

2021 STATE LEGISLATION CONCERNING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND POVERTY REDUCTION

March 29, 2021

Bill#	Sponsor	Title	Committee*	Supporting/Opposing Orgs**
001	Winter & Gonzales	Extending Limitations on Debt Collection Actions	LAW	+b,r,n
009	Jaquez Lewis & Caraveo	Reproductive Health Care Program	Sapp	+g,l, y,c,C,j,w,v,W
014	Kirkmeyer	Allocation Formula CO Child Care Program	Sapp	-y
018	Moreno	Continue Necessary Documents Program	Sapp	+C,M,a,h,y,c,G,x,v,H,w,z
025	Pettersen	Family Planning Serv for Eligible Individuals	Sapp	+y,g,c,j,l,C,r,W
027	Petersen	Emergency Supplies for CO Babies & Families	Sapp	+W,C,y,g,l,j,v,z,a,R
087	Danielson	Agricultural Works Rights	Sapp	+t,g,N,l,C,H,p,W,H,i
091	Liston and Rodriguez	Credit Transaction Charge Limitations	Sapp	-C,a,c
131	Gonzales	Protect Personal Identifying Information Kept by State	Sapp	+l,C,W
153	Coleman & Cooke	DOC Offender ID Assistance Program	Hsa	+x,C,h,i
167	Holbert & Bridges	Regulation of Child Care Centers	Sapp	
173	Gonzalez & Moreno	Rights in Residential Lease Agreements	Sapp	+h,9,C,e,a,g,y,c,r,f,i,l,s,x,p,u,z,T,R,m,N,j,W,S
175	Jaquez Lewis & Gonzales	Prescription Drug Affordability Review Board	Sapp	+c,a,C,Y,r,A, i,w,Y
176	Winter & Pettersen	Protecting Opportunities & Workers Rights Act	Sjud	+9,b,i,N,W,b
181	Fields & Coram	Equity Strategic Plan Address Health Disparities	Shhs	+r,A
193	Buckner	Protection of Pregnant People in Perinatal Period	Sjud	+R,k,W,c
194	Buckner	Maternal Health Providers	Shhs	+R,k,W,C,c
199	Jaquez Lewis & Winter	Remove Barriers to Certain Public Opportunities	Ssa	
1002	Weissman & Sirota	Reductions Certain Taxpayers Income Tax Liability	LAW	+f,H,L
1009	Bernett	Update Div of Housing Funct & Local Dev	Slg	+h,e,l,w
1019	Hooton	Mod to Regulations of Factory Built Structures	Htlg	+h
1028	Bird and Rich	Annual Public Report Affordable Housing	Happ	+h,i,C,w
1054	Jackson	Housing Public Benefit Verification Requirement	Ssa	+C,y,h,r,l,e,w,T,N,v,W,S
1105	Kennedy	Low-Income Utility Payment Assistance Contributions	Hfin	+E,C,a,h,w,s
1117	Lontine & Gonzales-Gutierrez	Local Gov Authority Promote Affordable Housing Units	H2nd	+C,h,W,a,y,r,e,x,l,p,T,N,v,s,S,R
1121	Jackson & Jodeh	Residential Tenancy Procedures	Happ	+C,h,y,r,e,l,w,p,W,s,S
1134	Ricks	Report Tenant Rent Payment Info to Credit Agencies	Hbl	
1194	Tipper & Ricks	Immigration Legal Defense Fund	Hjud	+l,m,f,W,w,C,c,v,a,h,i
1198	Jodeh	Health Care Billing Requirement for Indigent Persons	Hhi	+C,c,W,a,R,A,h,t
1214	Weissman	Record Sealing Collateral Consequences Reduction	Hjud	+i,C,r
1220	Froelich	Child Support Commission Recommendations	Hpbh	+C
1222	Valdez A & Van Winkle	Regulation of Family Child Care Homes	Hpbh	+R,y,W
1232	Roberts & Jodeh	Standardized Health Benefit Plan Colorado Option	Hhi	+c,r,C,y,g,x,w
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074	Coleman	Expunge Nonviolent Convictions After 3 Years	Sjud	+C,g
1093	Woodrow	Remedies in Class Action Consumer Protection Act	Hbl	+C,r

*Committees

S = Senate	ed = Education	jud = Judicial	te = Transportation & Energy
H = House	ene = Energy + Environment	lg = Local Government	tlg = Transportation and Local Government
ag = Agriculture	fin = Finance	pbh = Public & Behavioral Health	
app = Appropriations	hhs = Health & Human Services	sa = State Affairs	
bl = Business	hi = Health Insurance		

