

Bill#	Sponsor	Title	Com	Supporting/Opposing Orgs
001	Michaelson Jenet	Continue Youth Mental Health Services Program	Hhhs	+y,d,X,C,U,G,v
032	Priola & Jaquez Lewis	Methods to Increase Use of Transit	Sapp	+C,w,D
034	Marchman & Kolker	Increase Access to School-Based Health Care	Sapp	+C,y,U,X
040	Danielson and Ginal	State Funding for Senior Services	Sapp	+s,A,X,C,O,d,S
053	Coleman	Racial Equity Study	Hsa	+Q,q,w,D,y,T,X,Y,G,C,6,z,U,O,c,J,l,n,W
064	Mullica	Monthly Residential Eviction Data & Report	Sapp	+y, e, C,h,J,A,U,G,r,J,w,a
075	Priola & Rodriguez	Transportation Network Company Transparency	Sapp	+t,Y,U,C,f
080	Fields & Jaquez Lewis	Transparency in Health Care Coverage	Sapp	+C,P
094	Gonzales & Exum	Safe Housing for Residential Tenants	High	+9,J,Z,D,U,h,d,a,C,r,y,e,w,6,z,N,V
116	Buckner	Discounted Care for Indigent Patients	Sapp	+C,c,A
175	Fields & Buckner	Improving Perinatal Health Outcomes	Shhs	+k,q,C,y,X
182	Gonzales & Bridges	Immigrant Identification Document Issuance	Sjud	+I,M,9,T,D,U,V
1004	Bacon & Bird	Ex-Offenders Practice in Regulated Professions	Happ	+U,x,d,2
1007	Rutinel & Mabrey	Prohibit Residential Occupancy Limits	Conc	+a,A,C,c,9,D,d,e,G,g,h,i,j, J,m,N,n,O,p,r,s,U,w,W,X,y,Z
1008	Duran & Froelich	Wage Claims Construction Industry Contractors	Happ	+t,U,C,P,f,V
1009	Joseph & McLachlan	Bilingual Childcare Resources	Happ	+y,m,z,G,X,C,O,S,2,W,g,L,w
1028	Epps	Overdose Prevention Centers	H2nd	+U,X,h,d,a,C,Y
1037	Epps & DeGruy Kennedy	Substance Use Disorders Harm Reduction	Shhs	+h,X,U,d,a,w
1051	Boesenecker & Mauro	Towing Carrier Regulation	Happ	+Z,N,U,h,w
1052	Weissman & Marshall	Senior Housing Income Tax Credit	Happ	+A,C,w,r,,e,f,h
1057	Woodrow	Prohibit Algorithmic Devices for Rent Setting	Slgh	+C,U,J,w,t,s,A,h,r
1075	McCormick & Boesenecker	Analysis of Universal Health Care Payment System	Happ	+c,C,h,U,w,X,S,A,O,y,I,Y,a,p
1084	Willford & Young	Repeal & Re-Enact Earned Income Tax Credit Increase	LAW	+f,C,h,y,g,z,G
1095	Lieder & Amabile	Increasing Protections for Minor Workers	Happ	+6,G,t,C,f
1098	Mabrey & Duran	Cause Required for Eviction of Residential Tenant	Conc	+9,N,6,n,D,T,l,Z,C,r,w,A,U,y,h,l,d,m,a,W
1099	Lindsay & Soper	Defendant Filing Fees in Evictions	Sapp	+J,y,s U,G,h,d,e,w,a,S,p,W
1129	Vigil & Mabrey	Protections for Delivery Network Company Providers	Happ	+t,Y,U,C,P,f,l,x
1133	Mabrey & Soper	Criminal Record Sealing & Expungement Changes	Happ	+C,U,i,x,p,h,a,J
1134	Weissman & Rutinel	Adjustments to Tax Expenditures to Reduce Burden	Happ	+f,G,w,z,a,C,b,y,L,j,p,m,W
1175	Boesenecker & Sirota	Local Gov Rights to Property for Affordable Housing	H2nd	+h,a,C,p,A,U,d,e,w,D,J,Z
1223	Willford & Garcia	Improved Access to the Child Care Assistance Program	Happ	+j,U,y,L,x,X,m,z,Y,S
1262	Garcia & Jodeh	Maternal Health Midwives	Happ	+k,Y,Q,q,m,c,C,y,G,j,w,z
1268	Weissman & Ortiz	Fin Assistance for Certain Low Income Individuals	Happ	+A,r
1286	Joseph & Lindsay	Equal Justice Fund Authority	Hfin	+C,J,Z,r,X,a,y,c,,d,pX,m,D
1288	Rutinel & Sirota	Earned Income Tax Credit Data Sharing	Happ	+f,y,C,z
1294	Boesenecker & Velasco	Mobile Homes in Mobile Home Parks	Happ	+J,C,V,w,z
1297	Willford & Garcia	Baby Bonds Program Study	Hfin	+f,q,C,c,X,N,n,z,a,G,y,j,6,m
1311	DeGruy Kennedy & Willford	Family Affordability Tax Credit	Hfin	+f,y,C,W,h,r,L,j,w,m,z,a,O,e,D,Y
1312	Sirota & Garcia	State Income Tax Credit for Careworkers	Hfin	+y,b,W,A,r,f,L,m,z,a,A,O,G,j,z
1322	Brown & Bird	Medicaid Coverage Housing & Nutrition Services	Happ	+B,y,A,J,e,x,h,C,a,c,d,D
1368	Lindsay & Velasco	Language Access Advisory Board	Happ	+m,O,C,d,c,D

