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[HB24-1052 Senior Housing Income Tax Credit](#), Rep. Mike Weissman, Rep. Bob Marshall, Sen. Chris Kolker, Sen. Chris Hansen

The senior homestead property exemption helps senior homeowners afford housing while juggling other rising costs on their fixed income. This bill temporarily reinstates a refundable tax credit for seniors, especially senior renters, so they can also benefit from tax relief.

[HB24-1134 Expanding Tax Credits for Working Families](#), Rep. Mike Weissman, Rep. Manny Rutinel, Sen. Nick Hinrichsen, Sen. Chris Hansen

HB24-1134 permanently expands the Earned Income Tax Credit by setting it to a baseline of 50 percent of the federal EITC for tax year 2024, 35 percent for tax year 2025, at least 25 percent for tax years beginning 2026, and allowing it to increase up to 50 percent in years of strong economic growth. It also combines two existing child and dependent care tax credits and expands eligibility, updating Colorado's tax code to promote economic equity.

[HB24-1142 Reduce Income Tax Social Security Benefits](#), Rep. Junie Joseph, Rep. Richard Holtorf, Sen. Faith Winter, Sen. Byron Pelton

HB24-1142 saves seniors money when filing their taxes by increasing tax deductions for social security income for Coloradans aged 55 to 64. This bipartisan bill helps Coloradans pocket more of their hard-earned benefits so they can better combat the rising cost of living.

[HB24-1223 Improved Access to the Child Care Assistance Program](#), Rep. Jenny Willford, Rep. Lorena Garcia, Sen. Lisa Cutter, Sen. Dafna Michaelson Jenet

Child care is a necessity to get parents back into the workforce so they can earn income that helps them keep a roof over their head. HB24-1223 increases access to childcare through the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program by creating a simplified universal application and limiting the application information to only what is necessary to determine eligibility.

[HB24-1237 Development of Child Care Facilities](#), Rep. Meghan Lukens, Rep. Mary Bradfield, Sen. Janice Marchman, Sen. Janice Rich

Child care is the foundation to future educational success, but child care can be expensive and providers are few and far between. This legislation helps create more high-quality child care options to save Colorado families money by providing technical planning, building, construction, and development support to increase child care capacity in our communities.

[HB24-1268 Financial Assistance for Low-Income Individuals](#), Rep. Mike Weissman, Rep. David Ortiz, Sen. Tony Exum, Sen. Rhonda Fields

HB24-1268 expands financial support for Coloradans with disabilities in order to help with their property tax, rent, and/or heat expenses, saving them money on essential costs.

[HB24-1286 Expanding Access to Legal Services](#), Rep. Junie Joseph, Rep. Mandy Lindsay, Sen. Dylan Roberts, Sen. Kevin Priola

This bill provides financial support to numerous organizations that provide no- or low-cost legal services to low-income Coloradans. Improving access to legal representation will give all Coloradans a fair chance at justice, regardless of their income.

[HB24-1288 Earned Income Tax Credit Data Sharing](#), Rep. Manny Rutinel, Rep. Emily Sirota, Sen. Chris Hansen

The Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit are powerful anti-poverty tools that put money back into the pockets of hardworking Coloradans. This legislation increases access to

these tax credits by creating a pilot program to identify and assist individuals who may be eligible to claim the federal and state Earned Income Tax Credits and Child Tax Credits.

[HB24-1295 Creative Industry Community Revitalization Incentives](#), Rep. Brianna Titone, Rep. Leslie Herod, President Steve Fenberg, President Pro Tempore James Coleman

In 2022, Colorado Democrats began providing gap funding for projects in historic districts, main streets, and other community centers to create workforce housing, commercial spaces, and child care centers. HB24-1295 expands eligibility for this program to help communities develop affordable housing, commercial spaces, community gathering spaces, childcare centers, non-profit organizations, and other projects that provide community resources.

[HB24-1311 Family Affordability Tax Credit](#), Speaker Pro Tempore Chris deGruy Kennedy, Rep. Jenny Willford, Sen. Faith Winter, President Pro Tempore James Coleman

There are [over 133,000 Colorado kids](#) living in poverty, which is why we passed [HB24-1311](#) to create the refundable Family Affordability Tax Credit. This historic effort will significantly reduce childhood poverty in Colorado, boost the incomes of hardworking families, and help millions of Coloradans who are feeling the greatest impacts of the cost of living in our state.

[HB24-1312 State Income Tax Credit for Careworkers](#), Rep. Emily Sirota, Rep. Lorena Garcia, Majority Leader Robert Rodriguez, Sen. Jeff Bridges

Careworkers provide critical support for our loved ones. To show our appreciation for their hard work and boost this workforce, HB24-1312 creates a refundable tax credit for individuals working in the care economy so we can better retain and recruit careworkers and boost their incomes by over a thousand dollars.

SAVING PEOPLE MONEY ON HOUSING AND PROTECTING RENTERS AND HOMEOWNERS

[HB24-1007 Prohibit Residential Occupancy Limits](#), Rep. Manny Rutinel, Rep. Javier Mabrey, Sen. Tony Exum, Sen. Julie Gonzales

Arbitrary housing restrictions worsen Colorado's housing crisis by limiting affordable housing options. This bill prohibits local governments from limiting the number of people who can live together in a residence, with exceptions for health and safety reasons, regardless of familial relationship.

[HB24-1098 Cause Required for Eviction of Residential Tenants](#), Rep. Javier Mabrey, Majority Leader Monica Duran, Sen. Julie Gonzales, Sen. Nick Hinrichsen

Unnecessary and arbitrary evictions have devastating consequences for Coloradans. This 'For Cause Eviction' law prevents evictions and keeps Coloradans housed by clearly outlining the conditions when landlords have grounds to file for evictions or "no-fault" lease terminations.

[HB24-1099 Eliminate Defendant Filing Fees in Evictions](#), Rep. Mandy Lindsay, Rep. Matt Soper, Sen. Janet Buckner, Sen. Byron Pelton

Filing fees in eviction court can be costly and hinder renters' ability to present their side of a case in court. HB24-1099 eliminates filing fees for renters during an eviction proceeding, ensuring they are not prevented from advocating for themselves in the eviction process.

[HB24-1107 Judicial Review of Local Land Use Decisions](#), Rep. William Lindstedt, Rep. Shannon Bird, Sen. Jeff Bridges, Sen. Faith Winter

HB24-1107 streamlines processes at the local level to build additional, denser housing by protecting the court appeals process from abuse and undue delays. To deter meritless lawsuits from those opposed to increasing housing density, the bill requires a court to award reasonable attorney fees to a local government that prevails in a legal challenge of a local land use decision involving housing aimed to increase density.

[HB24-1108 Insurance Market Study of Rising Rates](#), Speaker Julie McCluskie, Rep. Judy Amabile, Sen. Dylan Roberts

This bill creates a market study of property and casualty insurance for homeowners' associations and owners of lodging facilities to help uncover root causes of rising property insurance for HOAs, timeshares, and condo owners.

[HB24-1152 Increasing Access to Accessory Dwelling Units](#), Rep. Judy Amabile, Rep. Ron Weinberg, Sen. Kyle Mullica, Sen. Tony Exum

Recent polling found that [78 percent](#) of Colorado voters support a law that allows ADUs to be built on single-family home properties. This bill allows more homeowners to build an ADU and creates a new state grant program to help local governments implement policies to promote the construction of ADUs.

[HB24-1175 Local Government Rights to Preserve Affordable Housing](#), Rep. Andrew Boesenecker, Rep. Emily Sirota, Sen. Faith Winter, Sen. Sonya Jaquez Lewis

Colorado's housing crisis requires a multi-faceted approach. This bill gives local governments the right of first refusal and right of first offer on existing affordable housing multi-family residential or mixed-use rental properties to preserve affordable housing opportunities for Coloradans.

[HB24-1259 Rent Price Gouging in a Declared Disaster](#), Rep. Kyle Brown, Rep. Mike Weissman, Sen. Lisa Cutter

After the Marshall Fire, rents skyrocketed and priced many Coloradans out of their community. This bill prevents excessive rent hikes in an affected area for one year after a Governor- or Presidential-declared disaster.

[HB24-1267 Transparency in Metropolitan District Policies](#), Rep. Iman Jodeh, Assistant Majority Leader Jennifer Bacon, President Pro Tempore James Coleman, Sen. Chris Hansen

Excessive fines and fees assessed by metropolitan districts over minor violations are ultimately resulting in Coloradans losing their homes. HB24-1267 requires transparency and consistency from metro districts when enforcing their policies on homeowners and creates additional safeguards against foreclosure for homeowners.

[HB24-1294 Protections for Mobile Home Residents](#), Rep. Andrew Boesenecker, Rep. Elizabeth Velasco, Sen. Lisa Cutter

This bill strengthens protections for Colorado's mobile home park residents by improving accessibility, strengthening transparency rent-to-own contracts, and updating tenant protections. This will help keep mobile home parks safe and affordable.

[HB24-1304 Reform Minimum Parking Requirements](#), Rep. Stephanie Vigil, Rep. Steven Woodrow, Sen. Kevin Priola, Sen. Nick Hinrichsen

Parking minimum mandates increase home prices and rents, reduce the amount of housing units that can be built on a property, worsen traffic, and contribute to greenhouse gas pollution. HB24-1304 would rein in parking minimums, especially close to transit, so we can better address Colorado's housing crisis and reduce emissions to help us reach our climate goals.

[HB24-1313 Allowing More Housing in Transit-Oriented Communities](#), Rep. Steven Woodrow, Rep. Iman Jodeh, Sen. Chris Hansen, Sen. Faith Winter

Nearly 70 percent of Colorado voters support a state law, like HB24-1313 to require cities and counties to allow more housing to be built near public transit, businesses and shopping areas while providing financial assistance for these projects. This bill will make housing more affordable near jobs and transit centers, protect vulnerable communities from displacement, reduce water use and traffic, and build the homes that Coloradans want.