** Supporting/Opposing Orgs (+ support; - oppose)

C = CO Ctr on Law and Policy	f = Colorado Fiscal Institute	M = Metro Caring	t = Towards Justice
2 = Skills2Compete	F = UNE	m = Spring Institute	T = Together Colorado
9 = 9 to 5	g = COLOR	n = New Era	U = AAUW
a = AFDC Coalition	G = Gathering Place	N = United for a New Economy	u = Mile High United Way
A = AARP	h = CO Coalition for Homeless	o = Homeless Outcloud	v = Violence-Free Colorado
B = Bayaud	H = Hunger Free Colorado	p = Lutheran Advocacy Ministry	w = League of Women Voters
b = Bell Policy Ctr	i = Interfaith Alliance	P = Padres Y Jovenes Unidos	W = women's Lobby
c = CO Consumer Health Initiative	l = CIRC	r = Cross Disabilities Coalition	x = Healthier Colorado
E = Energy Outreach Colorado	j = Illuminate	R = Raise Colorado	y = CO Children's Campaign
e = Enterprise Com Partners, Ctr for Work Educ Employment	k = Elephant Circle	s = Sr. Lobby	Y = Young Invincibles
	L = COPA	S = CO Social Legislation Com	z = Women's Foundation

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State budget

Last year the legislature cut \$3.3 billion from the state budget, with careful, but dramatic cuts, from education, affordable housing, social programs, and savings. Colorado also budgeted for dramatic case and cost surges in Medicaid, which did not materialize. Tax revenues were greater than originally feared given the level of job loss. Income for many did not fall, as remote work began. Federal aid, the CARES Act, and the American Recovery Act have prevented the economy and state budget from collapsing.

Among CCLP's budget priorities are restoring funding for SSI/SSDI Application Assistance Program, funding for rental assistance and eviction prevention, affordable housing, SNAP employment and training, digital inclusion, childcare, and education and training for those facing challenges in the job market such as adults without a high school diploma.

We are also examining the invisible budget. Like a budget, Colorado's slate of tax credits is also a moral decision. For what reason, and for whom, does our state allow tax breaks? Given our flat rate income tax and reliance on sales tax, Coloradans with the lowest incomes pay a higher percentage of their income in state taxes than Coloradans who make more money. Legislation to rebalance tax cuts to assist struggling families will be coming later this session.

Income/expenses

SB018 helps people get a Colorado ID by paying for the ID or underlying documents. SB199 removes some requirement for proving lawful presence prior to receiving state or local public benefits. SB153 formalizes a program to ensure those leaving prison have a current ID. SB027 pays for diaper distribution for those who can't afford them. HB1105 would increase funding for energy assistance through a \$1-2 monthly fee on utility bills. It would also allow water utilities to institute an opt-in monthly fee to help finance water bill payment assistance. HB1220 lowers the interest rate on back owed child support from 12% to 10%, adds authority to intercept life insurance for payment of back owed support and requires reporting independent contractors to Dept of Labor New Hire List to expedite child support collection.

HB1214 would automate record sealing for certain arrests that did not result in charges. It allows those with convictions to file with the court for an order of collateral relief retrospectively. For those who receive a full pardon, their records would be sealed. It allows certain drug conviction records to automatically seal after a certain period of time.

Housing

Even prior to the epidemic, about half of Colorado renters paid more than 30% of their income for rent, with about ¼ of renters paying more than half their income for rent. With job and income losses during the pandemic, more struggle to keep up with rent in our high rent market. SB173 limits late fees, adds financial penalties for illegal lockouts in lieu of eviction, and gives renters more time to come up with rent prior to actual eviction. HB1121 limits rent increases to once annually and requires 10 days to execute a writ of restitution in evictions. HB1054 creates an exception for housing programs on requirement that applicants for public benefits verify lawful presence, unless otherwise required by federal law.

Health

HB1198 requires hospitals to screen uninsured patients for their eligibility for the hospital discount program and for public programs. It requires them to offer a payment plan prior to sending patients to collections. SB009 creates a program to provide contraceptives and counseling for a one-year period for Coloradans who are eligible for Medicaid, but for their immigration status. SB025 would seek federal approval to raise the income eligibility threshold for family planning services to 250% of FPL and enables women to get a full year supply at a time. SB175 establishes a board to review affordability of certain prescription drugs and establish upper payment limits if found to be unaffordable. HB1232 establishes a standardized health benefit plan that would be offered if current insurers do not reduce their premium costs by 20% by 2024.