes to provide relief for school funding. It will also fund an increase in the State EITC from 10%-15% effective Tax Year 2022, and adds EITC eligibility for taxfilers who file with an ITIN vs a social security number beginning in Tax Year 2021.

At a personal budget level, SB200 would finally, after years of attempts, implement an opt-out system of retirement savings for the many workers, particularly low wage workers, workers of color and part time workers who do not otherwise have access through their work to a retirement savings vehicle.

CHILD CARE

To address the severe shortage and underpayment of early childhood educators, HB1053 proposes a number of fixes from credit for previous work experience, paid apprenticeship, and letting workers be in the classroom as they work toward their required credential. Last year legislation passed to offer a refundable income tax credit or those entering early childhood work. But a technical fix -HB1043-regarding funding source is needed to trigger it on. HB1112 would expand the tax credit available to donors by allow the credit for donations to organizations serving teens up to age 18. It would also allow donations to certain child welfare organizations.

EDUCATION

Colorado has a goal of 66% credential completion rate for post-secondary education. Many of those who leave prior to completion do so because of pressing financial need. HB1110 would have provide up to \$500 for emergency financial assistance for low income college student in the final year of their studies.

SB9 allows adult education programs serving Coloradans with low level of literacy and numeracy, including English language learners to partner with a K-12 school to apply for state funding along with programs who are partnering with post-secondary institutions and job placement programs.

HOUSING

A number of bills address the rights of tenants. HB1009 would not allow dismissed eviction filing to go on a person's court records- only evictions which are court ordered. HB1141 caps fees charged by landlords. SB108 blocks landlords from using a tenant's immigration status against them as a tenant. 1332 bans discrimination based on source of income.

Manufactured Housing represents the largest pool of private sector affordable housing. HB1196 protect tenants from losing their homes. HB1201- helps tenants with the possibility of purchasing the mobile home park in which they live when the owner wants to sell. HB1410 allocates federal COVID Relief dollars to help struggling renter and homeowners impacted by the COID pandemic. It also adds funding to eviction legal defense. HB1412 allocates federal COVID Relief dollars for help with utility payments.

HEALTH

HB1236 would alert tax filers of potential eligibility for subsidize health insurance coverage, and create new open enrollment periods around tax filing deadlines. SB205 would have every employee earn paid sick days, up to 48 hours per year. SB217 uses a premium tax and hospital fee to fund the reinsurance pool & subsidies for some left out because of immigration status. SB205 creates a state earned paid sick leave policy, in which employees can earn up to 48 hours per year of paid sick leave.