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2023 COLORADO STATE LEGISLATION CONCERNING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND POVERTY REDUCTION

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Supporting/Opposing Orgs

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		SIGNED INTO LAW	
001	Roberts & Zenzinger	Authority of Pub-private Collaboration Unit for Housing	+x,w
002	Mullica & Simpson	Medicaid Reimbursement for Community Health Serv	+h,C,y,x,X,A,j,,r,m
007	Zenzinger & Kirkmeyer	Adult Education	+m,2,C,a,z,u,S,r,y,c,w,W
082	Zenzinger & Kirkmeyer	CO Fostering Success Voucher Program	+u,C,h,X,e,w
093	Cutter & Jaquez Lewis	Increase Consumer Protections Medical Transactions	+C,c,A,a
105	Danielson & Buckner	Ensure Equal Pay for Equal Work	+z,9,P,A,y,C,c,I,G,f,W
172	Winter F. &Gonzales	Protecting Opportunities and Worker Rights Act	+n,y,W,z,A,f,P
184	Winter F & Exum	Protections for Residential Tenants	+h,,J,C,y,a,c,r,W
261	Danielson and Exum	Direct Care Workforce Stabilization Board	+9,N,L,T,n, r,b,f,C,a
303	Fenberg & Hansen	Reduce Property Tax & Voter Approve Rev Change	+b
1006	Young & Dougherty	Employer Notice of Income Tax Credits	+f,G,y,h,c,F,w,C,a,W
1008	Weissman	Food Accessibility	+H,p,C,A,G,h,F,x,X,Y,A,W
1000	Amabile & Bradfield	Licensed Psychologist Prescriptive Authority	+Y,x,A,C
1071	Lindstedt & Taggart	Employee Ownership Tax Credit Expansion	+C
1087	Catlin & Mclachlan	Fiscal Rule Advance Payment Charitable Food Grants	+B,F,H
1007		· ·	• •
	Pugliese & Kipp	Continuation of Child Care Contribution Credit	+y,u,G,x,j,X,z,E,W
1095	Woodrow & Lindsay	Prohibited Provisions in Rental Agreements	+9,y,r,C,w,J,W
1099	Vigil & Weissman	Portable Screening Report for Residential Leases	+J,h,y,f,l,a,e,w,n,P,C,E
1112	Bird	Earned Income & Child Tax Credits	+f,C,G,y,h,c,F,x,j,w,p,z,a,S,b,E,W
1117	Jodeh &Garcia	Affidavit Support Eligibility Public Benefits	+C,F,x,I
1120	Joseph & Ortiz	Eviction Protections for Residential Tenants	+r,J,C,y,h,X,w,n,E,j,a,W
1126	Ricks	Consumer Reports not include Medical Debt Info	+C,A,y,c,x,X,p,Y,a,S,W
1133	Lindsay & Amabile	Cost of Phone Calls for Persons in Custody	+G,X,P,h,y,I
1158	Willford & Taggart	Co commodity Supplemental Food Grant Program	+F,S,Xp,A,Y
1184	Lindstedt & Frizell	Low-Income Housing Property Tax Exemptions	+r,w,A
1186	Lindsay & Jodeh	Remote Participation in Residential Evictions	+J,y,C,h,x,a,w,G,r,j,p,E,m,K
1187	Bacon & Amabile	Alternatives in Crim Jus System & :Pregnant Persons	+k,C,c,x,X,y,n,z,j,W
1215	Sirota & Boesenecker	Limits on Hospital Facility Fees	+c,C,A,x,X,m,S,w
1225	DeGruy Kennedy & Dickson	Extend & Modify Rx Drug Affordability Board	+A, C,c
1229	Weissman & Mabrey	Amending Terms Consumer Lending Laws	+t,b,C
1254	Brown and Mabrey	Habitability of Residential Premises	+J,x,C,h,r,e,w,W
1257	Velasco & Boesenecker	Mobile Home Park Water Quality	+V,9,C,J,y,a,,w,P,W
1311	DeGruy Kennedy & Weissman	Identical Temporary TABOR Refunds	+f,C,N,b
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1190	Boesenecker & Sirota	Affordable Housing Right of First Refusal	+J,C,r,,w
		DEAD	-1-17
027	Cutter	Food Pantry Assistance Grant Program	+H,B,C,A,G,h,,X.a,F,j,W
033	Rodriguez & Fields	Medicaid Preauthorization Exemption	+h,x,r,C,w,X
098	Rodriguez	Gig Worker Transparency	+f,t, P
109	Pelton B & Mullica	Criminal Penalty Controlled Substance Supplier	-x,X,Y,i,h,C,c,a,W
1078	Willford	Unemployment Compensation Dependent Allowance	+f,C,y,h,c,F,a,E
1115	Mabrey & Velasco	Repeal Prohibition Local Residential Rent Control	+9,n,Z,y,r,f,I,J,e,i,w,p,z,C,R,V,N,T,a,E,W
1118	Sirota & Gonzales-Gutierrez	Fair Workweek Employment Standards	+9,t,y,n,f,z,Y,P,C,a,W
1124	Lindsay	Funding for Serv for CO Employmnt First Participants	+2,C,z,a,c,F,w,G,H,m,B,W
1171	•	Just Cause Requirement Eviction of Tenant	
11/1	wasiey & Gorizales-Gulleriez	Just Gause Requirement Eviction of Tenant	+9,T,N,n,V,R,X,A,r,O,I,f,e,j,p,C,h,x,i,Y,X,W

Supporting/Opposing Orgs (+ support; - oppose)

