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OVERVIEW

Andrea Wilkins

During the 2019 legislative session, the LWVCO Legislative Action Committee (LAC) focused on bills dealing with a variety of policy issues affecting our organizational goals and positions but placed a particular focus on those that support the League-wide campaign for Making Democracy Work. The mission of this campaign is to create a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge and the confidence to participate. Specific areas of interest include: voting rights, elections reform, national popular vote, and implementation of Amendments Y and Z, which focus on redistricting. In addition, our legislative efforts were also focused on other urgent issues such as TABOR reform, gun safety, the environment, health care, school finance, and transportation. In total, the General Assembly considered 598 bills this session, of which 462 passed. LAC followed 110 bills this session.

With Democrats controlling both chambers of the General Assembly and the Governor's office, they were anxious to get to work enacting the agenda that many campaigned on last fall. Overall, Democrats made significant progress furthering priorities such as state-funded full day kindergarten, oil and gas regulation reforms, legislation aimed at curbing the impact of climate change, measures to decrease health care costs and increase transparency, and several measures that are aimed at protecting voter rights, expanding the electorate, promoting campaign finance reform, and the establishment of a census outreach program to ensure an accurate census count, which has a significant impact on implementation of Amendments Y and Z. Conversely, Republicans were largely focused on stalling legislation they viewed as partisan, given their minority position and inability to stop bills from passing, in most instances. Repeal of the death penalty was one notable exception. This delay tactic led to many days and nights of long debate. The debate was further complicated by the fact that several complex, and often controversial bills, were introduced late in the session when time remaining for debate was limited.

At times, partisanship impacted the overall environment at the Capitol, though in the end several legislators in the minority noted that, even though there was a lot of disagreement on policy, everyone was given the opportunity to be heard. Moreover, collaboration appeared to be one key to success. According to Colorado Capitol Watch, of the 136 bills that failed this session, 96 were sponsored by legislators of only one party. In addition, a bipartisan agreement led to a significant investment in the state's transportation infrastructure, which has been an area of concern among policymakers and voters alike.

Even though the session has ended, the debate over many measures continues. A referred measure seeking voter approval to permit the state to retain money in excess of the TABOR limit will be put to voters in November. Recall efforts regarding some of the more controversial legislation—and the legislators who voted for it—are underway. LWV has an important role to play in providing statewide voter education and mobilization to protect the measures we support,

including TABOR reform, the National Popular Vote, and extreme risk protection orders. Supporters of these recall efforts will be collecting signatures between now and August 1; so be sure to THINK BEFORE YOU INK!

GOVERNMENT

ELECTIONS

Linda Souraf, Holly Monkman, Harry Hempy & Andrea Wilkins

As a result of **SB 42** Colorado will join the **National Popular Vote Interstate Compact** on August 2, 2019, unless a petition drive achieves enough signatures to require a vote of the people in 2020. The National Popular Vote Interstate Compact will achieve popular vote for president while preserving the electoral system. Colorado joins 13 other states and D.C. in the compact, totaling 189 electoral votes. The compact will take effect once enough states have joined to meet or exceed the 270 electoral votes required to win the presidency. At that time Colorado's set of electors will be awarded along with all the other compact states' electors to the winner of the popular vote in all 50 states and D.C.

The LWV has supported popular vote for president since 1970 and has supported the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact since 2010. League believes that popular vote for president is necessary for a truly representative government.

If enough signatures are gathered to put this on the ballot, the LWV will need to continue to educate voters about the advantages of popular vote for president.

HB 1278 Modifications to Uniform Elections Code was a wide-ranging bill that makes a number of changes to the Uniform Elections Code of 1992. Significant provisions focused on changing the hours of voter service and polling centers (VSPCs) and requiring counties to locate some VSPCs on college campuses, changes in signature requirements for placing a candidate on the ballot by petition, and allowing 17-year olds to vote in primary elections if they will be 18 by the date of the next general election. Financial support will be provided to counties to assist with implementation of the bill.

VOTING RIGHTS

Holly Monkman, Harry Hempy, Jean Fredlund, Fern Black

The 2019 legislative session brought many bills to expand voting rights. The League supported the following bills: **SB 202 Voting Rights for Voters with Disabilities** will deliver ballots electronically to voters with a disability, such as sight impairment, thus enabling the voter to use their preferred technology to read and mark their ballot. **SB 235 Automatic Voter Registration** will create a process to automatically register eligible electors in Colorado when they apply for issuance, renewal, or correction of a Colorado driver's license, state identification card or Medicaid. **HB 1266** restores voting rights to parolees. A measure to allow 16-year-olds to vote in school district elections—**HB 1243**—failed.

We opposed **HB 1156**, which would have required proof of citizenship to vote. It was quickly PI'd.

HB 1239 Census Outreach Grant Program establishes a grant program for not-for-profit agencies and local governments to increase the self-response rate and accuracy of the 2020 census in the state, specifically in hard-to-count communities, including outreach, education, and promotion efforts. An accurate census affects reapportionment and redistricting, and LWVCO will be applying for a grant for this important work.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Andrea Wilkins

Several bills were considered this session aimed at promoting campaign finance reform. **HB 1318 Clean Campaign Act of 2019 and SB 232 Campaign Finance Enforcement** were both backed by the Secretary of State. HB 1318 focused on increasing transparency and making more information regarding campaign contributions available to voters. Key provisions of the bill will prohibit foreign money to independent expenditure committees (IECs) or issue committees and increase disclosure around corporate political spending and hard-to-trace contributions to IECs. The bill also has restrictions on pre-candidate coordination with IECs and reauthorizes small-scale issue committees. SB 232 codifies in the Fair Campaign Practices Act existing rules of the Secretary of State put in place in 2018 in response to a Federal District Court ruling in *Holland v. Williams*. The bill aims to put in place enforcement mechanisms for those that violate the state's campaign finance laws. In addition, legislation to reform money in politics at the county level was also considered. **HB 1007** establishes campaign contribution limits and disclosure requirements for candidates for county offices. Contribution limits must be adjusted for inflation every four years by the Department of State. All three of these measures passed.

EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY

Harry Hempy & Jo Feder

HB 1096 Colorado Right to Rest, a perennial bill to allow homeless people to sit, shelter and eat in public spaces (wherever such activities are not prohibited) was defeated once again, for the fifth time. League supported this bill.

The **Equal Pay for Equal Work Act (SB 85)** passed amid much fanfare and, surprisingly, controversy. The intent of the Act is to help to close the pay gap in Colorado and ensure that employees with similar job duties are paid the same wage rate regardless of sex, or sex plus another protected status. The bill allows an aggrieved person to bring a civil action in district court to pursue remedies specified in the bill.

FISCAL POLICY

Andrea Wilkins & Harry Hempy

SB 207 FY 2019-20 Long Bill was introduced in the Senate on March 25 and was subject to extensive debate in both chambers, with a combined total of over 100 amendments considered. Significant investments in the state's critical programs and infrastructure were made, with a total of \$300 million allocated to transportation and infrastructure and \$175 million allocated to full day kindergarten; in addition, funding was provided to support a 3% pay increase for state employees. The \$30.5 billion state budget was signed by the Governor on April 18. Other legislation with a potentially significant impact on the state budget are companion bills **HB 1257 Voter Approval to Retain Revenue for Ed and Transp** and **HB 1258 Allocate Voter-Approved Revenue for Education and Transportation**. HB 1257 is a referred measure that will appear on the November ballot as Proposition CC. If approved by the voters, the allocation formula in HB 1258 will take effect. HB 1258 specifies that retained revenue be allocated to K-12 education, higher education and transportation in equal shares. LWVCO has long been a supporter of TABOR reform, and these measures have the potential to provide much needed funding for some of the state's most pressing needs, without raising tax rates. LWVCO opposed **SB 55 Reduce State Income Tax Rate**, which would have reduced both the individual and the corporate state income tax rate from 4.63% to 4.49% and reduced the state alternative minimum tax by 0.14%, for income tax years commencing on or after Jan. 1, 2019. The League has carefully watched proposals that would reduce revenue since the passage of Article X, Section 20 (Taxpayer Bill of Rights) because of its ramifications for both state and local governments. We opposed the bill because it unnecessarily reduces state revenue.

GUN SAFETY
Jean Fredlund

Once again, three bills were introduced by the gun rights people and quickly died. They were **HB 1021 Repeal Ammunition Magazine Prohibition**, offered for the 6th time; **HB 1022 Deadly Force Against Intruder At A Business**, for the 14th time; and **HB 1049 Concealed Handguns On School Grounds**, for the 7th time. All were PI'd in the first committee meeting. A big step forward for gun safety was **HB 1177 Extreme Risk Protection Orders**, which allows courts to order police to temporarily take weapons from those who are dangerous. It was passed by both houses and has been signed by the Governor. It was supported by the Colorado Coalition Against Gun Violence, of which LWVCO is a member. The bill became very controversial, prompting several counties to declare themselves "Gun Sanctuaries" and some to call for recalls of legislators who voted for the bill. We can expect several gun issues to be brought up next year, such as reporting of lost and stolen guns and standardized training for concealed carry permits.