[HB24-1316 Middle-Income Housing Tax Credit](#), Rep. William Lindstedt, Rep. Mandy Lindsay, Sen. Jeff Bridges

Colorado Democrats are passing laws to boost housing across the spectrum of cost and affordability. This bill focuses on middle-income housing development for those who make more than the threshold for affordable housing options but are still struggling to keep up with rising housing costs. HB24-1316 creates a pilot program for an income tax credit to incentivize the development and preservation of middle-income rental housing.

[HB24-1318 Modify Rental Premises Person with Disability](#), Rep. David Ortiz, Sen. Jessie Danielson

Currently, it is illegal to discriminate against a renter because they have a disability, including refusing to make or allow reasonable modifications to a unit to accommodate their disability. This bill will prevent a landlord from conditionally authorizing modifications to a rental unit on the tenant's agreement to reverse modifications made for accessibility.

[HB24-1322 Medicaid Coverage Housing & Nutrition Services](#), Rep. Kyle Brown, Rep. Shannon Bird, Sen. Barbara Kirkmeyer, Majority Leader Robert Rodriguez

This bill supports Coloradans on Medicaid so they can better afford housing and nutritious meals by leveraging federal dollars. Specifically, this legislation seeks to redirect Medicaid funding for services that address health-related social needs of Coloradans who already rely on the federal Medicaid program.

[HB24-1337 Reducing Foreclosures of Homeowners in HOAs](#), Rep. Iman Jodeh, Assistant Majority Leader Jennifer Bacon, President Pro Tempore James Coleman, Sen. Tony Exum

This bill creates new safeguards against foreclosure and protects HOA residents from having to pay excessive attorney fees that can result from enforcement actions. This will improve housing security for the millions of Coloradans that live in HOA communities.

[HB24-1434 Expand Affordable Housing Tax Credit](#), Rep. Shannon Bird, Rep. Ron Weinberg, Sen. Rachel Zenzinger, Sen. Cleave Simpson

This bipartisan bill builds on Colorado's successful Affordable Housing Tax Credit and other funding mechanisms to provide resources for the development of affordable housing. This bill helps developers contribute to the supply of affordable housing while navigating high interest rates, increased construction and labor costs, and reduced gap funding resources.

[SB24-094 Safe Housing for Residential Tenants](#) Rep. Mandy Lindsay, Rep. Meg Froelich, Sen. Julie Gonzales, Sen. Tony Exum

Every renter deserves a safe place to live. SB24-094 updates the existing warranty of habitability to ensure tenants have access to timely repairs when unsafe conditions arise. This bill protects Colorado renters from adverse health and safety impacts of their living situations.

[SB24-111 Property Tax Reduction for Seniors](#), Rep. Sheila Lieder, Rep. Mary Young, Sen. Chris Kolker, Sen. Chris Hansen

The Senior Homestead Exemption is a critical tool in Colorado's tax code that saves seniors money on property taxes every year. Achieving a longstanding goal of Colorado lawmakers, this bill expands eligibility for this property tax exemption by making the savings portable, so seniors can downsize or relocate while maintaining these property tax exemption benefits. SB24-111 allows seniors to make housing decisions that work best for their health and well-being while opening up housing opportunities for new families looking for larger homes.

[SB24-174 Planning for Strategic Growth and Sustainable Housing](#) Rep. Shannon Bird, Minority Leader Rose Pugliese, Sen. Rachel Zenzinger, Sen. Barbara Kirkmeyer

This bipartisan bill will help identify housing needs in communities across the state and strategically plan for future growth in Colorado so we can better address the housing crisis and provide more housing options that work for every budget.

INCREASING ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE AND REDUCING COSTS

[HB24-1010 Insurance Coverage for Provider-Administered Drugs](#), Rep. Iman Jodeh, Rep. Matt Soper, Sen. Dafna Michaelson Jenet, Sen. Perry Will

Health care decisions should be made based on the health and safety of a patient, not dictated by profits for health insurers. This bipartisan bill protects Coloradans' access to critical provider-administered prescription drugs by breaking down unnecessary barriers, including added fees, that make it difficult for patients to access their life-saving medication.

[HB24-1038 High-Acuity Crisis for Children & Youth](#), Rep. Mary Young, Rep. Brandi Bradley, Sen. Barbara Kirkmeyer, Sen. Rhonda Fields

Children and youth with complex behavioral health needs deserve access to quality health care. This bipartisan bill increases funding and availability of beds in residential child care settings in order to successfully treat youth with high-acuity needs, and creates a training academy to develop providers who will ensure safe and effective care for our youth.

[HB24-1115 Prescription Drug Label Accessibility](#), Rep. Mary Young, Rep. Junie Joseph, President Steve Fenberg

This bill makes prescription drug labels more accessible to blind or vision and print-impaired Coloradans, ensuring they can safely and effectively take their medication.

[HB24-1149 Reducing Delays in Authorization for Treatment](#), Rep. Shannon Bird, Rep. Lisa Frizell, Sen. Dylan Roberts, Sen. Barbara Kirkmeyer

Around [94-percent of physicians report](#) care delays because of prior authorizations, leading to an overall increase in [treatment abandonment](#) by patients. This bill improves access to care by eliminating repeated prior authorizations for patients, extending prior authorizations for up to one year or the course of treatment, and reducing denials for approved care.

[HB24-1229 Increasing Eligibility for Long-Term Care](#), Rep. Regina English, Sen. Kyle Mullica, Sen. Perry Will

Requiring an assessment before a patient can access long-term services can delay patients from receiving the care they need. This bill removes the level of care assessment requirement to become presumptively eligible for Medicaid before Coloradans can access these health care services, giving them immediate health care that keeps them healthy.

[HB24-1258 Protecting Consumers from Health Insurer Insolvency](#), Rep. Kyle Brown, Rep. Andrew Boesenecker, Sen. Dylan Roberts

Last summer, Friday Health insurer shut down operations in Colorado, leaving more than [30,000 Coloradans uninsured](#) and without the benefit of deductibles they had already paid. HB24-1258 saves Coloradans money on health insurance by not requiring them to pay their deductibles or out-of-pocket maximums twice if their insurer files for bankruptcy.

[HB24-1262 Improving Maternal Health and Access to Midwives](#), Rep. Lorena Garcia, Rep. Iman Jodeh, Sen. Janet Buckner, Sen. Dafna Michaelson Jenet

There is a maternal mortality crisis in Colorado. Black Coloradans are [twice](#) as likely, and Indigenous folks are three times as likely, to die during pregnancy or within one year postpartum. HB24-1262 aims to improve maternal health care by modifying the midwife licensure process and creating a new professional title, collecting more data, and requiring advance notice to a patient when a facility reduces or ends maternal health care services.

[HB24-1456 Increase Syphilis Testing During Pregnancy](#), Rep. Julia Marvin, Rep. Lindsey Daugherty, Sen. Dafna Michaelson Jenet

This bill directs the State Board of Health to create prenatal testing standards for syphilis to keep pregnant people and infants safe from this preventable disease. If left untreated, congenital syphilis can cause birth defects or even infant death. This bill expands screenings and bolsters public health measures to ensure every child has a healthy start in life.

[HB24-1472 Raising Caps on Damages in Certain Civil Lawsuits](#), Rep. Kyle Brown, Assistant Minority Leader Rose Pugliese, Sen. Kyle Mullica, Assistant Minority Leader Bob Gardner
Marking a breakthrough compromise between health care providers, trial attorneys, and business leaders, this bipartisan legislation raises the caps for damages stemming from civil lawsuits on non-economic loss or injury and wrongful death. The law also allows a sibling of the deceased to bring a wrongful death action in certain circumstances.

[SB24-034 Increasing Access to School-Based Health Care](#), Rep. Lorena Garcia, Rep. Mandy Lindsay, Sen. Janice Marchman, Sen. Chris Kolker
School-based health centers are located in schools throughout Colorado and provide primary medical and behavioral health care to children and young adults. SB24-034 expands this program to include telehealth services and mobile health units.

[SB24-042 Sickle Cell Disease Community Outreach & Services](#), Rep. Regina English, Assistant Majority Leader Jennifer Bacon, Sen. Janet Buckner, Sen. Rhonda Fields
This bill directs outreach and support to individuals living with sickle cell disease, a disease that disproportionately impacts Black communities. This bill connects Coloradans, especially those historically marginalized and underserved by our systems, to the health care they need.

[SB24-093 Health Coverage Continuity](#), Rep. Judy Amabile, Sen. Dafna Michaelson Jenet
When Coloradans are transitioning to a new health care plan, they risk losing access to their current provider. If a person is disenrolled and begins receiving coverage from a new provider for certain existing courses of treatment, this bill would require the new provider to cover the treatment as in-network until the course of treatment is completed or for up to 90 days.

[SB24-110 Prohibiting Prior Authorization for Medicaid Recipients](#), Rep. Judy Amabile, Rep. Emily Sirota, Sen. Robert Rodriguez, Sen. Barbara Kirkmeyer
Coloradans with a mental health disorder don't have access to the prescription medication they need, when they face complex prior authorization requirements. The bill makes it easier for patients to access antipsychotic prescription drugs used to treat a mental illness or disorder like schizophrenia or bipolar disorder without needing prior authorization.

[SB24-116 Health Care for Indigent Patients](#), Rep. Iman Jodeh, Sen. Janet Buckner
This bill expands health care coverage for low-income Coloradans by modifying requirements for the presumptive eligibility program and for indigent patients receiving discounted care.

[SB24-142 Oral Health Screening in Schools](#), Rep. Shannon Bird, Rep. Anthony Hartsook, Sen. Janice Marchman, Sen. Barbara Kirkmeyer
This bipartisan legislation addresses oral health needs for kids by creating an opt-in pilot program that increases access to oral health care services for students and their families.