G=Clayton Early Learning

C = CO Ctr on Law and Policy

2 = Skills2Compete	h = CO Coalition for	N = United for a New	u = Mile High United Way
9 = 9 to 5	Homeless	Economy	V= Voces Unidos de los
a = AFDC Coalition	H = Hunger Free Colorado	o=CCHN	Montanas
A = AARP	i = Interfaith Alliance	O-CLLARO	v = Violence-Free Colorado
B=Blueprint to End Hunger	I = CIRC	p = Lutheran Advocacy	w = League of Women Voters
b = Bell Policy Ctr	j = Illuminate	Ministry	W = women's Lobby
c = CO Consumer Health	J = Colo Poverty Law Project	P = Progress Now	x = Healthier Colorado
Initiative	k = Elephant Circle	r = Cross Disabilities Coalition	X= Mental Health Colorado
E = EFAA	K= Rose Community	R = Movimiento Poder	y = CO Children's Campaign
e = Enterprise Com Partners,	Foundation	s = Colo Ctr on Aging	Y = Young Invincibles
f = Colorado Fiscal Institute	L = COPA	S = CO Social Legis Com	z = Women's Foundation
F = Feeding Colorado	M = Metro Caring	t = Towards Justice	Z=Comm Economic Def Proj
g = COLOR	m = Spring Institute	T = Together Colorado	

n = New Era

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State Budget

Despite a voter approved \$400 million income tax rate reduction and a diversion of \$300 million per year for housing, Colorado does expect revenues to come in above the TABOR cap, at least for a couple years.

Late breaking SB303 would use the TABOR surplus for property tax relief for homeowners and school funding. HB1311 would provide one more year of uniform TABOR refunds for all vs a regressively tiered system for TABOR refunds, but only if voters approve SB 303.

Income/expenses

HB1112 would increase the state Earned Income Tax Credit to 38% of the federal EITC for Tax Year 2024 only. It would also permanently change our state Child Tax Credit beginning in Tax Year 2025 to be fully refundable, so the poorest families are not left out. Single parents earning under \$25,000/yr would receive \$1200 per child, those between \$50,000 would receive \$600 per child and those between \$50,000 and \$75,000 would receive \$200 per child.

HB1078 would have added an extra \$35 per week to the checks of those on unemployment insurance who have children.

SB007 increases funding for Adult Education-k-`2 level education for adults and adjusts reporting requirements especially for those working with individuals below 9th grade literacy levels. It also adds "digital literacy to program's scope. It allows community colleges to grant their own high school diploma to their own adult education students.

HB1124 would have renewed enhanced funding for SNAP Employment and Training. Funding pulls down a dollar-for-dollar match. Funding would have allowed enhanced support services and payment of training costs and work-based learning for SNP E & T participants to continue.

HB1118 would have required advance notice of schedules, and additional pay for short notice changes for those working in retail and food service. It would have granted all workers the right to ask for schedule changes without retribution.SB098 requires transparency of how workers are paid, and the right to appeal if workers are dropped without notice of why.

Child Care

HB1091 renews the Child Care Contribution Credit for 3 years. The credit gives donors a 50% income tax credit on donations to organizations that serve children. It also adds in-kind contributions of real property, including below market rent.

Food

SB027 would have added \$3 million per year for 3 years to the

Food Pantry Assistance Program. HB1008 will disallow carryover federal deductions for businesses lunch and switch it to a credit for small retail stores to add capacity to carry fresh and healthy food. HB1087 would allow advanced state grants to pay farmers in advance for food ordered by food programs so crop planning and financing is available at the beginning of the growing season. HB1158 would add \$1 million in funding to help organizations pay the full administrative cost of distributing boxes of food staples to older adults.

Housing

Half of Coloradans pay more than 30% of their income for rent. Almost ¼ pay half of their income for rent. HB1095- adjusts what provisions are permitted in leases. HB1099 allows a tenant to reuse the same credit report for 30 days to apply for different apartments. HB1115 would have restored local government's authority to enact rent control with some exceptions and limits. HB1120 requires mediation prior to eviction actions for renters who identify themselves as receiving cash based public assistance. HB1171 would require just cause- such as nonpayment of rent- to not renew a lease and proceed with an eviction. HB1186 would establish remote/hybrid eviction hearings in which either party could appear remotely.

Under HB1190, when older multifamily rentals go up for sale, local governments could exercise a right of first refusal to buy the unit in order to preserve affordable housing.

Health

HB1126 prevents the reporting of medical debt on credit reports. It also prohibits medical debt collectors from using a threat of medical debt appearing on a credit report in their collection efforts. In fact, they would have to proactively inform people that medical debt could not be added to their credit report. SB093 tackles medical debt earlier in the process, including consumer protections such as capping the allowable interest rate on medical debt at 3%, requiring repayment plans and itemized statements regarding the debt.

SB 002 authorizes the State's Health Care Policy and Finance (HCPF) Department to seek federal authorization to provide Medicaid reimbursement for community health worker services. HB1071 would allow psychologists with additional specialized training to prescribe mental health drugs.SB033 would have prohibited the Medicaid requirement that mental health drugs be pre-authorized, or step therapy of fail first be required prior to prescribing.

HB1215 would limit the charging of facilities fees by hospitals for outpatient services and require that such fees be itemized. HB1225 would remove the hard cap of 12 drugs per year which the Prescription Drug Affordability Board could establish a price cap for.

To read the text of any bill, its fiscal impact or current status, or for legislator contact info, go to www.leg.colorado.gov. For questions, corrections, more information, or to add your organization's positions to the list, contact Chaer Robert, crobert@cclponline.org.