JUSTICE SYSTEM
Kim Grogan, Carla Bennett, and Jean Fredlund

We followed and supported three bills that signal progress in recognizing substance use disorders as behavioral health issues in need of treatment away from involvement in the criminal justice system. The bills also remove barriers and enhance programs that will improve the chances of success for those individuals reentering communities after convictions. All three bills passed.

SB 8 Substance Use Disorder Treatment in Criminal Justice System was part of a slate of bills which were introduced as a result of the work over two summers by the Opioid and Other Substance Use Disorders Interim Study Committee. The League supported this bill and it passed with bipartisan sponsorship and support. The bill provides for medication-assisted treatment (MAT) in county jails and state prisons and a more streamlined process for sealing drug-related conviction records. The slate of bills introduced as a result of the interim committee's efforts to address Colorado's growing opioid and substance use disorders crisis also included **HB 1009 Substance Use Disorders Recovery** and **SB 1**, which extends the Medication-assisted Treatment (MAT) Pilot Program in critical need areas of the state by two years and expands the list of eligible participants.

HB 1025 Limits On Job Applicant Criminal History Inquiries, also known as "Ban the Box," was supported by the League and passed. The bill prohibits employers from requiring disclosure of criminal history in either advertising for a position or on initial employment applications, both written and electronic.

SB 64 Retain Criminal Justice Programs Funding renews current law for year-end, unspent appropriated funds for community-based criminal justice grant programs to be spent in future years by the programs rather than reverting into the General Fund. These programs have proven effective in reducing recidivism rates and the bill passed with bipartisan support. The League supported this bill.

SB 182 Repeal the Death Penalty was withdrawn by the sponsor due to uncertainty about getting enough votes to pass the Senate floor. It will be reintroduced next year.

HB 1051 CDPS Human Trafficking-related Training requires the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to provide human trafficking training to law enforcement agencies and to organizations and individuals who provide services to the victims of human trafficking.

SB 100 Unauthorized Disclosure of Intimate Images Act would create a 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 signed by the Governor in early April.

HB 1251 Age of Marriage and Emancipation Procedure provides that a marriage license may only be issued to a person who has reached the age of 18 or has reached the age of 16.5 and has been emancipated through a court order. The bill also creates a statutory procedure for emancipation. The bill was postponed indefinitely at the request of the sponsor on March 28 and reintroduced in a modified form, minus the statutory process for emancipation, as HB 1316 Modernizing Marriage Laws for Minors, which passed and is awaiting the Governor's signature.

JUVENILE JUSTICE

Carla Bennett

This session we followed and supported three juvenile justice bills. All bills passed, and one has been signed by the Governor.

SB 108 Juvenile Justice Reform is a significant juvenile justice reform bill that was based on recommendations from the Governor's Youth Task Force. It focuses on reforming juvenile diversion, probation, and parole through the statewide use of validated screening and assessment tools. The ultimate goal is to reduce the number of youth who will become involved in the formal juvenile justice system.

SB 136 expands a pilot program within the Division of Youth Services to a second location and will test the effectiveness of a therapeutic group treatment approach. The goal is to keep youth and staff safe without using seclusion and restraints other than handcuffs.

SB 185 Protections For Minor Human Trafficking Victims ensures that minor human trafficking victims will be treated like victims rather than criminals and not be further traumatized. Protections include immunity from a prostitution charge and affirmative defense for criminal violations (except for class 1 felonies)—if human trafficking can be proved. It also requires that a young person who engages in prostitution-related behavior be referred to the county department of human services. The bill has been signed by the governor.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Jeannette Hillery, Amy Sherwood, and Sigrid Higdon

ENERGY

Sigrid Higdon, Jeannette Hillary, Amy Sherwood

The biggest bill in this arena was **SB 181, Protect Public Welfare Oil and Gas Operations**, which totally revamped the mission of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC), including the composition of the board and rules for how the COGCC will work with and assist local governments. The bill asks for more protection of air quality, updating of flow-line rules, and alternative site analysis in well operations. The League supported this ambitious and therefore controversial piece of legislation. There should be a number of rulemaking hearings during the upcoming year, both from the Air Quality Control Commission and the COGCC.

SB 236 Sunset Public Utilities Commission (PUC) began as a measure to continue the PUC to 2026 and address reporting requirements for investor-owned utilities. At the end of the session, two bills—**HB 1313** codifying Xcel's clean energy plan and **HB 1037** (a measure to allow utilities to issue securitized ratepayer-back bonds when retiring coal-fired generating plants)—were folded into the sunset bill. LWV had previously supported SB 236 and HB 1313. The final bill makes dramatic changes in the utility planning process and in shifting Colorado's electric generation to renewable energy and energy efficiency.

Three other energy bills passed: The **Community Solar Gardens Modernization Act (HB 1003)** amends the statute

authorizing the expansion of solar gardens up to 10 MgW. **HB 1260 Building Energy Codes** will require local jurisdictions to meet the standards of one of the three most recent versions on the international energy conservation code when updating building codes.

HB 1314 Just Transition From Coal-based Electric Energy Economy will set up an office to provide financial assistance and training to workers who lose jobs when coal fired generating plants are closed and to the communities they live in.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Amy Sherwood, Ann Sutton, Jeannette Hillary

Thanks to increased awareness of climate change and human impacts on the environment, the Legislature introduced many environmental bills that the League could support. **SB 192**, a **Waste Diversion Grant Program** to fund much of the Front Range recycling efforts bill, passed. **SB 198** will encourage resource recovery, recycling and reuse of waste tires and establish a temporary fund to finance this endeavor. **HB 1050 Encourage the Use of Xeriscape in Common Areas**, promoting water efficient landscaping, passed.

We supported three climate change bills that passed: **HB 1261 Climate Action Plan to Reduce Pollution** requires the Air Quality Control Commission to adopt rules and regulations and a framework to build upon with future bills that will follow; **SB 96 Collect Long-Term Climate Change Data** will facilitate prompt state action to address GHG emissions in adopting rules; and **HB 1188 Greenhouse Gas Pollution Impact in Fiscal Notes** requires the Legislative Council Staff to include an assessment of whether any bill will increase or decrease GHG emissions over a ten-year period.

Two attempts to manage waste from the restaurant industry failed. The unpopular **SB 243**, a bill to prohibit any polystyrene food containers after January 1, 2024, died quickly. **SB 34** would have allowed local governments to set standards for the use of take-out containers.

League supported four bills to promote uptake of more electric vehicles by consumers with consequent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector. **HB 1159** will continue Colorado tax credits for fully electric and hydrogen-powered vehicles through tax year 2025. Tax benefits are also extended to holders of long-term leases, such as for rideshare use. Through the **Electric Vehicle Grant Fund, HB 1198**, the Colorado Energy Office was given greater flexibility in providing grants for installation of more electric vehicle charging stations. **HB 1199 Colorado Clean Pass Act** would have provided access to HOV lanes with a single occupant and to express lanes at a reduced rate for new or used electric vehicles in their first three years of ownership; it was postponed indefinitely at the request of the sponsor.

League opposed **SB 53**, which would have prohibited emission programs that are more stringent than EPA requires or those of California, based on our position to exceed standards. The bill was PI'd.

WATER

Jeannette Hillary

This was a good year for water and conservation, although nothing of great magnitude. The legislature continues to offer—and pass—more bills addressing protection of water quality. **HB 1113** addresses adverse impacts from mining. **HB 1200** will expand functions of reclaimed domestic wastewater. There was cleanup language in **HB 1071** to certain sections of the Water Quality Control Division in addressing water quality impacts. In the conservation area, **HB 1050**, a bill to expand xeriscape in common areas, was passed. The League supported all of these measures.

SOCIAL POLICY

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Marcia Marshall, Jo Feder

There were a number of attempts to improve mental health services for children and adults. League supported **HB 1044 Advanced Behavioral Health Treatment Orders**, which would allow people in Colorado to create advanced treatment orders similar to those in the general health care arena. This bill passed and has been signed into law.

Testimony for **SB 10** noted that suicide is the most prevalent cause of death for children in Colorado. The bill, which will expand funding for a grant program that provides behavioral health services to children through schools, passed with wide support and has been sent to the Governor.

League also supported **HB 1120 Youth Mental Health Education and Suicide Prevention**. It was contentious due to the fact that it allows a minor to seek professional services without the consent of the parents or guardian, but it passed and awaits the Governor's signature.

CHILDREN'S ISSUES

Carla Bennett

We followed and supported three successful bills this session.

HB 1063 At-risk Information Sharing Between County Depts allows county adult protective services and county child protective services to access each other's abuse/neglect records in order to assess the safety of an at-risk adult or child. It has been signed by the governor.

SB 178 Program to Subsidize Adoption For Children and Youth significantly reforms the adoption assistance program that encourages and supports the adoption of children who have difficult needs. It standardizes the subsidy process ensuring that families are given equitable consideration for subsidy benefits regardless of where they live in the state and which county department they are dealing with. It also brings our program into compliance with federal law.