[SB24-175 Improving Perinatal Health Outcomes](#), Rep. Barbara McLachlan, Rep. Iman Jodeh, Sen. Rhonda Fields, Sen. Janet Buckner
SB24-175 aims to improve perinatal health outcomes, especially in Black and historically marginalized communities, by requiring large employer health benefit plans to cover doula services in alignment with Medicaid. This bill also instructs hospitals that provide labor and delivery or neonatal care services to participate in quality improvement initiatives.

BOOSTING MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

[HB24-1002 Social Work Licensure Compact](#), Rep. Emily Sirota, Rep. Matthew Martinez, Sen. Janice Marchman, Sen. Janice Rich

This bill creates the "Social Work Licensure Compact", which allows licensed social workers to obtain and easily transfer their license to another state in the compact. We're boosting Colorado's behavioral health care workforce by creating a new pathway for out-of-state licensed social workers to practice in Colorado and increasing access to care.

[HB24-1037 Substance Use Disorders Harm Reduction](#), Rep. Elisabeth Epps, Speaker Pro Tempore Chris deGruy Kennedy, Sen. Kevin Priola

HB24-1037 supports efforts by local public health agencies to prevent the spread of diseases by funding the purchase of drug test strips. It also expands protections for Coloradans acting in good faith to administer an opioid antagonist, like Narcan, to prevent a fatal overdose and streamlines rules for organizations operating a clean syringe exchange program.

[HB24-1045 Treatment for Substance Use Disorders](#), Speaker Pro Tempore Chris deGruy Kennedy, Rep. Ryan Armagost, Sen. Kyle Mullica, Sen. Perry Will

This bill expands access to substance use disorder treatment. It authorizes licensed pharmacists to prescribe Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT). The bill strengthens the treatment workforce by increasing clinical supervision opportunities for addiction counselors, invests in behavioral health diversion programs for adults, covers partial-hospitalization, covers substance use treatment for those in jail and prison, and reduces insurance barriers.

[HB24-1081 Regulate Sale Transfer Sodium Nitrite](#), Rep. Judy Amabile, Rep. Marc Catlin, Sen. Dylan Roberts, Sen. Byron Pelton

Sodium nitrite, or, "suicide kits" are easily accessible online and are becoming increasingly common in Colorado. This bill regulates the sale or transfer of products that contain 10 percent or greater of sodium nitrite to prevent suicide and save lives.

[SB24-001 Continue iMatter Youth Mental Health Program](#), Rep. Kyle Brown, Rep. Manny Rutinel, Sen. Dafna Michaelson Jenet, Sen. Lisa Cutter

The I Matter Program has successfully connected over 11,000 Colorado kids to no-cost mental health counseling. SB24-001 continues funding for the I Matter program, ensuring Colorado youth can continue receiving the quality mental health care they need at no cost.

[SB24-008 Kinship Foster Care Homes](#), Rep. Mary Young, Minority Leader Rose Pugliese, Sen. Rachel Zenzinger, Sen. Barbara Kirkmeyer

Removing barriers to kinship care is critical in placing children in a safe home. SB24-008 provides additional resources to families and kin caring for youth involved in foster care. The bill extends foster care certification to kinship placements, allowing kin to access training, resources, and financial assistance to meet the basic needs of youth in their care.

[SB24-047 Prevention of Substance Use Disorders](#), Rep. Mary Young, Rep. Elisabeth Epps, Sen. Sonya Jaquez Lewis, Sen. Kevin Priola

SB24-047 boosts substance use disorder prevention efforts by updating the Colorado Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to improve data collection and access, and implements the substance use screening, brief intervention, and referral practice statewide for adolescents to those who would benefit in Colorado schools.

[SB24-048 Substance Use Disorders Recovery](#), Speaker Pro Tempore Chris deGruy Kennedy, Rep. Mike Lynch, Sen. Kevin Priola

SB24-048 supports successful recovery from substance use disorders by helping establish recovery-friendly workplaces, living facilities, and creating a grant program to support organizations providing services to Coloradans in recovery.

[SB24-117 Eating Disorder Treatment & Recovery Programs](#), Speaker Pro Tempore Chris deGruy Kennedy, Sen. Lisa Cutter, Sen. Faith Winter

Eating disorder treatment facilities currently operate under a variety of health care licenses issued by multiple state agencies. [SB24-117](#) would require all eating disorder treatment and recovery centers to hold a designation from the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) by January 1, 2026, giving BHA improved oversight of treatment facilities in the state.

SETTING STUDENTS UP TO THRIVE

[HB24-1003 Opiate Antagonists and Detection Products in Schools](#), Rep. Barbara McLachlan, Rep. Mary Young, Sen. Cleave Simpson, Sen. Dafna Michaelson Jenet

Overdoses are preventable, and our students are asking for tools to save their classmates' lives during an overdose. HB24-1003, which was recommended by students in the Durango area, will allow trained bus drivers and educators to administer certain medications, including opiate antagonists such as Naloxone, to students experiencing an overdose.

[HB24-1017 Bill of Rights for Foster Youth](#), Rep. Lindsey Daugherty, Rep. Jennifer Parenti, Sen. Rachel Zenzinger, Sen. Dafna Michaelson Jenet

HB24-1017 outlines critical rights to empower and protect foster youth, including freedom from discrimination and harassment, access to basic care and freedom of gender, cultural and religious expression.

[HB24-1044 Additional PERA Service Retirees for Schools](#), Rep. Eliza Hamrick, Rep. Rick Taggart, Sen. Chris Hansen

This bill allows school districts to hire more Public Employee Retirement Association (PERA) retirees without the retired educators losing their PERA retirement benefits. Doing so will let more retired educators back into the classroom, boosting our educator workforce.

[HB24-1046 Child Welfare System Tools](#), Majority Leader Monica Duran, Rep. Gabe Evans, Sen. Chris Kolker, Sen. Barbara Kirkmeyer

This bill requires reports of known or suspected child abuse or neglect to include any information or evidence of domestic violence found in the home. It also requires the Colorado Department of Human Services to create a consistent screening process for county departments to follow when responding to a hotline report.

[HB24-1082 First-Generation-Serving Higher Education Institutions](#), Rep. Javier Mabrey, Rep. Rick Taggart, President Pro Tempore James Coleman, Sen. Janice Rich

To make higher education more accessible to all Coloradans, this bill creates a process to designate colleges and universities as "First Generation Serving Institutions" so incoming students have a greater awareness of which colleges and universities have the experience and campus culture focused on serving first-generation students.

[HB24-1096 School Psychologist Licensure Interstate Compact](#), Rep. Mary Young, Rep. Meghan Lukens, Sen. Chris Kokler, Sen. Janice Marchman

This bill creates the "School Psychologists Licensure Interstate Compact", allowing licensed school psychologists in member states to obtain and easily transfer a license from another member state to practice school psychological services. HB24-1096 makes it easier for students to receive the behavioral and mental health support and special education services that they deserve.

[HB24-1136 Healthier Social Media Use by Youth](#), Rep. Judy Amabile, Minority Leader Rose Pugliese, Sen. Lisa Cutter, Sen. Jim Smallwood

Excessive social media usage among teens can [increase their chances](#) of anxiety, depression, and emotional distress. This bipartisan bill encourages healthy social media usage among youth under 18 by requiring social media platforms to display pop-up warnings and create a resource bank for schools, students, and families related to the mental health impacts of excessive social media use.

[HB24-1282 Investing in Ninth-Grade Success](#), Rep. Matthew Martinez, Minority Leader Rose Pugliese, President Pro Tempore James Coleman, Sen. Cleave Simpson

This bipartisan bill expands funding for the Ninth Grade Success Grant Program in order to better support student success and increase high school graduation rates.

[HB24-1305 Increasing Access to Concurrent Enrollment](#), Rep. William Lindstedt, Rep. Meghan Lukens, Sen. Mark Baisley, Sen. Dafna Michaelson Jenet

HB24-1305 expands access to the successful Pathway in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) Program, which allows high school students to obtain an associate's degree or professional certificate in certain fields. Colorado Democrats remain committed to saving students money while supporting workforce demands and strengthening our economy.

[HB24-1340 Two Years of Free College](#), Rep. Shannon Bird, Rep. Rick Taggart Sen. Barbara Kirkmeyer, Sen. Rachel Zenzinger

This bipartisan bill known as the Colorado Promise Act creates a state refundable income tax credit to cover the cost of two years of higher education for every family making under \$90,000. HB24-1340 will save students money on higher education, making it more accessible for lower- and middle-income families.

[HB24-1376 Expand Teacher Mentorships](#), Rep. Julia Marvin, Rep. Cathy Kipp, Sen. Rachel Zenzinger, Sen. Kevin Priola

This bill expands teacher mentorship programs to include novice teachers with fewer than three years of experience and provides more resources so they can better support students.

[HB24-1446 Professional Development for Science Teachers](#), Rep. Barbara McLachlan, Rep. Anthony Hartsook, Sen. Janet Buckner, Sen. Byron Pelton

This bipartisan bill will boost K-12 students' science performance by making no-cost professional development programs available to science educators, with an emphasis on programming that supports students living with disabilities, students who are English Language Learners, and students who are not achieving at grade level.

[HB24-1448 New Public School Finance Formula](#), Speaker Julie McCluskie, Assistant Majority Leader Jennifer Bacon, Sen. Minority Leader Paul Lundeen, Sen. Rachel Zenzinger

The New Public School Finance Formula will modernize Colorado's outdated and inequitable school finance formula for the first time in a generation, and dramatically increase funding for at-risk students, special education students, English Language Learners and rural schools.

[SB24-104 Aligning Apprenticeship Pathways](#) Rep. Eliza Hamrick, Sen. Jessie Danielson

[Data](#) shows that students benefit from experiential learning opportunities, leading to higher grades, greater engagement, and stronger career-readiness. SB24-104 better connects high school students to the community college system and career and technical education, bridging the gap between students and transformational career opportunities.

[SB24-132 Protecting Educator Evaluations](#), Rep. Barbara McLachlan, Rep. Meghan Lukens, Sen. Janice Rich, Sen. Rachel Zenzinger

Teacher evaluations help inform what support our students need. This bill extends the confidentiality of evaluation reports and related records to all teachers, principals, administrators, special service providers, and education support professionals.