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

C = CO Ctr on Law and Policy	f = Colorado Fiscal Institute	n = New Era	V = Voces Unidos de las
2 = Skills2Compete	g = COLOR	N = United for a New Economy	Montanas
6 = SiX Action	G = Clayton Early Learning	O = CLLARO	v = Violence-Free Colorado
9 = 9 to 5	h = CO Coalition for Homeless	p = Lutheran Advocacy Ministry	w = League of Women Voters
a = AFDC Coalition	H = Hunger Free Colorado	P = Centennial State Prosperity	W = women's Lobby
A = AARP	i = Interfaith Alliance	Q = CHIC	x = Healthier Colorado
B = Blueprint to End Hunger	I = CIRC	q = Soul2Soul Sisters	X= Mental Health Colorado
b = Bell Policy Ctr	j = Illuminate	r = Cross Disabilities Coalition	y = CO Children's Campaign
c = CO Consumer Health Initiative	J = Colo Poverty Law Project	s = Colo Ctr on Aging	Y = Young Invincibles
d = Disability Law	k = Elephant Circle	S = CO Social Legis Com	z = Women's Foundation
D = Denver Foundation	L = Statewide Parent Coalition	t = Towards Justice	Z = Comm Economic Def Proj
E = EFAA	m = Spring Institute	T = Together Colorado	
e = Enterprise Com Partners,	M = Hispanic Affairs Project	U = ACLU	

**Committees**

S = Senate	H = House	
Ed = Education	Hhs = Health & Human Services	
Pbh = Public Health	Tra =Transportation	Blt = Business
Fin = Finance	Awn = Agriculture	Lgh = Local Government & Housing
Sa = State Affairs	Jud = Judicial	
App = Appropriations	Thl =Transportation, Housing & Local Govt	

# 2024 COLORADO STATE LEGISLATION CONCERNING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND POVERTY REDUCTION

## State Budget

Much of federal funding, which has helped see Colorado through the pandemic, is ending shortly, causing some programs to end and others to reduce their size. Meanwhile, Colorado expects revenues above the TABOR cap, at least for a couple years – \$3.5 billion above the TABOR cap in 2022-3; \$1.82 Billion for FY2023-4; \$1.91 billion for 2024-5 and \$2.29 billion for 2025-6. This TABOR surplus cannot go to programs, but can fund various tax credits. For many proposals legislators decide: what is more valuable: tax credits to bolster priorities or preserving or maximizing TABOR refunds to individuals?