HB 1133 creates the **Colorado Child Abuse Response and Evaluation Network (CARENnetwork)** within the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to improve services to young children who are experiencing physical or sexual abuse or neglect. The bill requires a standardized, coordinated medical response to suspected cases of child abuse and neglect, training and education of local providers, and development of a referral process for appropriate assessment and care.

EDUCATION

Helen Tuttle, Patty Cordova, Harry Hempy

We followed a total of ten bills in the 2019 legislative session, supporting all but one. The biggest news is the passage of **HB 1262 State Funding for Full-day Kindergarten**, which finally passed with bipartisan support after several years of repeated failure. According to the bill, which was a priority of the governor, a student enrolled in FDK will be funded at the same amount as students enrolled full-time in other grades.

Two bills focused on early childhood development resources. **HB 1005** will provide a state income tax credit of up to \$2000 to Early Childhood Professional-credentialed early childhood educators. **HB 1052** authorizes the creation of early childhood development service districts to provide services for children from birth through 8 years of age.

SB 3 Educator Loan Forgiveness Program and **SB 9 Financial Incentives for Rural Educators** were designed to recruit, support, and retain educators through financial incentives and loan forgiveness programs. Both bills provide incentives for recruiting and retaining educators in hard-to-fill positions due to geography (such as rural areas) or content area.

Social, emotional, and physical health services for students were the main concerns of **HB 1017 Colorado K-5 Social & Emotional Health Pilot Program**, which will cover ten schools, and **HB 1203 School Nurse Grant Program**, which will address a severe shortage in Colorado schools.

We supported **HB 1190 Repeal of Mill Levy Equalization Fund**, which attempted to repeal HB17-1375 mandating that school districts distribute a share from this fund to the state Charter School Institute (CSI) for distribution to district charter schools on a per-pupil basis. The bill failed in House Education Committee.

Perhaps the most controversial bill of the session, **HB 1032 Comprehensive Human Sexuality Education** passed at the last minute. Much discussion and many amendments later, the comprehensive sex ed law on the books since 2013 remains intact, with some added requirements and with a ban on abstinence-only teaching firmly in place.

HEALTH CARE **Carol Pace, Ann Sutton**

The Colorado legislature was active with a host of health-care bills as the 2019 session opened, and health care bills continued to be a major focus through the end of the session. The message in the bills was consistent: let's get the costs of health care down in Colorado and let's protect consumer access and quality in health care. With some areas of the state having health insurance premiums more than 20-40% of family income, Colorado legislators were calling current health-care pricing "outrageous!" Bills focused on transparency, cost reduction options, and innovation in health care delivery systems.

League followed eighteen health care bills specifically and additional pharmaceutical, mental health, and child welfare bills related to health care. Fourteen of the bills where League took a support position passed the legislature—a far cry from the last few years, where many of the same or similar bills had been introduced and failed.

With Colorado's spiraling health care costs of the greatest concern, transparency legislation made major steps forward in multiple areas. **HB 1001 Hospital Transparency**, one of the most significant bills to pass this session, takes a deep dive in looking at what is behind hospital costs, a long-needed examination in the costliest sector of health care. Other significant bills that passed and supported transparency included **HB 1174 Out of Network Health-Care Disclosures**, which focused on curtailing "surprise medical bills," while **HB 1131 Prescription Drug Cost Education** focused on transparency between the pharmaceutical industry and the provider/prescriber, requiring education on drug costs as well as generic alternatives.

League supported several other bills dealing with prescription drug prices. Two successes were **HB 1216 Reduce Insulin Prices**, which requires insurance carriers to reduce the cost sharing for insulin drug to a maximum of \$100 per one-month supply of insulin, and **SB 5**, which utilizes an amendment to federal law that allows states to import wholesale prescription drugs from Canada. **HB 1196 Prescription Drug Cost Reduction Measures**, an expansive bill to require reporting of prescription drug costs, manufacturer's discounts, and rebates to the Commissioner of Insurance by health insurers, drug manufacturers, and pharmacy benefit managers, failed to advance.

A significant bill to examine options for major health care reform, **HB 1176 Health Care Cost Savings Act of 2019**, creates the health care cost analysis task force to conduct a full analysis of four health care financing systems, to include: 1) the current health care financing system, in which residents receive health care coverage from private and public insurance carriers or are uninsured;

- 2) a public option system, in which health benefit plans are sold through the Colorado health benefit exchange, with additional funding as necessary through the general fund;
- 3) a multi-payer universal health care financing system, in which competing insurance carriers or health maintenance organizations receive payments from a public financing authority; and
- 4) a publicly financed and privately delivered universal health care system that directly compensates providers.

An additional examination of alternative health care systems, **HB 1004 Proposal for Affordable Health Coverage Option**, requires Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) and the Division of Insurance (DOI) to develop a proposal for state-administered health care coverage—the public option. After amendments, **SB 4 Address High-Cost Health Insurance Pilot** is not the pilot originally envisioned, but serves to strengthen the legal framework for alliances and cooperatives, which some of the high-cost regions are already using to explore health insurance alternatives. **HB 1168 State Innovation Waiver Reinsurance** would seek to see if insurance companies would lower rates if reinsurance covered the costliest patients.

Other bills, which have passed and strengthen oversight as well as consumer participation, include **HB 1010 Free Standing Emergency Departments Licensure** that will provide oversight to the heavy cost-drivers that freestanding emergency departments are creating. **HB 015 Create Statewide Health Care Review Committee** and **HB 1150 Recreate Consumer Insurance Council** both tend to reinvigorate the consumer voice in geographically diverse areas of the state and in relation to regulatory agencies.

League supported a bill responding to the national public health concerns about outbreaks of infectious diseases. **HB 1312 School Immunization Requirements** attempted to establish a formalized process for documenting exemptions to state requirements. The bill did not make it through the legislative process before the close of the legislative session.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Ann Sutton

League supported two successful bills to save students both money and time in reaching their educational goals. **SB 2** will require student loan servicers, previously un-regulated, to be licensed under the Uniform Consumer Credit Code. They will now be required by Colorado law to provide accurate and timely information to borrowers to reduce costs and time to pay off their loans. **HB 1206 Higher Education Supplemental Academic Instruction** addresses a practice in which low-income and minority students are disproportionately placed into developmental education courses, which cost them money, do not count toward a degree and extend time to graduate. The bill requires that a student be enrolled in a gateway college-level course with additional supports.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND TENANT PROTECTIONS

Jo Feder and Kathy Smith

It was a big year for affordable housing and tenant protection bills supported by the League. Three main funding bills for affordable housing passed. **HB 1228** doubled the amount of state affordable housing tax credits that the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA) may allocate each year, from \$5 million to \$10 million, over five years beginning in FY 2020-21. **HB 1322 Expand Supply Affordable Housing** requires that up to \$30 million be transferred from the Unclaimed Property Trust Fund to the Housing Development Grant Fund to fund affordable housing throughout the state through FY 2022-23. **HB 1245** provides funding for affordable housing through the Housing Development Grant Fund by increasing and capping the state vendor fee allowance on sales tax accounts. However, for FY 2019-20 and 2020-21, most of the increase in General Fund revenue due to vendor fee changes has been allocated to **HB 1168 State Innovation Waiver Reinsurance Program** instead of to the Housing Development Grant Fund.

League supported several bills that made important advances in tenant protection. **SB 180** appropriates \$750,000 in FY 2019-20 from the General Fund to the Eviction Legal Defense Fund to award grants to qualifying non-profit organizations that will provide legal advice, counseling, and representation to indigent clients facing or at risk of eviction. **HB 1170 Residential Tenants Health and Safety Act** expands and clarifies the implied warranty of habitability inherent in a residential lease between a landlord and a tenant. **HB 1118** increases the time period to cure unpaid rent and terminate an eviction proceeding from three days to 10 days, with some exceptions. **HB 1106** applies conditions and restrictions to rental application fees. **HB 1309 Mobile Home Park Act Oversight** creates protections for mobile home owners. **SB 225 Authorize Local Governments to Stabilize Rent** did not pass.

INCOME ASSISTANCE

Harry Hempy & Jo Feder

This year the General Assembly passed two long-overdue bills aimed at providing income supports and mitigating the rising cost of living in Colorado. **HB 1210 Local Government Minimum Wage** passed this year, allowing local governments to establish a minimum wage higher than the state minimum wage. The bill was first introduced in 2015. The General Assembly established state authority to control the minimum wage in 1999 at the urging of the Colorado Retail Council but failed to raise the Colorado minimum wage in the following twenty years. By citizens' initiative, the people voted to increase the state minimum wage with annual cost-of-living increases in 2006 and, in 2016, voted to increase the state minimum wage to \$12.00 per hour by Jan. 1, 2020. Without citizen's initiatives, Colorado would still be at the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour. The General Assembly's record of not dealing with the minimum wage is a key reason for returning the minimum wage to local government control.