[SB24-162 Preventing Discrimination in Schools](#), Assistant Majority Leader Jennifer Bacon, Rep. Leslie Herod, Sen. Janice Marchman, Sen. Faith Winter

Last year, Colorado Democrats passed a law to provide clear definitions of harassment and discrimination in Colorado's K-12 public schools. This bill builds on this law by developing best practices for public schools to effectively respond to reports of harassment or discrimination.

[SB24-164 Higher Education Student Bill of Rights](#), Speaker Julie McCluskie, Minority Leader Rose Pugliese, Sen. Janet Buckner, Minority Leader Paul Lundeen

SB24-164 bolsters students' rights by making it easier to transfer college credits and improving transparency in reporting for students enrolled in postsecondary institutions.

[SB24-188 Public School Finance](#), Rep. Shannon Bird, Rep. Barbara McLachlan, Sen. Rachel Zenzinger, Sen. Janet Buckner

This year's School Finance Act raises the base level of per-pupil funding by nearly \$420 to \$8,496 per-pupil. This funding can be used to reduce class sizes, increase teacher pay, and provide individualized support to help students learn. The bill increases total funding for public schools by more than \$500 million to \$9.7 billion and completely buys down the Budget Stabilization Factor, a longstanding goal that will ensure Colorado students get the quality education they deserve.

CREATING A COLORADO FOR ALL

[HB24-1105 Chicano/a License Plate](#), Rep. Tim Hernández, Sen. Julie Gonzales

The Chicano/a community has a rich history in Colorado, which is why Colorado Democrats passed legislation to create Chicana/o license plates. Applicants for the plates must donate to a non-profit organization that supports the Chicana/o community, including organizations that provide Chicana/o youth leadership training or youth violence prevention programs.

[HB24-1280 Welcome, Reception, & Integration Program for New Immigrants](#), Rep. Elizabeth Velasco, Rep. Lorena Garcia, Sen. Rhonda Fields, Sen. Lisa Cutter

Immigrants come to our country fleeing violence, economic despair, and life-threatening circumstances, and they can have a significant role in our communities and economics if they have the right tools. This bill creates the statewide Welcome, Reception, and Integration Grant Program to support community-based organizations that provide crucial services, like immigration legal assistance and employment referrals, to new immigrants.

[HB24-1314 Historic Preservation](#), Rep. Meghan Lukens, Rep. Matthew Martinez, Sen. Julie Gonzales, Sen. Perry Will

Colorado's historic structures are important pieces of history, with heritage to be preserved. This bill modifies the existing preservation of historical structures tax credit by expanding eligibility and increasing the maximum credit award, and extends it through 2036.

[HB24-1444 Research into Federal Indian Boarding Schools](#), Rep. Barbara McLachlan, Rep. Leslie Herod, Sen. Jeff Bridges, Sen. Cleave Simpson

In 2022, the General Assembly directed research into the abuse and deaths that occurred at American Indian boarding schools in Colorado. HB24-1444 builds on that work, implementing recommendations to support the healing of generational trauma in tribal communities, capturing oral histories, and interrogating long standing inequities faced by tribes.

[SB24-053 Racial Equity Study](#), Rep. Leslie Herod, Rep. Naquetta Ricks, Senate President Pro Tempore James Coleman

Generations of systemic racism cannot be eliminated by a few policy changes. It requires data-driven research to define the structural inequities Black Coloradans have historically and currently experience. SB24-053 creates a commission to identify and then seek to rectify the lasting effects of systemic racism in Colorado's practices, systems, and policies.

[SB24-182 Access to Driver's Licenses for New Immigrants](#), Rep. Tim Hernández, Rep. Elizabeth Velasco, Sen. Julie Gonzales, Sen. Jeff Bridges

Since it became law over a decade ago, the Colorado Road and Community Safety Act has allowed all Colorado residents, regardless of their immigration status, to qualify for a driver's license or state ID - but the wait time can be as long as 12-30 months. This bill streamlines the process to obtain a driver's license or state identification card for new immigrants.

PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT AND CREATING SAFE TRANSIT OPTIONS

[HB24-1235 Reduce Impacts of Aviation Noise & Lead Pollution](#), Rep. Kyle Brown, Rep. Shannon Bird, President Steve Fenberg, Sen. Rachel Zenzinger

As Colorado's population grows, smaller airports are seeing more traffic than ever before, which means increased noise and air pollution in our neighborhoods. This bill ensures communities are shielded from aviation noise and lead pollution by easing and accelerating the transition to unleaded fuels for aircraft owners and small regional airports.

[HB24-1338 Cumulative Impacts & Environmental Justice](#), Rep. Manny Rutinel, Rep. Elizabeth Velasco, Sen. Dafna Michaelson Jenet

This bill carries out [recommendations](#) from the Environmental Justice Action Task Force. It increases oversight of petroleum refineries and analyzes the cumulative impacts of air pollution, addressing some of the long-standing environmental injustices that have disproportionately impacted communities of color and low-income communities.

[HB24-1370 Alternatives to Natural Gas](#), Rep. Cathy Kipp, Rep. Jenny Willford, Sen. Faith Winter

This bill helps interested local governments develop neighborhood-scale energy projects, like geothermal systems, that provide an alternative to natural gas to reduce costs and lower emissions, saving Coloradans money while reducing our state's carbon footprint.

[HB24-1379 State Protections for State Waters](#), Speaker Julie McCluskie, Rep. Karen McCormick, Sen. Dylan Roberts, Sen. Barbara Kirkmeyer

HB24-1379 works to protect Colorado waters that are no longer federally protected. The bill creates a permitting program within the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment for dredge and fill activities impacting state waters. The permitting framework is based on well-established approaches already used by the Army Corps of Engineers and will provide clarity and certainty on when a permit is needed for dredge and fill activities.

[HB24-1435 Colorado Water Conservation Board Projects](#), Rep. Karen McCormick, Rep. Marc Catlin, Sen. Dylan Roberts, Sen. Cleave Simpson

HB24-1435 dedicates more than \$55 million to fund the Colorado Water Plan projects. These projects include drought planning and mitigation efforts, helping the Colorado River District secure the Shoshone water rights to preserve crucial water flow on the Western Slope, and dozens of important water infrastructure improvements across the state.

[HB24-1436 Retaining Sports Betting Tax Revenue for Water Projects](#), Speaker Julie McCluskie, Rep. Marc Catlin, Sen. Dylan Roberts, Sen. Cleave Simpson

In 2019, Colorado voters approved Proposition DD, allowing the state to collect and spend \$29 million of sports betting tax revenue per year for water conservation efforts. This legislation refers a ballot measure to Colorado voters to allow revenue above the \$29 million cap to be transferred to the Water Plan Implementation Cash Fund, which supports projects including water storage and supply, agricultural projects, and watershed health and recreation projects.

[SB24-005 Prohibiting Certain Landscaping to Promote Water Conservation](#), Rep. Karen McCormick, Rep. Barbara McLachlan, Sen. Dylan Roberts, Sen. Cleave Simpson

Nonfunctional turf on medians, greenways, and parking lots requires an unreasonable usage of water, especially during droughts. This bill prohibits nonfunctional turf or invasive plant species on certain property areas to efficiently conserve water statewide.

[SB24-032 Increasing the Use of Transit with Free Fares](#) Rep. Stephanie Vigil, Rep. Julia Marvin, Sen. Kevin Priola, Sen. Faith Winter

SB24-032 provides grants to transit agencies throughout Colorado to fund free, year-round transit services for Coloradans aged 19 and younger. It also extends the successful [Ozone Season Free Transit Grant Program](#) that funds Colorado's free transit rides during peak ozone season, which is set to expire without further legislative action.

[SB24-037 Study Green Infrastructure for Water Quality Management](#), Rep. Karen McCormick, Rep. Mike Lynch, Sen. Cleave Simpson, Sen. Jeff Bridges

This bill studies new ways to achieve compliance with water quality standards, like substituting green infrastructure, a planned and managed network of natural green spaces, for transitioning centralized wastewater and drinking water treatment mechanisms.

[SB24-081 Banning PFAS \(Forever Chemicals\)](#), Rep. Cathy Kipp, Rep. Manny Rutinel, Sen. Lisa Cutter

In 2022, Colorado Democrats created the Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) Chemicals Protection Act to protect our environment and Coloradans' health. SB24-081 updates this act by adding additional products, including certain outdoor ware and cookware, into the scheduled phase-out of PFAS, or 'forever chemicals', to protect our health and water supply.

[SB24-100 Safety Measures for Commercial Motor Vehicles on Highway](#), Rep. Elizabeth Velasco, Rep. Rick Taggart, Sen. Dylan Roberts, Sen. Perry Will

According to [CDOT](#), commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) represent about 7 percent of traffic, but account for more than 52 percent of traffic incidents. Accidents involving CMVs take nearly twice as long to clear as passenger incidents. This bill will improve safety on I-70 by establishing a zone with increased speeding fines for CMVs in Glenwood Canyon and banning them from the left lane on stretches of I-70 that experience frequent accidents.

[SB24-126 Conservation Easement Tax Credits](#), Rep. Meghan Lukens, Rep. Mike Lynch, Sen. Perry Will, Sen. Faith Winter

By extending access to conservation easements, SB24-126 helps property owners sustainably manage their land, supports rural communities, and preserves Colorado's environment.

[SB24-161 Access to Parks & Wildlife for Seniors and Disabled Coloradans](#), Rep. Meghan Lukens, Rep. Matt Soper, Sen. Rod Pelton, Sen. Janice Marchman

SB24-161 is a bipartisan bill that makes outdoor recreation more accessible for older Coloradans and veterans with disabilities. This bill makes hunting, fishing and park passes in Colorado more accessible to those living with a disability and saves older Coloradans money on their passes, so they can enjoy the top tier recreation that state parks have to offer.