## Income/expenses

HB1134 proposes a new permanent EITC expansion to extend and maintain a federal match at 50% of the federal credit rather than the 20% of the federal EITC that will otherwise return in future years. The bill would also blend the state Child Care Tax Credit and the Low-Income Child Care Tax Credit. HB1311 would create a new form of TABOR rebate that is a progressive child tax credit, with more for those with the youngest children and the lowest income.

Pay transparency for app-based gig workers and customers is again on the table with SB075 and HB1129. What do different tasks pay? How far is the drive? How much was tipped within an app are important determinants of whether a job task is desirable or viable. Transparency about why workers might be blocked from the app and having an appeal process for potential reinstatement are basic elements of minimal job quality. Through HB1008, contractors in the construction field could be liable for wages not paid to workers working for their subcontractors.

HB1286 funds civil legal aid for those below 250% of the Federal Poverty Level through filing fees.

## Justice involved/re-entry

HB1133 is a Clean Slate clean up bill. It allows persons arrested in cases of mistaken identity to petition the court if the arresting agency has not expunged it. Filing fees would be waived in such cases. It also adjusts waiting periods for requesting record sealing for municipal convictions.

HB1004 clarifies previous legislation regarding those with past felonies obtaining professional licenses. To oversimplify, offenses which were nonviolent and more than 3 years old could not be considered against someone obtaining a professional license. Those with violent felonies would have their criminal records considered by regulators of professions. Individuals could ask for an advance ruling on whether their criminal record would prevent them from obtaining a license, so they don't spend time training for a job they would not be allowed to do.

## Childcare

HB1009 would require testing for childcare provider licenses and information for childcare providers to be translated into the two most common languages in Colorado. HB1312 creates a

new tax credit for Child Care, and home care workers. HB1223 is an omnibus bill on the Colorado Child Care Assistance program, including lower caps on some parental copays, and payments to providers based on enrollment versus daily attendance.

## Older adults

SB040 would add \$5 million, and an automatic inflation adjustment to Older Coloradans Act funding. The funding helps older adults remain in their homes and thrive, with locally determined services including meals on wheels, congregate meals, home health services, etc. The bill would also initiate a review of the sufficiency of funding giving growth in Coloradans over 65. HB1052 would renew for one year a refundable tax credit for seniors who are renters, or otherwise ineligible for the Senior Homestead Exemption.

## Housing

Half of Coloradans pay more than 30% of their income for rent. Almost ¼ pay half of their income for rent. SB064 would provide more geographic and process and aggregate outcome data on those who are being evicted. HB1007 would prohibit local governments from establishing residential occupancy limits on any basis other square footage per person based on health and safety concerns. For example, local governments could not require that occupants be related by blood or adoption. HB1098 would require cause – such as nonpayment of rent or substantial lease violation – to not renew a lease and proceed with an eviction. SB094 would add timelines and clarify court processes regarding enforcement of Warranty of Habitability laws. HB1057 would prohibit the practice setting rents by algorithms, such as factoring in average area rents, percentage of vacant units, etc. HB1099 would eliminate filing fees from those defending against their own eviction.

## Health

SB116 modifies current law regarding screening patients for their eligibility for hospital discounted care if they fall below 225% of the Federal Poverty Level. Under the bill, patients must attest to living in Colorado. The bill adds the requirement to the current fee cap that the combined charge of both facility and the professionals cannot exceed six percent of a patient's household income. It adds exceptions for clinics in rural or frontier counties which offer a sliding fee scale. It also allows a facility to deny discounted care if the patients are screened to seem presumptively eligible for Medicaid. The scope and funding for school-based health care would increase under SB034. Telehealth, mobile units and offsite, but school-linked clinics could help delivery care. The Youth Mental Health Services Program, with its access to limited mental health counseling would continue under SB001.

SB80 requires insurers to have an online consumer facing tool to provide prices based on cost sharing. HB1037 came out of the Interim Committee on Opioid Abuse. HB1028 again tries to establish Overdose Prevention centers. HB1075 would authorize Colorado School of Public Health to conduct an analysis of various legislative proposals establishing a statewide single payer universal health care system.

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