The League supported **SB 188** to create a **Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program** to provide partial wage replacement benefits to an eligible individual who takes leave from work to care for a new child or a family member, or because the eligible individual is unable to work due to their own serious health condition or because they or a family member is the victim of abusive behavior. The same bill failed in 2018 but passed in 2019 in a highly amended form. Instead of a program, the final bill created a study of the implementation of the program. Actual creation of the insurance program will require a separate authorizing bill to be passed.

HB 1013, which passed, will extend a tax credit for child care for low-income families. The credit was set to expire in 2020 and will now be in effect until 2029. **HB 1164 Child Tax Credit**, fiscally complicated and tied to federal legislation, did not pass.

Three bills addressed property tax exemptions and income tax credits for low-to-middle income senior citizens: **SB 132 Senior Property Tax Exemption Medical Necessity**, **HB 1141 Preserve Senior & Disab Veteran Prop Tax Exemption**, and **HB 1317 Income Tax Credit & Senior Property Tax Exemption**. These bills were postponed indefinitely. To be continued next session.

Measures Referred to the 2019 Ballot

Voter Approval to Retain Revenue for Education and Transportation

HB 1257: Beginning with the July 2019-20 Fiscal Year, this proposal authorizes the state to annually retain and spend all revenue that exceeds the constitutional limits on state fiscal year spending that the state would otherwise be required to refund. If approved, the amount of money equal to the state revenues retained under this measure is designated as part of the General Fund, and the General Assembly is required to appropriate funding for public schools; higher education; and roads, bridges and transit.

Authorize and Tax Sports Betting

HB 19-1327: This proposal (not followed by the League) would allow sports betting at licensed casinos (Central City, Black Hawk & Cripple Creek) in Colorado and authorize the state to collect a tax of 10% on the net proceeds of the sports betting activity to fund implementation of the state water plan and other public purposes. Sports betting must also be approved by the voters of Central City, Black Hawk and Cripple Creek in a local election to be held concurrently with the state election in November 2019.

LEGISLATIVE LETTER #9

Editor's Note: Because of the length of the combined Wrap-up and Legislative Letter and the extraordinary number of Third Reading votes in the last weeks of the legislative session, we are doing away with our usual practice of printing the Third Reading votes. If anyone desires a printed copy of a Third Reading vote, please call Frank Bennett at 303-757-2930 and give him the number of the bill and your address. He will mail you a copy of the vote.

GOVERNMENT

ELECTIONS

HB 1278 Modifications to Uniform Election Code (Rep. Lontine; Sen. Fenberg) (watch) makes numerous changes to election procedures and voting. This controversial bill was the subject of lengthy debate that saw approximately 100 amendments introduced, in large part to incorporate feedback from the county clerks. The bill passed Third Reading in the House on April 23 [61-3-1](#) and Third Reading in the Senate on April 29 [18-17](#). The House voted to concur with the Senate amendments and re-pass the bill the following day.

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

HB 1318 Clean Campaign Act of 2019 (Rep. Weissman; Sens. Bridges & Foote) (support) and SB 232 Campaign Finance Enforcement (Sen. Foote; Rep. Weissman) (watch) were bills backed by the Secretary of State and introduced fairly late in the session. HB 1318 is focused on increasing transparency and making more information regarding campaign contributions available to voters. SB 232 codifies in the Fair Campaign Practices Act existing rules of the Secretary of State.

HB 1318 passed Third Reading in the House on April 22 [41-23-1](#) and Third Reading in the Senate on May 2 [20-15](#). The House concurred with Senate amendments and re-passed the bill on the last day of the session.

SB 232 passed 3rd Reading in the Senate on April 27 [21-13-1](#) and 3rd Reading in the House on May 2 [40-23-2](#). It was sent to the Governor on May 13.

Previously reported [LL #8, p. 3](#).

SB 229 Campaign Contributions Dependent Care Expenses (Sens. Winter & Foote; Reps. Gonzales-Gutierrez & Mullica) (support) allows a candidate committee to spend campaign contributions for reasonable and necessary dependent care expenses that the candidate incurs directly in connection with his or her campaign. The bill passed Third Reading in the House on April 23 [43-21-1](#) and was sent to Governor for signature on May 9.

Previously reported [LL #8, p. 3](#).

All reported by Andrea Wilkins 303.521.1759.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK !

SB 85 Equal Pay For Equal Work Act (Sens. Danielson & Petterson; Reps. Buckner & Gonzales-Gutierrez) (support) The House passed the bill on Third Reading on a [40-21-4](#) vote, following a minor amendment on Second Reading. The Senate concurred with House amendments and re-passed the bill.

Previously reported: [LL#4, p. 3](#); [LL#7, p. 3](#); [LL#8, p. 16](#).

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FISCAL POLICY

TABOR QUESTION HEADED TO BALLOT

HB 1257 Voter Approval to Retain Revenue for Ed and Transp & HB 1258 Allocate Voter-Approved Revenue for Ed and Transp (Reps. Becker & McCluskie; Sens. Court & Priola) (support) are companion bills that would seek voter approval for the state to retain revenue in excess of the TABOR limit and allocate it to public education, higher education, and transportation, in one-third shares. **HB 1257** is a referred measure that will appear on the November ballot as Proposition CC. If approved, the allocation formula in **HB 1258** will take effect.

These bills moved quickly in the final days of the session having passed Third Reading in the House [41-23-1](#) on April 16 and Third Reading in the Senate [20-15](#) on April 29.

Previously reported [LL#6, p. 3](#); [LL#7, p. 1](#).

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GUN SAFETY

RED FLAG BILL BECOMES LAW

HB 1177 Extreme Risk Protective Order (Reps. Sullivan & Garnett; Sens. Court & Pettersen) (support) This bill, which would allow guns to be temporarily taken from those who are judged by a court to be dangerous to themselves or others, was signed by the Governor on April 12.

Previously reported: [LL #4, p.1](#); [LL#5 p. 2](#); [LL#6, p. 3](#).

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JUSTICE SYSTEM

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER BILL PASSES

SB 008 Substance Use Disorder Treatment in Crim Jus Sys (Sens. Priola & Pettersen; Reps. Kennedy & Singer) (support) The bill provides for medication-assisted treatment (MAT) in county jails and

state prisons, a more streamlined process for sealing drug-related conviction records, and expands the scope of treatment and other non-criminal justice alternatives for use by law enforcement in responding to persons with substance use disorders.

It passed Second Reading with amendments on the on April 23. It passed Third Reading with a vote of [35-0](#) on April 24. The bill was heard by the House Judiciary Committee on April 25 and passed to House Finance by a vote of [8-3](#). House Finance referred the bill to House Appropriations by a vote of [7-4](#). House Appropriations passed the bill with amendments to the House Committee of the Whole on April 29 with an [8-3](#) vote. The bill passed Second Reading in the House on April 29 and Third Reading on April 30 with a vote of [47-17](#) and 1 excused. On May 1 the Senate considered the House amendments and voted unanimously to concur and re-pass.

Previously reported: [LL#1, p. 8](#); [LL#7, p. 4](#), [LL #8, p 5](#).

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SB 182 Repeal the Death Penalty (Sens. A. Williams & Gonzales; Reps. Arndt & Benavidez) (support) would have repealed the death penalty in Colorado in favor of a maximum sentence of life without parole. The bill was withdrawn by the (tearful) sponsor due to uncertainty about getting enough votes to pass the Senate floor. It will be reintroduced next year.

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TRAFFICKING TRAINING GOES TO GOV

HB 1051 CDPS Human Trafficking-related Training (Reps. Carver & McLachlan; Sens. Gardner & Ginal) (support) passed Senate Judiciary [unanimously](#) on April 22nd. It was amended to remove the \$72,128 that House Appropriations had added to the bill to cover the cost of implementing it. The amendment states that the training will not be provided until there is enough money available from gifts, grants, and donations. The reason for the amendment was that the appropriation would have been a burden for the Department of Public Safety because it was to come out of the sex offender surcharge fund, and there are grants that are available from the federal government and private foundations that can be applied for to fund the training. Sen. Gardner

implied that it would not be difficult to access funding from such grants.

The amended bill went on to pass 3rd Reading in the Senate on April 24th again by a [unanimous](#) vote. On April 29, the House concurred with the Senate amendment and re-passed the bill.

Previously reported: [LL#2, p. 5](#); [LL#8, p. 5](#).

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JUVENILE JUSTICE

JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM BILL TO GOV

SB 108 Juvenile Justice Reform (Sens. Lee & Gardner; Reps. Michaelson Jenet & Soper) (support)

finally made it through the legislature in the last few days of the session and is on its way to the Governor.

On April 16th, it passed out of Senate Appropriations [unanimously](#) and was sent to Legislative Council. Senate Appropriations amended the bill to add an appropriation of \$68,598 to the judicial department, \$500,000 to the Department of Human Services to be used by the Division of Youth Services, and \$6,315 to the Legislative Department. On April 18, Legislative Council passed the bill [unanimously](#), and on April 24th it passed 3rd Reading in the Senate again unanimously.

On April 25th, it passed House Judiciary [unanimously](#) and was sent to House Appropriations where it passed unamended by a vote of [8 to 3](#). On April 30th, it passed 3rd Reading by a vote of [50-14](#) with 1 excused. There were some amendments added in House Judiciary and on the House floor, but they did not change the intent of the bill.