[SB24-171 Restoration of Wolverines](#), Rep. Barbara McLachlan, Rep. Tisha Mauro, Sen. Perry Will, Sen. Dylan Roberts

Wolverines were a part of Colorado's natural ecosystem for generations. This bill authorizes Colorado Parks & Wildlife to responsibly reintroduce wolverines and strengthen biodiversity.

[SB24-184 Passenger Rail Infrastructure Development](#), Speaker Julie McCluskie, Rep. Andrew Boesenecker, President Steve Fenberg, Sen. Janice Marchman

Funding from the federal bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act has given Colorado a once-in-a-generation opportunity to build an expanded passenger rail system that will create additional transportation options Coloradans have been asking for. This bill would implement a congestion impact fee on rental vehicles to offset climate impacts and mitigate traffic congestion. Revenue generated by the fee will create a sustainable funding source used to match federal investment opportunities for statewide transit and rail.

[SB24-197 Colorado River Water Conservation Measures](#), Speaker Julie McCluskie, Rep. Marc Catlin, Sen. Dylan Roberts, Sen. Perry Will

Drought conditions in the high country jeopardize the Colorado way of life. This bipartisan legislation addresses some of the challenges facing our water supply, preserving it for agriculture, outdoor recreation and household needs. This bill protects Colorado's water supply by implementing several recommendations made by the Colorado River Drought Task Force, including tactics to address the worsening drought conditions on the Colorado River.

[SB24-229 Ozone Mitigation Measures](#), Assistant Majority Leader Jennifer Bacon, Rep. Jenny Willford, Sen. Faith Winter, Sen. Kevin Priola

Colorado's air quality has been out of compliance with federal air quality standards for more than a decade, disproportionately impacting low-income communities and people of color. SB24-229 establishes more permitting and enforcement authority to reduce pollutant emissions and increases civil penalties for repeat violators of the law. It will also direct the plugging of marginal oil and gas wells, which are wells at risk of becoming orphaned.

[SB24-230 Oil & Gas Production Fees](#), Speaker Julie McCluskie, Rep. Elizabeth Velasco, President Steve Fenberg, Sen. Lisa Cutter

SB24-230 seeks to mitigate the negative impacts of ozone and greenhouse gas emissions from oil and gas operations. The bill generates significant new funding for transit and rail, as well as land and wildlife habitat conservation and restoration, with modest fees on oil and gas production in Colorado.

BOLSTERING RIGHTS FOR COLORADANS AND HARDWORKING PEOPLE

[HB24-1008 Wage Theft in the Construction Industry](#), Majority Leader Monica Duran, Rep. Meg Froelich, Sen. Jessie Danielson, Sen. Chris Kolker

Wage theft is a serious issue that threatens the economic security and well-being of Coloradans. This legislation requires general contractors to be liable for all costs if a subcontractor commits wage theft, and increases transparency to improve compliance. It also imposes a fine on a subcontractor if they do not act swiftly to rectify a wage theft claim.

[HB24-1030 Railroad Safety Requirements](#), Rep. Javier Mabrey, Rep. Tisha Mauro, Sen. Lisa Cutter, Sen. Tony Exum

To improve railroad safety, this bill creates the Office of Rail Safety within the Public Utilities Commission and requires railroads to regularly report on their wayside detector systems and coordinate response efforts to ensure safety incidents are handled efficiently. It also requires railroads that transport hazardous materials to annually provide hazardous materials response training to ensure first responders are well-equipped to respond to derailments.

[HB24-1039 Non-Legal Name Changes in Schools](#), Rep. Stephanie Vigil, Rep. Brianna Titone, Sen. Faith Winter, Sen. Janice Marchman

A name is an important aspect of a person's individuality, and being called by a chosen name increases feelings of belonging for Colorado youth. HB24-1039 clarifies the responsibility of school boards to adopt written policies prohibiting discrimination on the basis of gender expression, which includes the use of a student's chosen and preferred name, independent of a court-ordered legal name change.

[HB24-1051 Towing Carrier Regulations](#), Rep. Andrew Boesenecker, Rep. Tisha Mauro, Sen. Julie Gonzales, Sen. Kevin Priola

This legislation improves oversight, transparency, and fairness in the towing industry in Colorado, which has recently been the subject of legal scrutiny by the Attorney General for deceptive business practices. Specifically, this bill would direct the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to promulgate new rules for towing carriers, including requiring carriers to disclose additional information necessary for effective oversight and meaningful reporting.

[HB24-1058 Privacy Protections for Biological Data](#), Rep. Cathy Kipp, Rep. Matt Soper, Sen. Mark Baisley, Sen. Kevin Priola

Neurotechnology is rapidly evolving, with scientists and tech companies like Apple, Meta and Neuralink using it to recreate songs from users' brain waves and translate thoughts using artificial intelligence. It also has the potential to alter one's thoughts and behaviors. HB24-1058 creates first-in-the-nation protections by expanding the definition of "sensitive data" in the Colorado Privacy Act to include all biological data, including neural data.

[HB24-1067 Ballot Access for Candidates with Disabilities](#), Rep. David Ortiz, Sen. Faith Winter, Sen. Larry Liston

HB24-1067 improves representation in government by ensuring candidates with disabilities have access to the ballot. The bill also addresses barriers for candidates with disabilities when participating in the political process, including the lack of virtual options at caucuses.

[HB24-1071 Name Change to Conform with Gender Identity](#), Rep. Lorena Garcia, Sen. Dafna Michaelson Jenet, Sen. Kevin Priola

Transgender people are [overrepresented](#) in the criminal legal system. This bill allows convicted felons to petition the court for a name change to conform with gender identity.

[HB24-1095, Increasing Protections for Minor Workers](#) Rep. Sheila Lieder, Rep. Judy Amabile, Sen. Tom Sullivan

While other states are rolling back child labor protections, HB24-1095 increases penalties for businesses that violate the Colorado Youth Employment Opportunity Act of 1971. By updating this Act, penalties will support wage theft enforcement while holding bad actors accountable when they endanger Colorado youth in the workplace.

[HB24-1100 Coroner Qualifications](#), Rep. Stephanie Vigil, Sen. Sonya Jaquez Lewis

County coroner is an elected position that does not require specific qualifications outside of a high school diploma or college degree, yet their findings have a far reaching impact on criminal justice proceedings. HB24-1100 requires a county coroner in a county with a population over 150,000 to either be a certified death investigator or a forensic pathologist.

[HB24-1121 Consumer Right to Repair Digital Electronic Equipment](#), Rep. Brianna Titone, Rep. Steven Woodrow, Sen. Jeff Bridges, Sen. Nick Hinrichsen

HB24-1121 saves Coloradans money and helps mitigate waste. The bill requires certain digital electronic equipment manufacturers to comply with existing consumer right to repair laws. Specifically, original equipment manufacturers (OEM) such as Amazon, Apple, Google, and others will need to provide software and physical tools to consumers and independent repair providers upon request so they can fix their broken electronics themselves.

[HB24-1129 Protections for Delivery Network Company Drivers](#), Rep. Stephanie Vigil, Rep. Jabier Mabrey, Sen. Nick Hinrichsen, Sen. Kevin Priola

The labor movement fought long and hard to secure the workplace protections that keep hard working Coloradans safe, and app-based employment should not be exempt from those. This bill aims to improve wage and task transparency by requiring specific information to be shared with gig workers of delivery network companies, providing workers with the ability to make more informed decisions about which tasks to accept.

[HB24-1130 Privacy of Biometric Identifiers & Data](#), Rep. Lindsey Daugherty, Rep. Mike Lynch, Sen. Paul Lundeen, Sen. Chris Hansen

Biometric data is highly unique to an individual and includes fingerprints, facial recognition used to unlock smartphones, and iris scanning. This bill amends the Colorado Privacy Act to require protections for biometric data, directing biometric data to be destroyed within a year of collection or upon request and stored at a higher level of security.

[HB24-1161 Electric Vehicle Accessibility](#), Rep. David Oritz, Sen. Nick Hinrichsen

This legislation requires new electric vehicle charging stations to incorporate [federal accessible design recommendations](#) for at least five percent of charging spaces or one space. HB24-1161 also strengthens the prohibition on blocking access to ADA parking spots or curb ramps, and improves car share program information related to the accessibility of vehicles.

[HB24-1220 Workers' Comp Benefits](#), Rep. Lindsey Daugherty, Sen. Janice Marchman

Workers' compensation benefits provide crucial support to an injured worker, and no one should struggle to receive the benefits they're owed. HB24-1220 increases workers' compensation benefits and improves the efficiency of disability payments to ensure that injured Colorado workers receive the fair and prompt compensation that they are entitled to.

[HB24-1320 Educator Safety Task Force](#), Rep. Meghan Lukens, Rep. Elizabeth Velasco, Sen. Janice Marchman, Sen. Kyle Mullica

Students and educators deserve to be safe at school. This bill creates a task force to generate recommendations on improving safety for educators and school staff. In making their recommendations related to school safety, the task force will look at the impact of funding needs, wraparound supports, staffing, incidents of student behavior, and resource inequality.

[HB24-1335 Funeral Home Regulations](#), Rep. Brianna Titone, Rep. Matt Soper, Sen. Dylan Roberts, Assistant Minority Leader Bob Gardner

In recent years, several funeral homes and operators in Colorado have been in the headlines for disturbing instances of mishandling human remains and bodies. This bill extends and expands regulations to ensure Colorado's funeral homes and crematories are regularly inspected by a state agency, preventing future tragic occurrences from happening.

[HB24-1368 Language Access in the Legislature](#), Rep. Mandy Lindsay, Rep. Elizabeth Velasco, Sen. Julie Gonzales

HB24-1368 creates the Language Access Advisory Board to recommend improved language access in the legislative process, allowing more Coloradans to engage in their government.

[HB24-1378 Consumer Protections in Event Ticket Sales](#), Rep. William Lindstedt, Rep. Alex Valdez, Sen. Tom Sullivan, Assistant Minority Leader Bob Gardner

Undisclosed fees and un reputable resellers have made the ticket-buying experience frustrating and costly. HB24-1378 strengthens consumer protections for ticket sales for activities like concerts and sporting events by requiring ticket sellers and resellers to guarantee refunds to ticket buyers. The bill also prohibits an operator from denying a ticket-buyer access to an event because they purchased the ticket through a reseller.

[HB24-1380 Transparency in Debt Collection](#), Rep. Javier Mabrey, Sen. Lisa Cutter, Sen. Sonya Jaquez Lewis

This year, [Investigative reporting](#) revealed Colorado's largest hospital, UCHHealth, filed more than 15,000 lawsuits in the last five years against patients under the cloak of third-party debt collectors. This bill improves transparency in the debt collection process by requiring companies and organizations to file as plaintiffs in debt collection lawsuits.

[HB24-1451 Include Hair Length in the CROWN Act](#), Rep. Leslie Herod, Rep. Naquetta Ricks, Sen. Janet Buckner, President Pro Tempore James Coleman

In 2020, Colorado Democrats passed the [CROWN Act](#) that explicitly prohibits discrimination on the basis of hair texture, hair type, and protects hairstyles like dreadlocks, twists, tight coils or curls, cornrows, bantu knots, afros and headwraps. [HB24-1451](#) adds hair length to the Act.

[HB24-1452 Airport Accessibility](#), Rep. David Ortiz, Assistant Majority Leader Jennifer Bacon, Sen. Kevin Priola, Sen. Janet Buckner

From broken wheelchairs to inaccessible restrooms, the disability community faces many barriers to air travel, which can have negative consequences on health and economic opportunity. This bill will improve accessibility at Colorado's airports by increasing the number of accessible restrooms and walkways, including the voices of Coloradans with disabilities when redesigning large hub airports, and requiring reporting for non-compliance.

[SB24-058 Landowner Liability Recreational Use Warning Signs](#), Sen. Mark Baisley, Sen. Dylan Roberts, Rep. Brianna Titone, Rep. Shannon Bird

From hiking and biking to backcountry skiing and backpacking, Colorado is known for its world class outdoor recreation. This bill improves access to privately-owned outdoor recreation sites by protecting landowners from personal injury lawsuits. It requires landowners to display and maintain warning signs to disclose any dangerous conditions on the property that could lead to injury or death.

[SB24-075 Gig Worker Transparency](#), Assistant Majority Leader Jennifer Bacon, Rep. Naquetta Ricks, Majority Leader Robert Rodriguez, Sen. Kevin Priola

All workers deserve to know what their job entails and how much they get paid for it, but many gig workers aren't afforded that clarity. SB24-075 improves flexibility, fairness, safety, and transparency for gig transportation network company workers and consumers.

[SB24-173 Licensure for Funeral Home Workers](#), Rep. Brianna Titone, Rep. Matt Soper, Sen. Dylan Roberts, Sen. Bob Gardner

Colorado is the only state in the nation without licensure for directors and employees of the funeral industry, and this lack of oversight and training has resulted in numerous tragic cases of funeral home mismanagement, mistreatment of human remains, and hundreds of impacted family members. SB24-173 better aligns Colorado with every other state in the country by establishing new licensure requirements for funeral professionals.

[SB24-189 Access to Justice for Gender-Related Bias-Motivated Crimes](#), Rep. Mike Weissman, Rep. Matt Soper, Sen. Rhonda Fields, Sen. Chris Hansen

Recent data from the Federal Bureau of Investigation revealed the [highest number](#) of anti-LGBTQ+, anti-trans and gender non-confirming hate crimes ever reported. This bipartisan legislation adds transgender identity to Colorado's bias-motivated crimes and harassment laws to increase access to justice for victims of hate crimes.

[SB24-200 Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion in Child Welfare](#), Assistant Majority Leader Jennifer Bacon, Rep. Junie Joseph, Sen. Dafna Michaelson Jenet, President Pro Tempore James Coleman

SB24-200 addresses equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) disparities in Colorado's child welfare system by making updates to reporting and training requirements. In partnership with counties, state lawmakers seek to reduce disparities in the child welfare system to ensure it adequately meets the unique needs of youth in the system and supports their well-being.

[SB24-216 Standards for Decisions Regarding Library Resources](#), Rep. Junie Joseph, Rep. Eliza Hamrick, Sen. Lisa Cutter, Sen. Dafna Michaelson Jenet

As more states across the nation move to ban books, Colorado Democrats seek to protect freedom of information. SB24-216 requires libraries to establish written policies for the acquisition, retention, and display of library sources, as well as their removal upon request. Libraries are prohibited from removing content based on the author's demographics or partisan disapproval, and librarians will have additional protections against retaliation.

SUPPORTING AGRICULTURE AND MITIGATING WILDFIRES

[HB24-1001 Reauthorization of Rural Jump-Start Program](#), Rep. Meghan Lukens, Rep. Rick Taggart, Sen. Dylan Roberts, Sen. Cleave Simpson

This bipartisan bill extends tax credits and grants available to businesses that participate in the successful Colorado Rural Jump-Start Program. This program continues to boost rural businesses and economies so small businesses can grow, hire, and retain workers.

[HB24-1006 Rural Community Wildfire Grants](#), Rep. Elizabeth Velasco, Rep. Marc Snyder, Sen. Lisa Cutter, Sen. Perry Will

Rural communities often have fewer resources to mitigate destructive wildfires, which can leave them at risk for wildfire-related damage and displacement. This bill makes it easier for rural communities to locate and apply for state and federal wildfire prevention grants.

[HB24-1024 Outreach Campaigns for Wildfire Risk Mitigation](#), Rep. Tammy Story, Rep. Elizabeth Velasco, Sen. Lisa Cutter

HB24-1024 continues wildfire prevention efforts through community education and outreach that increases awareness of wildfire risk mitigation in the wildland-urban interface.

[HB24-1033 Emergency Management Plan Individuals with Animals](#), Rep. Marc Snyder, Rep. Elizabeth Velasco, Sen. Lisa Cutter, Sen. Sonya Jaquez Lewis

As wildfires become more destructive and frequent, emergency evacuation plans are crucial for keeping everyone safe. This bill encourages local emergency management agencies to address the needs of Coloradans with animals during wildfires or other emergencies.

[HB24-1047 Veterinary Technician Scope of Practice](#), Rep. Karen McCormick, Rep. Marc Catlin, Sen. Dylan Roberts, Sen. Cleave Simpson

This bill addresses our veterinary shortage by allowing veterinarians who have established a veterinarian-client-patient relationship to delegate certain tasks to veterinary technicians under supervision, while also establishing a veterinary technician specialist designation.

[HB24-1091 Fire-Hardened Building Materials](#), Rep. Kyle Brown, Rep. Brianna Titone, Sen. Lisa Cutter, Sen. Sonya Jaquez Lewis

Coloradans should be able to choose fire-hardened building materials on and around their homes to defend against destructive wildfires. HB24-1091 no longer allows HOAs to restrict the installation, use, or maintenance of fire-hardened building materials, such as metal, certain types of stucco, and fiber cement siding in residential property.

[HB24-1249 Tax Credit for Agricultural Stewardship Practices](#), Rep. Matthew Martinez, Assistant Minority Leader Ty Winter, Sen. Dylan Roberts, Sen. Rod Pelton

HB24-1249 creates a new refundable tax credit for farms and ranches engaging in agricultural stewardship practices, better supporting our agricultural producers and ranchers while increasing soil health, improving water efficiency, and ensuring our ecosystems can thrive.

[HB24-1315 Remediation of Property Damaged by Fire](#), Rep. Kyle Brown, Rep. Judy Amabile, Sen. Lisa Cutter

Long exposure to wildfire smoke and ash can lead to health risks, including cardiovascular and respiratory effects. This bill will determine the restoration standards necessary to mitigate health concerns in homes affected by wildfire, and create new remediation procedures.

[HB24-1365 Opportunity Now Workforce Investments](#), Rep. Meghan Lukens, Rep. Matt Soper, Sen. Jeff Bridges, Sen. Perry Will

Opportunity Now grants have encouraged job growth and supported the workforce in rural and mountain communities. By funding the fourth and final round of the successful Opportunity Now Colorado grants, this bill will connect more Coloradans with in-demand, high-wage careers, specifically in the construction, infrastructure and building trades.

[SB24-055 Agricultural & Rural Behavioral Health Care](#), Rep. Meghan Lukens, Rep.

Anthony Hartsook, Sen. Janice Marchman, Sen. Perry Will

This bipartisan bill will create an agricultural liaison in the Behavioral Health Administration to foster community collaboration and provide critical funding to support the well-being of our farmers, ranchers, those involved in agriculture, and those living in agricultural communities.

[SB24-190 Incentivizing Rail Use in Mountain Communities](#), Rep. Meghan Lukens, Speaker

Julie McCluskie, Sen. Dylan Roberts

SB24-190 supports both the realization of mountain passenger rail and economic diversification efforts in transitioning coal communities in Northwest Colorado by investing in the maintenance, operation, and improvement of rail lines at risk of abandonment, ensuring that these rail lines stay active for years to come. Through the creation of two income tax credits, this bill incentivizes continued use of rail lines in mountain communities.

[SB24-221 Funding for Rural Health Care](#), Rep. Meghan Lukens, Rep. Marc Catlin, Sen.

Dylan Roberts, Sen. Barbara Kirkmeyer

This bill expands the number of health care professionals practicing in rural areas, in an effort to increase mental health support for Colorado farmers and ranchers.

PREVENTING GUN VIOLENCE

[HB24-1174 Enhanced Training Requirements for Concealed Carry Permits](#), Majority Leader Monica Duran, Rep. Marc Snyder, Sen. Kyle Mullica

Currently, Colorado law does not require in-person, live fire training before one can receive a concealed carry permit. HB24-1174 strengthens firearm training requirements for concealed carry permits, including an in-person live-fire shooting practice as well as education on federal and state firearm laws, to better promote responsible gun ownership.