On May 1st the Senate concurred with the House amendments and re-passed the bill.

Previously reported: [LL#4, p. 3](#); [LL#5, p. 4](#).

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DYS PILOT PROGRAM BILL TO GOV

SB 136 Expand Div Youth Services Pilot Program (Sen. Lee; Rep. Gonzales-Gutierrez) (support) passed [unanimously](#) out of House Judiciary unamended on

April 23. It was sent to House Appropriations where it was heard on April 26. It was amended to reduce the amount of money the Senate Appropriations committee had provided to implement the bill. It then was passed out of House Appropriations by a vote of [9 to 2](#). On April 29th it passed 3rd Reading by a vote of [47-18](#). On April 30 the Senate concurred with the House amendment and re-passed the bill. It now awaits the Governor's signature.

Previously reported: [LL#4, p. 4](#); [LL#8, p. 5](#).

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VOTING RIGHTS

AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION

SB 235 Automatic Voter Registration (Sens. Fenberg & Danielson; Reps. Esgar & Mullica) (support)

passed Senate Third Reading on April 24 on a vote of [19-16](#), following committee and floor amendments. The bill passed House Third Reading, unamended, on May 2 on a vote of [40-23-2](#), following passage by State, Veterans, & Military Affairs ([6-3](#)) and Appropriations ([7-4](#)).

Previously reported: [LL# 7, p. 6](#); [LL#8, p. 6](#).

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ACCURATE CENSUS PROGRAM PASSES

HB 1239 Census Outreach Grant Program (Reps. Tipper & Caraveo; Sens. Priola and Winter) (support)

This bill establishes a grant program for not-for-profit agencies and local governments to increase the self-response rate and accuracy of the 2020 census in the state, specifically in hard-to-count communities, including outreach, education, and promotion efforts. It was heard in House Appropriations on April 9 and amended to allow only \$6 million instead of the original \$12 million. It was then passed on 3rd Reading [41-23-1](#) and sent to the Senate State Affairs where it passed [3-1](#). The Senate Appropriations passed it by a vote of [6-4](#). After some discussion, it was passed on 2nd Reading with amendments that changed the appointments from the original 7 members, 3 from governor and 4 from legislative leadership, to 5 members, one from the secretary of state and 4 from legislative leadership. and then on April 27 it was passed

on 3rd reading with a vote of [20-14-1](#). It was then returned to the House for concurrence and was re-passed.

Previously reported: [LL#6 p. 4](#); [LL#7, p. 5](#).

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VOTING RIGHTS FOR VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES

SB 202 Voting Rights for Voters With Disabilities (Sens. Danielson & Zenzinger; Rep. Froelich) (support) The bill quickly passed House Appropriations by a vote of [11-0](#) on April 23. It continued on to the House for 2nd & 3rd Readings, passing 3rd Reading unanimously. On Saturday, April 27, it went back to the Senate for consideration of a House Amendment which was approved. The bill now awaits the Governor's signature.

Previously reported: [LL#8, p. 5](#).

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HB 1266 Restore Voting Rights Parolees (Rep. Herod; Sen. Fenberg) (support) which allows individuals on parole to register to vote and vote in any election, passed Third Reading in the Senate on April 26 [23-12](#) and awaits signature by the Governor.

Previously reported [LL #7, p. 5](#); [LL #8, p. 6](#).

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NATURAL RESOURCES

ENERGY

TAX CREDITS FOR CLEAN VEHICLES PASS

HB 1159 Modify Innovative Motor Vehicle Tax Credits (Reps. Jaquez Lewis & Gray; Sen. Danielson) (support) As passed by the House, this bill extended tax credits for clean vehicles through the 2025 tax year with lower credits in the later years. The vote was [40-25](#).

Senate Finance committee amended the bill to add definitions of electric vehicle, hydrogen vehicle,

transportation network companies and to adjust the schedule of credits. The committee then passed the bill to appropriations on a vote of [4-3](#).

Appropriations referred the bill [6-4](#) to the full House. The Senate amended the bill on 2nd Reading to modify the schedule further and passed the bill on 3rd reading [20-14-1](#) on May 3.

The same day, the House concurred with Senate amendments and voted to re-pass the bill.

Previously reported: [LL#5, p. 5](#); [LL#7, p. 8](#).

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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS SIGNED

HB 1198 Electric vehicle grant fund (Reps. A. Valdez & D. Valdez; Sens. Bridges & Priola) (support) On April 17, the Governor signed HB 1198, allowing the Colorado Energy Office to contract for installation and operation of charging stations where needed throughout the state.

Previously reported: [LL#5, p. 5](#); [LL#7, p. 8](#)

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SOCIAL POLICY

CHILDREN'S ISSUES

ADOPTION SUBSIDY BILL GOES TO GOVERNOR

On April 23rd the Senate voted unanimously to concur with House amendments to **SB 178 Program to Subsidize Adoption for Children & Youth (Sen. Foote; Rep. Singer) (support)**. The bill was immediately re-passed unanimously, and now awaits the Governor's signature.

Previously reported: [LL#5, p. 7](#); [LL#6, p. 8](#); [LL#7, p. 9](#); [LL#8, p. 8](#).

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CHILD ABUSE NETWORK BILL TO GOV

HB 1133 Child Abuse Response and Evaluation Network (Reps. Caraveo & Pelton; Sen. Fields)

(support) passed Senate Appropriations unamended on April 24th by a [unanimous](#) vote. It then passed 3rd Reading unamended on April again by a [unanimous](#) vote and will be sent to the Governor to be signed.

Previously reported: [LL#4, p. 6](#); [LL#5, p. 7](#); [LL#8, p. 8](#).

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EDUCATION

COMPREHENSIVE SEX ED PASSES

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

(support) After hours-long late night hearings and a great deal of misinformation about the bill (no small part of which was generated by opponents of the bill in the legislature itself), a much shorter, amended bill passed. The amendments largely left the current comprehensive sex ed law in place since 2013 intact, but added requirements for teaching consent and focusing on healthy relationships without shame or stigmatization directed at any student. It also adds the teaching of the Colorado “safe haven” law to the list of pregnancy outcomes. The bill removes the waiver exemption from comprehensive sex ed for charter schools. Schools are still not required to teach sex ed but, if a school opts to do so, it must be comprehensive which is defined in this bill as medically accurate and culturally sensitive. Abstinence-only education does not meet those requirements under Colorado law.

The bill passed Second Reading in the Senate with amendments on May 2. It passed Third Reading in the Senate by a vote of [21-14](#) on May 3 and the House voted to Concur.

Previously reported: [LL#2, p. 9](#); [LL#3, p. 7](#); [LL#4, p. 7](#); [LL#5, p. 8](#).

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SUPPORT FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD

HB 1005 Income Tax Credit For Early Childhood Educators (Sen. Todd, Priola; Rep. Buckner, Wilson)

(support) House Appropriations amended the bill so it would not take effect if **HB 1333 Cigarette Tobacco &**

Nicotine Products Tax passed and was approved by the voters in the November 2019 statewide election. Revenue from a tobacco and nicotine products tax would have been allocated partly to support early childhood educators. **HB 1333** did not pass, however.

House Committee on Appropriations referred to House Committee of the Whole on vote of [8-3](#). The House passed the bill on Third Reading on a vote of [46-15](#) with 4 excused. After consideration in Senate Finance Committee ([4-3](#)) and Appropriations Committee ([8-2](#)), the Senate passed the bill on Third Reading on a vote of [24-11](#) on May 3, the last day of the session.

Previously reported: [LL#4, p. 7](#).

HB 1052 Early Childhood Development Special

District was signed by the Governor on April 3. The bill authorizes the creation of early childhood development service districts to provide services for children from birth through 8 years of age. Districts are authorized to seek voter approval to levy property taxes and sales taxes in the district to generate revenues to provide early childhood development services.

Previously reported: [LL#6, p. 9](#).

Both reported by Harry Hempy 303.459.0172

SCHOOL NURSE GRANT PROGRAM

HB 1203 School Nurse Grant Program (Rep.

Mullica; Sen. Todd) (support) creates the school nurse grant program in the Department of Public Health and Environment. The department shall recommend grant recipients, and the State Board of Health shall annually award up to \$3 million during a 5-yr. cycle.

The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Senate Health and Human Services Committee on April 25, which referred it [unanimously](#) and unamended to Appropriations. On April 26, Appropriations [unanimously](#) referred it to the Full Senate where it passed Second Reading unamended on April 27. Finally, on April 29, it passed the Senate Third Reading on a final vote of [27-8-0](#).

Previously reported: [LL#5, p. 8](#); [LL#8, p. 9](#).

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SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH SIGNED

HB 1017 Kindergarten through Fifth Grade Social and Emotional Health Act (Rep. Michaelson Jenet; Sen. Fields) (Support) Requires the Department of Education to select up to ten schools by January 15, 2020 to participate in the K-5 Social and Emotional Health Pilot Program. These schools may include rural, small, and geographically diverse schools as well as schools in large, metropolitan school districts that meet the required qualifying criteria stated in the bill.

On April 25, House Appropriations referred HB 1017, amended, to the full House [7-4](#). (Their amendment stated that \$43,114 is appropriated to the Department of Education from the marijuana tax cash fund on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 0.4 FTE.) Also on April 25, the bill passed House Second Reading. On April 26, the House Third Reading passed unamended [40-23-2](#).

This bill was introduced in the Senate on April 27 and assigned to State, Veterans, & Military Affairs where it was in turn referred unamended to Senate Appropriations on April 29 [3-2](#). On April 30, Senate Appropriations referred it unamended to the Full Senate [6-4](#). The bill passed Third Reading with no amendments May 3 on a vote of [22-13-0](#).

The Governor signed the bill on May 10.

Previously reported: [LL#5 p. 9](#).

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FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN TO GOV

HB 1262 State Funding for Full-day Kindergarten (Reps. Wilson and McLachlan; Sen. Bridges) (support)

Under existing law, the school finance formula provides funding for half-day kindergarten educational programs plus a small additional amount of supplemental kindergarten funding. This bill provides funding for full-day kindergarten (FDK).

On April 23, Senate Appropriations referred HB 1262 amended to the full Senate 7-3 where it passed Second Reading on April 25. It passed Third Reading

[unanimously](#) on April 26. The Full House considered the Senate amendments on April 30, concurred, and re-passed HB 1262. It was sent to the Governor for signature on May 7.

Previously reported: [LL #7, p. 9](#); [LL#8 p. 8](#).

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HIGHER EDUCATION

PROTECTIONS FOR STUDENT LOAN HOLDERS PASSED

SB 002 Regulate Student Education Loan Servicers (Sens. Winter & Fenberg; Reps. Jackson & Roberts) (support) House Appropriations passed the bill [7-4](#) after moving up the date that the bill would go into effect to August 2019. The amended bill passed the House on 3rd Reading [21-9-5](#), but the Senate did not concur. The conference committee adopted the amendments. Both houses then re-passed the bill.

Previously reported: [LL#6 p. 10](#); [LL#8, p. 13](#).

Ann Sutton 303.903.2097

HEALTH CARE

MULTIPLE HEALTH CARE BILLS PASS

SB 015 Create Statewide Health Care Review Committee (Sen. Beckman; Rep. Ginal) (support) creates the Statewide Health Care Review Committee. It passed the Senate 21-14 on April 24 and was introduced in the House and referred to Health & Insurance the same day. Health & Insurance referred the bill April 29 on a [unanimous](#) vote to Appropriations. Appropriations referred the bill April 30 on a vote of [9-2](#) to the full House. On May 2 the bill passed Third Reading on a vote of [47-16-2](#) and will be sent to the Governor.

Previously reported: [LL#1, p.11](#); [LL#2, p.1](#); [LL#6 p.10](#); [LL#8, p. 11](#).

SB 134 Out-of-Network Health Care Disclosures and Charges (Sen. Soper; Reps. Fields & Tate) (support) addresses out-of-network charges and was being followed along with a similar bill in the House which was more closely aligned with consumer needs and

interests. Heard in Senate Health & Human Services April 24 the bill was postponed indefinitely on a vote of [4-0](#).

Previously reported: [LL#4, p. 9](#); [LL#6 p. 10](#); [LL#8, p. 11](#).

HB 1168 State Innovation Waiver Reinsurance Program (Reps. McCluskie & Rich; Sens. Rankin & Donovan) (watch) authorizes the commissioner of insurance to apply for a state innovation waiver to operate a reinsurance program to assist health insurers in paying high-cost insurance claims. The bill was heard April 25 in Senate Health & Human Services and referred amended on a vote of [4-1](#) to Finance. The bill was heard April 29 in Finance and referred amended on a Vote of [4-3](#) to Appropriations. On May 30, Appropriations referred the bill to the Committee of the Whole on a vote of [6-4](#). On May 2, it passed Third Reading on a vote of [24-11](#). The House considered Senate amendments and voted to concur and re-pass the bill on May 3.

Previously reported: [LL#4, p. 8](#); [LL#6 p. 10](#); [LL#8 p. 12](#).

HB 1174 Out of Network Health Care Services (Reps. Esgar & Catlin; Sens. Gardner & Pettersen) (support) requires health insurance carriers, health care providers, and health care facilities to provide patients covered by health benefit plans with information concerning the provision of services by out-of-network providers and in-network and out-of-network facilities. Heard in Senate Finance April 23, the bill was referred to Appropriations on a [6-1](#) vote. The bill passed Appropriations April 24 on a [9-1](#) vote and referred to the Committee of the Whole. The bill passed Third Reading May 2 on a vote of [60-4-1](#). The House considered Senate amendments and voted to concur and re-pass the bill on May 3. The bill is on its way to the Governor.

Previously reported: [LL#4, p. 8](#); [LL#6, p. 10](#); [LL#8, p. 12](#).

HB 1176 Health Care Cost Savings Act of 2019 (Reps. Sirota & Jaquez Lewis; Sen. Foote) (support) creates the health care cost analysis task force which will direct an analysis of four health care financing systems, to include:

- the current health care financing system;
- a public option system;

- a multi-payer universal health care financing system;
- a publicly financed and privately delivered universal health care system that directly compensates providers.

The bill passed Third Reading in the House April 23 on a vote of [40-23-1](#).

Previously reported: [LL#4, p. 8](#); [LL#6, p. 19](#); [LL#8, p. 12](#).

HB 1269 Mental Health Parity Insurance Medicaid (Reps. Sullivan & Cutter; Sens. Ginal & Gardner) (support) requires coverage of behavioral health in parity with physical health.

Senate Appropriations referred the bill April 24 on a [unanimous](#) vote to the Senate Committee of the Whole. On April 25 the bill passed 3rd Reading on a vote of [30-5](#). The House considered Senate amendments and voted to concur and re-pass the bill on April 29, and the bill was sent to the Governor.

Previously reported: [LL#7, p.9](#); [LL#8, p.13](#).

SB 001 Expand Medication-assisted Treatment Pilot Program (Sen. Garcia; Rep. Buentello) (support) extends the Medication-Assisted Treatment Pilot Program for an additional two years and increases program funding. The bill passed Third Reading in the House on April 27 on a vote of [54-7-4](#) and was sent to Governor on May 3.

Previously reported in [LL#1, p.10](#); [LL #2, p.1](#); [LL#6, p. 10](#).

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SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS FAILS--

HB 1312 School immunization requirements (Rep. Mullica; Sens. Gonzales & Priola) (support) The bill passed the House on April 27 on a vote of [39-20-6](#) and was referred to the Senate where it was assigned to the Finance committee. It was referred unamended to the Senate COW but failed to receive a floor vote before the end of the legislative session.

Previously reported: [LL#7, p. 10](#)

Ann Sutton 303.903.2097

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FROM CANADA

SB 005 Import Prescription Drugs from Canada (Sens. Rodriguez, Ginal; Rep. Jaquez Lewis)

(support) The bill passed the Senate but was amended by the House Health & Insurance committee to strike large sections and replace with a more detailed program description that quoted directly from the authorizing section of the Federal Drug Administration law. Health Care Policy & Financing would contract with vendors to implement the approved program. Vendors would be required to provide evidence of a surety bond of at least \$25,000 to assure participation in any legal action against the vendor because of the vendor's failure to perform. The committee passed the amended bill [7-4](#) and referred to Appropriations where it was amended to provide an appropriation to the Department of Law for requesting federal approval. The bill was referred to the full House [8-3](#) where it passed [41-22-2](#) on May 2. The Senate concurred and re-passed the bill the same day.

Previously reported: [LL#2, p. 1](#); [LL#6 p. 10](#); [LL#8, p. 11](#).

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INSULIN COPAY LIMIT PASSED

HB 1216 Reduce Insulin Prices (Rep. Roberts; Sens. Donovan & Priola) (support) The bill passed the House on April 16 by vote of [51-13-1](#) and the Senate by vote of [22-12-1](#) on April 27. The House concurred with amendments by the Senate to cap insurance co-payments for insulin at \$100/month's supply and re-passed the amended bill on April 30.

Previously reported: [LL#7, p. 11](#).

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CONTROLS ON PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES

HB 1296 Prescription drug cost reduction measures (Reps. Jackson & Jaquez Lewis; Sens. Ginal & Donovan) (support) The bill was not acted on in House Appropriations and failed to advance to the full House before the close of the legislative session.

Previously reported: [LL#8, p. 10](#).

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HOUSING SUPPLY

HB 1228 Increase Tax Credit Allocation Affordable Housing (Reps. Bird & Titone; Sens. Zen zinger & Tate) (support) This bill doubled the amount of state affordable housing tax credits that the Colorado Housing & Finance Authority (CHFA) may allocate each year from \$5 million to \$10 million over five years beginning January 1, 2020.