[HB24-1348 Secure Firearm Storage in a Vehicle](#), Rep. Elizabeth Velasco, Rep. Lorena Garcia, Sen. Sonya Jaquez Lewis, Sen. Rhonda Fields

HB24-1348 requires firearms in unattended vehicles to be stored in locked containers that are out of plain view to help prevent them from being stolen. The bill requires vehicle safe storage information to be displayed at gun stores and by the [Office of Gun Violence Prevention](#).

[HB24-1353 State Permit for Firearms Dealers](#), Rep. Emily Sirota, Rep. Andrew Boesencker, Sen. Jeff Bridges, Sen. Dafna Michaelson Jenet

HB24-1353 requires firearm dealers to hold a state permit in order to sell guns in Colorado. [Studies](#) show that policies regulating firearm dealer licensing can lead to significant reductions in gun violence, including gun homicides and suicides. After Connecticut passed a similar law, its [firearm homicide rate fell by 28 percent and suicide rate by 33 percent](#).

[SB24-003 Investigation of Firearms Crimes](#), Rep. Meg Froelich, Majority Leader Monica Duran, Sen. Tom Sullivan

SB24-003 grants the Colorado Bureau of Investigations authority and resources to act on illegal firearm crimes with local law enforcement, in an effort to reduce crime and save lives.

[SB24-066 New Firearms Merchant Code](#), Rep. Meg Froelich, Rep. Javier Mabrey, Sen. Tom Sullivan

Merchant codes allow banks and credit card companies to recognize dangerous activity, like human trafficking. SB24-066 requires credit card companies to create a merchant code for firearms and ammunition. This will help credit card companies identify dangerous firearm purchasing patterns and report them to law enforcement. A [report](#) found that this legislation could have prevented many mass shootings, including the Aurora movie theater shooting.

[SB24-131 Prohibiting Carrying Firearms in Sensitive Spaces](#), Rep. Kyle Brown, Rep. Mandy Lindsay, Sen. Sonya Jaquez Lewis, Sen. Chris Kolker

This bill prohibits carrying a firearm - openly or concealed - in the following locations and their parking areas: government buildings where legislative meetings and offices are located; courthouses; preschools, K-12 schools, and colleges; and polling locations.

HONORING OUR VETERANS AND MILITARY MEMBERS

[HB24-1076 Purple Star Schools](#), Rep. Bob Marshall, Rep. Mike Weissman, Sen. Rhonda Fields, Assistant Minority Leader Bob Gardner

Children of military families are especially vulnerable to the changes that come with moving schools, making new friends and joining extracurricular activities mid-season. HB24-1076 establishes the Purple Star School Program to designate and recognize K-12 public schools that show a strong commitment to military-connected students and their families.

[HB24-1093 Peace Officer Certification Requirements](#), Rep. Matthew Martinez, Rep. Ryan Armagost, Sen. Nick Hinrichsen

This bill removes barriers for qualified members of the armed forces to become peace officers, addresses workforce shortages and boosts careers for those who served our country.

[HB24-1097 Military Family Occupational Credentialing](#), Rep. Mike Weissman, Rep. Rick Taggart, Sen. Rhonda Fields, Assistant Minority Leader Bob Gardner

This bill expands occupational credentialing to dependents and Gold Star spouses of US Armed Forces members, easing the transition period for military families moving to our state.

[HB24-1273 Veterans Assistance Grant Program](#), Rep. Jennifer Parenti, Sen. Nick Hinrichsen, Sen. Byron Pelton

This bill continues the Veterans Assistance Grant Program, targeting financial assistance to non-profit and government agencies that provide services to improve the health and well-being of Colorado veterans while prioritizing underserved veterans.

[SB24-018 Physician Assistant Licensure Compact](#), Rep. Judy Amabile, Assistant Minority Leader Ty Winter, Sen. Cleave Simpson, Sen. Dafna Michaelson Jenet

SB24-018 creates the "Physician Assistant Licensure Compact" to reduce barriers for physician assistants by easing the state-to-state licensure process. This bipartisan bill increases health care access, particularly for active military and their spouses who relocate from state-to-state.

[SB24-109 Veterans' Service-to-Career Program](#) Rep. David Ortiz, Rep. Anthony Hartsook, Sen. Nick Hinrichsen, Sen. Byron Pelton

This bill extends the Colorado Veterans' Service-to-Career Program, which allows non-profit agencies to partner with workforce centers to provide veterans, their spouses, and their dependents with skills training, internships, work placements, mentorship opportunities, career counseling, and support services. From 2018 to 2022, the program supported nearly [900 individuals](#) and helped nearly 250 participants gain employment.

IMPROVING PUBLIC SAFETY AND REDUCING RECIDIVISM

[HB24-1002 Constitutional Bail Exception First Degree Murder / HB24-1225 First Degree Murder Bail & Jury Selection Statute](#), Majority Leader Monica Duran, Rep. Mike Lynch, Sen. Rhonda Fields, Assistant Minority Leader Bob Gardner

This bill and its accompanying concurrent resolution refer a ballot measure to Colorado voters to make first-degree murder defendants ineligible for bail. This was necessitated by the *People v. Smith* case where the Colorado Supreme Court ruled that defendants of capital offenses are eligible to be released on bail due to the repeal of the death penalty.

[HB24-1004 Criminal Records in Occupations](#), Assistant Majority Leader Jennifer Bacon, Rep. Shannon Bird, President Pro Tempore James Coleman

Colorado laws prevent people from qualifying for jobs based on past criminal history, disproportionately impacting Black Coloradans and people of color from succeeding in good-paying careers. HB24-1004 establishes a uniform process for considering criminal records in occupational registration, certification, and licensure applications, so the state can fill job vacancies in key areas and allow Coloradans with a record to build a strong career.

[HB24-1016 911 Professionals Defined As First Responders](#), Rep. Sheila Lieder, Rep. Ryan Armagost, Sen. Chris Kolker, Sen. Kevin Van Winkle

Our 911 professionals are a lifeline in the public safety system. HB24-1016 defines emergency communications specialists as first responders so they're recognized for their safety services.

[HB24-1054 Jail Standards Commission Recommendations](#), Rep. Judy Amabile, Rep. Lorena Garcia, Sen. Rhonda Fields, President Pro Tempore James Coleman

All Coloradans deserve safe living conditions, even if they are placed under the state's custody. HB24-1054 requires jails to follow uniform jail standards to ensure living conditions are safe for individuals incarcerated to foster rehabilitation and reduce recidivism.

[HB24-1074 Aggravated Cruelty to Law Enforcement Animals](#), Majority Leader Monica Duran, Rep. Ryan Armagost, Sen. Joann Ginal, Assistant Minority Leader Bob Gardner

HB24-1074 increases penalties for cruelty to law enforcement animals by clarifying that aggravated cruelty to animals is a Class 4 felony when a person knowingly or recklessly kills or causes serious physical harm to a law enforcement animal.

[HB24-1103 Prohibiting the Term Excited Delirium](#), Rep. Judy Amabile, Rep. Leslie Herod, Sen. Julie Gonzales, Sen. Janet Buckner

This bill prohibits the term "excited delirium" from being used in law enforcement and other first responder training or incident reports, or listed as a cause of death on a death certificate. Last year, a news investigation tied more than 225 deaths across the US to the term "excited delirium", including the death of Elijah McClain in Colorado; since then, many medical professionals and medical organizations have spoken out about their skepticism of this term.

[HB24-1122 Protection Orders for Victims of Crimes](#), Majority Leader Monica Duran, Minority Leader Rose Pugliese, Sen. Dylan Roberts, Sen. Faith Winter

This bipartisan legislation increases safety for survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence, stalking, and other crimes by expanding protections around civil protection orders. HB24-1122 makes robust changes to Colorado's criminal justice system to improve survivors' well-being.

[HB24-1216 Supports for Youth in the Juvenile Justice System](#), Assistant Majority Leader Jennifer Bacon, Rep. Tim Hernández, President Pro Tempore James Coleman

HB24-1216 provides support for K-12 justice-engaged students by establishing a Student Bill of Rights, collecting graduation data, and setting standards for credit transfers.

[HB24-1291 Licensed Legal Paraprofessionals](#), Rep. Regina English, Rep. Junie Joseph, Sen. Dylan Roberts, Assistant Minority Leader Bob Gardner

Legal services like legal separations can be costly. This bill allows legal paraprofessionals to apply for a license that would enable them to represent clients in some civil matters. This will make certain civil legal services more accessible to lower- and middle-income Coloradans.

[HB24-1349 Firearms & Ammunition Excise Tax](#), Majority Leader Monica Duran, Rep. Meg Froelich, Sen. Chris Hansen, Sen. Janet Buckner

Federal funding for the Victims of Crime Act will decrease in Colorado by 40 to 50 percent in the next year, leaving Colorado victims without housing support, legal advocacy, and other services that they depend on. This bill refers a ballot measure to Colorado voters that will fund the Colorado Crime Victims Services, School Security Disbursement Program, and behavioral health crisis response system services by creating an excise tax on the firearm industry.

[HB24-1355 Measures to Reduce the Competency Wait List](#), Rep. Javier Mabrey, Rep. Judy Amabile, Sen. Dafna Michaelson Jenet, Sen. Bob Gardner

The waitlist for competency services has created an intractable back-log, prolonging Coloradans' stay in jail before they're even convicted of a crime. This legislation creates a wrap-around program that identifies Coloradans who qualify for diversion services through mental health care in order to connect them with useful services outside of the jail system.

[HB24-1372 Regulating Law Enforcement Use of Prone Restraint](#) Rep. Steven Woodrow, Rep. Leslie Herod, Sen. Rhonda Fields, Sen. Julie Gonzales

The use of prone restraint can become deadly very quickly when a person is in police custody. This bill requires law enforcement agencies to adopt a policy on prone restraint and to train officers on that policy in addition to documenting incidents when the prone restraint is used.