During the final week of session, this bill moved from Senate Finance ([7-0](#)) to Senate Appropriations ([9-1](#)) to 3rd Reading and passed [32-2-1](#) with no amendments. It has gone to the Governor for signing.

Previously reported: [LL #6, p. 11](#).

HB 1245 Affordable Housing Funding from Vendor Fee Changes (Rep. M. Weissman; Sen. J. Gonzales) (support) increases the state vendor fee and provides that additional revenue be allocated for the development of affordable housing.

The bill passed Third Reading in the Senate on May 2 on a vote of [23-12](#). On the last day of the session the House voted to concur with the Senate amendment and re-pass the bill on a vote of [37-27-1](#).

Previously reported [LL #7, p. 12](#).

Both reported by Jo Feder 904.608.3932

AFFORDABLE HOUSING/TENANT PROTECTIONS

SB 225 Authorize Local Governments to Stabilize Rent (Sens. Gonzales & Rodriguez; Reps. Lontine & Gonzales-Gutierrez) (support) This bill lost; it never made it to Senate Second Reading. It would have removed a state prohibition on local governments to enact laws that control rent on private residential real property or private residential housing units.

Previously reported: [LL#7, p. 12](#); [LL#8, p. 14](#).

SB 180 Eviction Legal Defense Fund (Sen. Winter; Rep. McCluskie) (support) This bill passed. It creates the Eviction Legal Defense Fund in the Judicial Department and appropriates \$750,000 for FY 2019-20 from the General Fund. Grants will be awarded to qualifying non-profit organizations that will provide

legal advice, counseling, and representation to indigent clients facing or at risk of eviction.

The bill passed the Senate on a vote of [19-15-1](#), the House State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Committee on a vote of [6-2](#), the House Appropriations Committee on a vote of [7-4](#), and the House on a vote of [40-24-1](#).

Previously reported: [LL#5, p. 10-11](#); [LL#6, p. 11](#); [LL#8, p. 14](#).

HB 1322 Expand Supply Affordable Housing (Reps. Roberts & Will; Sens. Moreno & Coram) (support)

This bipartisan bill passed. It requires that up to \$30 million be transferred from the Unclaimed Property Trust Fund to the Housing Development Grant Fund to fund affordable housing throughout the state from FY 2020-21 through FY 2022-23 for a total transfer of \$90 million.

The bill passed the House Appropriations Committee on a vote of [7-4](#), the House on a vote of [45-18-2](#), the Senate Finance Committee on a vote of [5-2](#), the Senate Appropriations Committee on a vote of [6-4](#), and the Senate on a vote of [23-12](#). The bill was amended by a bill sponsor amendment to delay the first transfer from the Unclaimed Property Trust Fund from FY2018-19 to FY2020-21, reduce the amount of each transfer from \$40 million to \$30 million, and reduce the number of years of transfer from seven to three.

Previously reported: [LL#8, p. 13](#).

HB 1309 Mobile Home Park Act Oversight (Reps. Hooton & McCluskie; Sen. Fenberg) (support)

This bill passed. It creates protections for mobile home owners and establishes the Mobile Home Park Act Dispute Resolution and Enforcement Program and Fund. It gives counties and municipalities greater authority to enact ordinances for mobile home parks and gives mobile home owners additional time (10 days) between the notice of nonpayment of rent and eviction, and additional time (30 days) to vacate a mobile home park after a court-ordered eviction.

The bill passed the House on a vote of [41-23-1](#), the Senate Finance Committee on a vote of [5-2](#), the Senate Appropriations Committee on a vote of [6-4](#), and the Senate on a vote of [24-11](#).

Previously reported: [LL#7, p. 13](#); [LL#8, p. 15](#).

HB 1118 Time Period To Cure Lease Violation (Reps. Jackson & Galindo; Sen. Williams) (support) This bill passed. It modifies the conditions for eviction to allow a tenant additional time (10 days) to cure unpaid rent and terminate an eviction proceeding.

The House considered the Senate amendment and re-passed the bill. It was sent to the Governor on May 2.

Previously reported: [LL#2, p. 3](#); [LL#4, p. 10](#); [LL#5, p. 11](#); [LL#6, p. 12](#); [LL#8, p. 15](#).

HB 1106 Rental Application Fees (Reps. Titone & Gonzales-Gutierrez; Sen. Pettersen) (support) This bill was signed by the Governor on April 25. It 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 the application, and it requires landlords to provide each prospective tenant with written notice of the tenant selection criteria and the grounds upon which a rental application may be denied.

Previously reported: [LL#2, p. 3](#); [LL#3, p. 4](#); [LL#4, p. 10](#); [LL#6, p. 11](#); [LL#8, p. 16](#).

All reported by Kathy Smith 303.278.8025

INCOME ASSISTANCE

FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE PROGRAM – AN INTREPID JOURNEY

SB 188 Family Medical Leave Insurance Program (Sens. Winter & A. Williams; Reps. Gray & Duran) (support) On Second Reading in the Senate, the bill's sponsors introduced Amendment L.130 to respond to broad and diverse testimony in committee hearings. Instead of creating the **Family and Medical Leave Program**, the final bill created a study of the implementation of the program. The timeline for the study, which includes a large task force and an actuarial study, is consistent with beginning to pay benefits on Jan. 1, 2024. Actual creation of the insurance program will require a separate authorizing bill to be passed. That legislation is expected next year.

The bill passed Senate Third Reading on April 25 on a vote of [19-16](#).

The bill passed House Third Reading on April 30 on a [40-24-1](#) vote, following amendments and passage in Finance ([7-3](#)), Appropriations ([7-4](#)).

The Senate concurred with House amendments and re-passed the bill on May 1.

Previously reported: [LL#5, p. 11](#); [LL#6, p. 2](#); [LL#8, p. 16](#).

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LOCAL MINIMUM WAGE PASSES

HB 1210 Local Government Minimum Wage (Sen. Danielson, Moreno; Rep. Melton, Galindo) (support) passed third reading, amended, in the Senate on a vote of [19-16](#) on May 2. The House concurred with the Senate amendments and re-passed the bill on May 3.

Previously reported: [LL#5, p. 11](#); [LL #6, p.1](#); [LL#8, p. 16](#).

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CHILD CARE TAX CREDIT EXTENDED

HB 1013 Child Care Expenses Tax Credit Low-income Families (Sen. Pettersen; Rep. Exum) (support) was referred by House Appropriations to the House Committee of the Whole on a vote of [9-2](#) and passed the House on Third Reading on April 16 on a vote of [56-7-2](#).

The Senate passed the bill, unamended, on April 27 on a vote of [27-7-1](#), following favorable referrals from Senate Finance ([7-0](#)) and Senate Appropriations ([9-1](#)).

Previously reported: [LL#4, p.10](#).

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CHILD TAX CREDIT

HB 1164 Child Tax Credit (Sen. Priola; Reps. Singer & Zenzinger) (support) did not pass. The bill ended the session in the House Appropriations committee.

Previously reported: [LL#6, p. 1](#).

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SENIOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FAILS

SB 132 Sr. Property Tax Exemption Medical Necessity (Sen. Gardner; Rep Carver) (watch) concerned the preservation of the senior property tax exemption for a senior who changes primary residences due to medical necessity.

The bill was postponed indefinitely in the Senate Finance Committee on a vote of [4-3](#) on April 30.

Previously reported: [LL#3, p. 8](#).

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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	2,3,6	Signed
Behavioral Health	HB	1009	Substance Use Disorders Recovery	S	2,5	To Gov
Behavioral Health	HB	1044	Advance Behavioral Health Orders Treatment	S	2,3,4,6,7	Signed
Behavioral Health	HB	1120	Youth Mental Hlth Ed & Suicide Prevention	W	3,4	To Gov
Behavioral Health	HB	1269	Mental Health Parity Insurance Medicaid	W	7,9	To Gov
Children's Issues	SB	178	Program To Subsidize Adoption For Children & Youth	S	5,6,7,8,9	Signed
Children's Issues	HB	1063	At-risk Information Sharing Between County Depts	S	3,5	Signed

Children's Issues	HB	1133	CO Child Abuse Response And Evaluation Network	S	4,5,8,9	To Gov
Education	SB	3	Educator Loan Forgiveness Program	S	2,6,7,8	To Gov
Education	SB	9	Financial Incentives For Rural Educators	S	2,3,7	Signed
Education	SB	33	Automatic Law Waivers For School Districts	O	2	Pl'd
Education	HB	1005	Income Tax Credit For Early Childhood Educators	S	4,9	To Gov
Education	HB	1017	K-5 Social And Emotional Health Act	S	5,9	To Gov
Education	HB	1032	Comprehensive Human Sexuality Education	S	2,3,4,5	To Gov
Education	HB	1052	Early Childhood Development Special District	S	4,6,9	Signed
Education	HB	1190	Repeal Of Mill Levy Equalization Fund	S	4,5	Pl'd
Education	HB	1203	School Nurse Grant Program	S	5,8,9	To Gov
Education	HB	1262	State Funding For Full-day Kindergarten	S	7,8,9	To Gov
Elections	SB	42	National Popular Vote	S	1,2,3,4,6	Signed
Elections	SB	229	Campaign Contributions Dependent Care Expenses	S	8,9	To Gov
Elections	SB	232	Campaign Finance Enforcement	W	8,9	To Gov
Elections	HB	1007	Contribution Limits For County Offices	S	1,2,4,6	Signed
Elections	HB	1056	Election Day Holiday In Place Of Columbus Day	W	2,3	Pl'd
Elections	HB	1278	Modifications To Uniform Election Code	W	7,8,9	To Gov
Elections	HB	1318	The Clean Campaign Act of 2019	S	8,9	To Gov
Energy	SB	181	Protect Public Welfare Oil And Gas Operations	S	5,6,7	Signed
Energy	HB	1003	Community Solar Gardens Modernization Act	S	1,2,4,5,6,7,8	To Gov
Energy	HB	1260	Building Energy Codes	S	8	To Gov
Energy	HB	1313	Elec Util Plans To Further Reduce CO2 Emissions	S	8	Lost
Energy	HB	1314	Just Transition From Coal-based Elec Energy Econ	S	8	To Gov
Environmental Quality	SB	34	Local Gov Recycling Standards For Food Containers	W	2,6,8	Pl'd
Environmental Quality	SB	53	California Motor Vehicle Emission Standards	O	1	Pl'd
Environmental Quality	SB	96	Collect Long-term Climate Change Data	S	2,6,8	To Gov
Environmental Quality	SB	192	Front Range Waste Diversion Enterprise Grant Prog	S	8	To Gov
Environmental Quality	SB	198	Continued Management Of Waste Tires	S	8	To Gov
Environmental Quality	SB	236	Sunset Public Utilities Commission	S	8	To Gov
Environmental Quality	SB	243	Prohibit Food Establishments' Use Of Polystyrene	S	8	Lost
Environmental Quality	HB	1006	Wildfire Mitigation Wildland-urban Interface Areas	W	3	To Gov
Environmental Quality	HB	1159	Modify Innovative Motor Vehicle Income Tax Credits	S	5,7,9	To Gov
Environmental Quality	HB	1188	Greenhouse Gas Pollution Impact In Fiscal Notes	S	6,8	To Gov
Environmental Quality	HB	1198	Electric Vehicle Grant Fund	S	5,7,9	Signed
Environmental Quality	HB	1199	Colorado Clean Pass Act	S	5,7,8	Pl'd
Environmental Quality	HB	1261	Climate Action Plan To Reduce Pollution	S	6,7,8	To Gov
Equal Opportunity	SB	85	Equal Pay For Equal Work Act	S	4,7	To Gov
Equal Opportunity	HB	1096	Colorado Right To Rest	S	2,5,9	Pl'd
Fiscal Policy	SB	55	Reduce State Income Tax Rate	O	2,3	Pl'd
Fiscal Policy	SB	207	2019-20 Long Bill	W	8	Signed
Fiscal Policy	HB	1257	Voter Approval To Retain Revenue For Ed & Transp	S	6,7,9	To Gov
Fiscal Policy	HB	1258	Allocate Voter-approved Revenue For Ed & Transp	S	6,7,9	To Gov
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
Gun Safety	HB	1177	Extreme Risk Protection Orders	S	4,5,6,7,9	Signed
Health Care	SB	1	Expand Medication-assisted Treatment Pilot Program	S	1,2,6,9	To Gov
Health Care	SB	4	Address High-cost Hlth Insurance Pilot Program	S	1,2,6,8	To Gov
Health Care	SB	5	Import Prescription Drugs From Canada	S	1,2,6,8,9	To Gov
Health Care	SB	15	Create Statewide Health Care Review Committee	S	1,2,6,9	To Gov
Health Care	SB	98	Cost-based Reimbursement For Rural Hospitals	W	2,4	Pl'd
Health Care	SB	134	Out-of-network Health Care Disclosures & Charges	S	4,6,8	Pl'd
Health Care	HB	1001	Hospital Transparency Measures To Analyze Efficacy	S	2,6	Signed
Health Care	HB	1004	Proposal For Affordable Health Coverage Option	S	1,2,6,8	To Gov
Health Care	HB	1010	Freestanding Emergency Departments Licensure	S	1,2,6,8	To Gov
Health Care	HB	1122	CDPHE Maternal Mortality Review Committee	S	2,4	To Gov
Health Care	HB	1131	Prescription Drug Cost Education	SIP	6,7	To Gov
Health Care	HB	1150	Recreate Consumer Insurance Council	S	3	Signed
Health Care	HB	1168	State Innovation Waiver Reinsurance Program	W	4,6,8,9	To Gov
Health Care	HB	1174	Out-of-network Health Care Services	S	4,6,8,9	To Gov
Health Care	HB	1176	Health Care Cost Savings Act of 2019	S	4,6,8,9	To Gov
Health Care	HB	1216	Reduce Insulin Prices	S	7,9	To Gov
Health Care	HB	1296	Prescription Drug Cost Reduction Measures	S	8,9	Lost
Health Care	HB	1312	School Immunization Requirements	S	8,9	Lost
Higher Education	SB	2	Regulate Student Education Loan Servicers	S	6,8	Signed
Higher Education	HB	1206	Higher Education Supplemental Academic Instruction	S	5,6,8	Signed
Housing Supply	SB	180	Eviction Legal Defense Fund	S	5,6,8,9	To Gov
Housing Supply	SB	225	Authorize Loc Governments To Stabilize Rent	S	7,8,9	Lost
Housing Supply	HB	1106	Rental Application Fees	S	2,3,4,6,8,9	Signed
Housing Supply	HB	1118	Time Period To Cure Lease Violation	S	2,4,5,6,8,9	To Gov
Housing Supply	HB	1170	Residential Tenants Health & Safety Act	S	3,4,5,6,7,8	To Gov
Housing Supply	HB	1228	Increase Tax Credit Allocation Affordable Housing	S	6,8,9	To Gov
Housing Supply	HB	1245	Affordable Housing Funding From Vendor Fee Changes	S	7,9	To Gov
Housing Supply	HB	1309	Mobile Home Park Act Oversight	S	7,8,9	To Gov
Housing Supply	HB	1322	Expand Supply Affordable Housing	S	8,9	To Gov
Income Assistance	SB	132	Senior Property Tax Exemption Medical Necessity	S	3	Pl'd
Income Assistance	SB	188	FAMLI Family Medical Leave Insurance Program	S	5,6,8,9	To Gov
Income Assistance	HB	1013	Child Care Expenses Tax Credit Low-income Families	S	4,9	To Gov
Income Assistance	HB	1141	Preserve Senior & Disab Veteran Prop Tax Exemption	S	5,8	Pl'd
Income Assistance	HB	1164	Child Tax Credit	S	4,6,9	Lost
Income Assistance	HB	1210	Local Government Minimum Wage	S	5,6,8,9	To Gov
Income Assistance	HB	1317	Income Tax Credit & Senior Property Tax Exemption	W	8	Pl'd
Justice System	SB	8	Substance Use Disorder Treatment In Crim Jus Sys	S	1,7,8,9	To Gov
Justice System	SB	64	Retain Criminal Justice Programs Funding	S	1,3,5,8	To Gov
Justice System	SB	100	Unauthorized Disclosure Of Intimate Images Act	S	2,3,5,6,7	Signed
Justice System	SB	182	Repeal The Death Penalty	S	5,6,7,9	Pl'd
Justice System	HB	1025	Limits On Job Applicant Criminal History Inquiries	S	1,3,5,6,8	To Gov
Justice System	HB	1051	CDPS Human Trafficking-related Training	S	2,8,9	To Gov

Justice System	HB	1251	Age Of Marriage & Emancipation Procedure	W	6,7	Pl'd
Juvenile Justice	SB	108	Juvenile Justice Reform	S	4,5,9	To Gov
Juvenile Justice	SB	136	Expand Div Youth Services Pilot Program	S	4,8,9	To Gov
Juvenile Justice	SB	185	Protections For Minor Human Trafficking Victims	S	5,7,8	Signed
Reproductive Freedom	HB	1103	Protect Human Life At Conception	O	3	Pl'd
Voting Rights	SB	202	Voting Rights For Voters With Disabilities	S	7,8,9	To Gov
Voting Rights	SB	235	Automatic Voter Registration	S	7,8,9	To Gov
Voting Rights	HB	1156	Proof Of Citizenship To Register To Vote	O	3	Pl'd
Voting Rights	HB	1239	Census Outreach Grant Program	S	6,7,9	To Gov
Voting Rights	HB	1243	16-year-olds Voting School District Elections	S	6,7	Pl'd
Voting Rights	HB	1266	Restore Voting Rights Parolees	S	7,8,9	To Gov
Water	HB	1050	Encourage Use Of Xeriscape In Common Areas	S	2,3,4	Signed
Water	HB	1071	CDPHE Water Quality Control	S	2	Signed
Water	HB	1113	Protect Water Quality Adverse Mining Impacts	S	2,5	Signed
Water	HB	1200	Reclaimed Domestic Wastewater Point Of Compliance	S	4	Signed

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