[HB24-1431 Stable Housing for Survivors of Abuse](#), Rep. Meghan Lukens, Rep. Ryan Armagost, Sen. Faith Winter, Sen. Dafna Michaelson Jenet

HB24-1431 is a bipartisan bill that improves access to housing for survivors of domestic violence. The program would coordinate with community-based organizations to provide short-term assistance payments to survivors of abuse so they can secure safe housing.

[HB24-1432 Repeal Record Sealing Fees](#), Rep. Chad Clifford, Rep. Matt Soper, Sen. Dafna Michaelson Jenet

The majority of people who have requested to seal certain criminal history items from their record often are unaware of the required \$20 processing fee, causing more time for staff to attempt to collect these funds than it would take to process the request. HB24-1432 removes this fee, making it easier for people with a past criminal record to move forward in life.

[SB24-006 Pretrial Diversion Programs](#), Rep. Regina English, Rep. Mary Bradfield, Majority Leader Robert Rodriguez, Sen. Rhonda Fields

SB24-006 prohibits juvenile diversion programs from denying services based on intellectual and developmental disabilities, as well as those with behavioral health issues. This bipartisan effort helps identify Coloradans who could benefit from diversion programs that foster rehabilitation outside of jails and prisons, including referrals for alternative services.

[SB24-035 Strengthening Enforcement of Human Trafficking](#), Majority Leader Monica Duran, Assistant Minority Leader Ty Winter, Sen. Byron Pelton, Sen. Rhonda Fields

Human trafficking is a traumatic and violent experience, which is why this bipartisan bill

expands the statute of limitations from 3 to 20 years for adult trafficking crimes while leaving intact the current unlimited statute of limitations for child trafficking crimes. SB24-035 makes it easier for survivors of human trafficking to hold their trafficker accountable in the criminal legal system by classifying all forms of human trafficking, including involuntary servitude and sexual servitude as a crime of violence if the defendant uses or threatens to use a deadly weapon or if there is serious bodily injury or death. If deemed a “crime of violence”, it removes the possibility of parole.

CREATING JOBS AND BOOSTING COLORADO'S WORKFORCE AND SMALL BUSINESSES

[HB24-1157 Support for Employee-Owned Businesses](#), Rep. William Lindstedt, Rep. Stephanie Vigil, Sen. Jeff Bridges, Sen. Chris Kolker

Colorado is leading the nation in employee-owned business support. HB24-1157 makes the Employee Ownership Office a permanent resource for small businesses as they transition into an employee-owned business model, and provides an income tax credit for them.

[HB24-1172 County Revitalization](#) Rep. Shannon Bird, Rep. Rick Taggart, Sen. Kyle Mullica, Sen. Barbara Kirkmeyer, Sen. Kyle Mullica

This bill encourages county growth by allowing counties to create county revitalization authorities and commit property tax revenue in unincorporated areas to promote economic revitalization and capitalize infrastructure development.

[HB24-1231 New Medical College at University of Northern Colorado](#), Rep. Mary Young, Rep. Lindsey Daugherty, Sen. Barbara Kirkmeyer, Sen. Kyle Mullica

This monumental legislation will help create a new medical college at University of Northern Colorado (UNC) and support health care, veterinary programs and construction projects at higher education institutions across the state, helping to fill critical workforce shortages.

[HB24-1325 Boosting the Quantum Industry](#), Rep. Alex Valdez, Rep. Matt Soper, Sen. Jeff Bridges, Sen. Mark Baisley

This bill lays the groundwork to make Colorado attractive to the quantum industry and improve Colorado's chances of receiving federal funds for quantum, setting up our state to harness future technology and creating more high-paying jobs for Coloradans.

[HB24-1358 Film Incentive Tax Credit](#), Rep. Leslie Herod, Rep. Marc Snyder, Sen. Kyle Mullica, Sen. Mark Baisley

HB24-1358 extends the Film Incentive Tax Credit to support film and television projects. This bill aims to grow the film industry in Colorado to generate more economic opportunity.

[HB24-1360 Colorado Disability Opportunity Office](#), Rep. David Ortiz, Rep. Chad Clifford, Sen. Robert Rodriguez

People with disabilities have statistically higher rates of poverty and employment, which is why this legislation is crucial in helping Coloradans with a disability to build a successful life for themselves and their families. A statewide strategy will facilitate economic stability for people with disabilities and promote successful economic, social, and community integration.

[HB24-1364 Education-Based Workforce Readiness](#), Speaker Julie McCluskie, Assistant Majority Leader Jennifer Bacon, Sen. Jeff Bridges, Minority Leader Paul Lundeen

HB24-1364 implements recommendations from the [1215 Task Force](#) to help meet modern workforce demands and foster new work pathways for Coloradans. HB24-1364 creates a detailed study to uncover the cost benefits of streamlining the administration and financing of postsecondary workforce readiness programs to state and local education providers.

[HB24-1439 Expand Apprenticeship Programs](#), Rep. Jenny Willford, Rep. Ron Weinberg, President Pro Tempore James Coleman, Sen. Mark Baisley

This bipartisan bill boosts registered apprenticeship opportunities by helping employers offset the costs of creating high-quality registered apprenticeships to connect Coloradans with on-the-job experience and address workforce shortages.

[HB24-1453 CLIMBER Program for Small Businesses](#), Rep. Naquetta Ricks, President Pro Tempore James Coleman, Sen. Chris Kolker

The successful CLIMBER Program provides low interest working capital loans to small businesses throughout the state. HB24-1453 makes the CLIMBER Program permanent and targets resources and expertise to underserved businesses in order to secure favorable loans.

[SB24-010 Dentist & Dental Hygienist Compact](#), Majority Leader Monica Duran, Rep. Anthony Hartsook, Sen. Joann Ginal, Sen. Perry Will

This bill creates new professional pathways for out-of-state dentists and dental hygienists to gain licensure to practice in Colorado. The interstate compact between Colorado and six other states allows licensed dentists and dental hygienists in member states to obtain and easily transfer a license to practice dental services, increasing access to health care services.

[SB24-020 Alcohol Beverage Delivery & Takeout](#), Rep. William Lindstedt, Minority Leader Rose Pugliese, Sen. Nick Hinrichsen, Sen. Dylan Roberts

SB24-020 continues the popular pandemic-era regulations that allow restaurants to deliver and sell to-go alcohol beverages with meals.

[SB24-143 Quality Apprenticeships and Credentials](#), Rep. Leslie Herod, Rep. Eliza Hamrick, President Pro Tempore James Coleman, Sen. Rachel Zenzinger

In 2022, Colorado Democrats passed a law to elevate student-to-career pathways and boost Colorado's workforce by expanding stackable credential pathways in growing industries. This bill creates flexibility in meeting quality standards so students can enter the workforce.

PROTECTING OUR DEMOCRACY

[HB24-1147 Requiring Deepfake Disclosures for Electoral Candidates](#), Rep. Junie Joseph, Rep. Brianna Titone, Sen. Chris Hansen, Sen. Janet Buckner

Deepfake technology is a threat to our democracy. The new regulations created by this bill will require deepfake media that depicts a candidate for elected office to include a disclaimer, allowing Colorado voters to make accurate and informed decisions based on facts.

[HB24-1150 False Slates of Electors](#), Rep. Lorena Garcia, Rep. Jennifer Parenti, Sen. Nick Hinrichsen

After the 2020 election, Trump and his Republican allies attempted to recruit fake electors in key swing states in an attempt to overturn President Biden's victory. HB24-1150 prevents false electors by applying the crime of perjury and forgery to any actions that create, serve, or conspire a false slate of presidential electors. Each crime would be punishable by a fine of no more than \$10,000. A person who is convicted of these crimes would be disqualified, as required by the state constitution, from serving in the Colorado General Assembly.

[HB24-1283 Secretary of State Review of Municipal Campaign Finance Complaints](#), Rep. Jenny Willford, Rep. Julia Marvin, Sen. Kyle Mullica

Current law requires all municipal campaign finance complaints to be filed with the clerk of the affected municipality. HB24-1283 allows a clerk to refer a complaint to the Secretary of State office if they do not have a formal campaign finance complaint ordinance process.

[SB24-072 Expanded Voting Access for Confined Eligible Electors](#), Rep. Manny Rutinel, Rep. Kyle Brown, Sen. Julie Gonzales

In the 2022 general election, there was an estimated eligible population of 4,876 confined Colorado voters, but only 231 individuals (4.73 percent) received ballots. The right to vote is guaranteed by the Constitution, yet eligible voters in jails and detention centers often don't have real access. SB24-072 improves voting access for Coloradans in confinement.

[SB24-210 Modifications to Laws Regarding Elections](#), Rep. Emily Sirota, President Steve Fenberg, Sen. Byron Pelton

Our gold standard election system is one of the best in the country, and Colorado Democrats strive to make it even better. SB24-210 improves our elections system by strengthening candidate financial disclosures and improving the vacancy elections process.

DEFEATING DANGEROUS GOP BILLS

[HB24-1246 Roll Back Carbon Emission Reduction Goals](#)

Colorado Democrats defeated a bill rooted in climate change denialism. The bill would have rolled back Colorado's climate goals of a 80-percent reduction in carbon dioxide emission in the utility sector by 2030 and 100 percent by 2040 by instead extending them to 2040 and 2060, undermining the climate-focused work championed by Democrats for years.

[HB24-1106 Require Information about Abortion Pill Reversal](#)

Abortion reversals through the use of progesterone [are not scientifically proven](#), do not meet clinical standards, and can be dangerous to recommend to a patient. Colorado Democrats voted down HB24-1106, a bill that would have required information on abortion pill reversals to be prepared by the state and provided to patients by their clinicians.

[HB24-1224 Personhood of Living Unborn Human Child](#)

This bill would have redefined a "person" to include an unborn fetus at any stage of development from the moment of fertilization, criminalizing all abortions and IVF treatment without exceptions. Under this bill, those who receive abortion care or miscarry in certain circumstances would be punished and subjected to criminal law relating to prenatal neglect, homicide or assault. Colorado Democrats defeated this sweeping definition of personhood.