

Recommended Bills to Follow and/or testify
Dark Grey went through 1 Chamber's Committee or PI (Postponed Indefinitely)
Highlighted Yellow provides current status

Wednesday, January 24, 2024-Senate Health & Human Services Committee

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/SB24-001> - Continue Youth Mental Health Services Program – Passed-**Referred to Senate Appropriations**

This bill will continue the "IMatter" program indefinitely. This was initially set up for "Covid mental health crisis and was due to end June 2024. IMatter can provide mental health services access to our children without parental consent from the age of 12 and older. I encourage you to look up the "woke" IMatter website <https://www.imattercolorado.org/> According to the Fiscal Note, this bill increases state expenditures on an ongoing basis.

Upon Adjournment Room SCR357 (Capitol 3rd floor)

Wednesday, January 24, 2024-House Health & Human Services Committee

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb24-1017> - Bill of Rights for Foster Care – **Continues to be postponed for House 3rd reading**

This bill is for the implementation of a distinct Bill of Rights for Foster Care Children stating the children are a property of the state and therefore will protect their freedom of thought, conscience, cultural and ethnic practice, and religion, including the right to attend or refuse to attend cultural, ethnic, and religious services and activities. The state will now tell you how you can and cannot influence a foster care child in your home- The Foster Care parent loses their rights while housing a Foster Child is living in their home.

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1:30 pm Room HCR 0107 (Capitol Ground Floor)

Monday, January 29, 2024-Senate Education Committee

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb24-034> Increase Access to School Based Health Care – **Passed 5/2 Rich only Republican voted in Favor. Assigned to Senate Appropriations**

Increases government role within the schools via "healthcare", this is also proposing more funding for grants.

1:30 pm Room SCR357 (Capitol 3rd floor)

Tuesday, January 30, 2024-House Judiciary Committee

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb24-1071> Name Change to Conform with Gender Identity **House for 2nd reading-laid over**

Under current law, a person convicted of a felony who wishes to change their name must demonstrate they have "good cause" to change their name. The bill expands the definition of "good cause" to include a name change that conforms to the person's gender identity. Liberty Scorecard states this bill creates a "special class" of certain convicted felons and gives them extra rights.

1:30 pm Room HCR 0112 (Capitol 1st floor)

Tuesday, January 30, 2024-Health & Human Services

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb24-1031> Accessibility for Persons in Child Welfare Matters **Assigned to House Appropriations**

The bill requires the state and local governments to make reasonable efforts to ensure language access for children and families in the child welfare system. Beginning in FY 2024-25, the bill will increase state and local expenditures on an ongoing basis.

Upon Adjournment HCR 0107 (Capitol 1st floor)

Wednesday, January 31, 2024-House Education Committee

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb24-1076> Purple Star School Program **Assigned to House Appropriations**

This program will open a door to promote Military families into various Public Schools in order to gain access Military Family students with State related Counseling services via Education

Upon Adjournment Room HCR 0107 (Ground Floor Capitol)

Wednesday, January 31, 2024-House Transportation & Local Government

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb24-1021> Motor Vehicle Minor Driver Education Standards **Assigned to House Appropriations**

Increases the requirements for minors to be issued a driver's permit which will further burden families. It would also require an appropriate of \$456 thousand to the Dept of Revenue. It increases state expenditures on an ongoing basis. See Fiscal Note

https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2024A/bills/fn/2024a_hb1021_00.pdf

1:30 pm Room LSB A

Monday, February 5, 2024-House State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs Committee

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb24-1026> - Local Government Tax Payer's Bill of Rights Prior Voter Approval Requirement (Rescheduled from 1/25/24) **Postponed Indefinitely**

Many municipalities and counties have "de-Bruced" as it's commonly called, allowing them to keep excess revenue rather than refunding it to the taxpayers. This has led to growth of local governments, and once the election was held to allow this to take place, it was continued indefinitely. This means that voters in past decades that may have moved or died have locked in current taxpayers. This bill would require that local governments seek re-approval by their voters, rather than presuming they can keep over collected taxes forever.

Monday, February 5, 2024-Senate Judiciary Committee

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/SB24-003> Colorado Bureau of Investigation Authority to Investigate Firearms Crimes – **Assigned to House Appropriations**

The bill authorizes the Colorado Bureau of Investigation to investigate illegal firearm activity statewide and makes an appropriation for these investigations. Starting in FY 2024-25, the bill increases state expenditures on an ongoing basis. The bill appropriates \$1.699 million to the department of public safety for the bureau to conduct the investigations.

1:30 pm Room Old Supreme Court (Capitol 2nd floor)

Tuesday, February 6, 2024-House Judiciary Committee

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb24-1023> Civil Forfeiture Reform (Rep. Ken DeGraaf & Senator Mark Baisley) **Killed by Republicans in Committee – Rep Evans, Armagost and Soper**

Requires a Forfeiture order to be entered unless various conditions are met. Prohibits Colorado law enforcement agency from transferring seized property to a federal agency unless except under certain conditions. Authorizes a judge in a forfeiture proceeding to appoint an attorney to represent an indigent owner of an interest in seized property.

1:30 pm Room HCR 0112 (Capitol Bldg Ground floor)

Wednesday, February 7, 2024-House Judiciary Committee

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb24-1014> Deceptive Trade Practice Significant Impact Standard

This bill will eliminate a 25-year-old judicially created limitation on the "Colorado Consumer Protection Act". The bill establishes evidence that a person has engaged in an unfair or deceptive trade practice constitutes a significant impact to the public. Charges can be brought under the CO Consumer Protection Act even if no one has been harmed by the actions of a person. Cases should be handled one by one, by the courts.

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1:30 pm Room Old Supreme Court (Capitol 3rd Floor)

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/scr24-001> Child Sexual Abuse Accountability Amendment – Amendment to the Colorado Constitution

Should this pass, each elector voting at the election may cast a vote either "Yes/For" or "No/Against" on the following ballot title: "Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution allowing Colorado lawmakers to pass laws that permit victims of childhood sexual abuse to bring a civil claim for the sexual abuse regardless of when the sexual abuse occurred?"

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1:30 pm Room Old Supreme Court (Capitol 3rd Floor)

Wednesday, February 7, 2024-Senate Health & Human Services

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb24-057> Agriculture Workforce & Suicide Prevention

Agricultural workforce mental health and suicide 5 prevention program - creation - report - rules - legislative declaration 6 - definitions. (1) (a) The General Assembly finds and declares that: (I) Suicide is one of the leading causes of death in the United States; (II) Firearms are used in more than 50% of the suicides; (III) **The presence of guns in a household increase the risk of suicide.** (violation to our 2A rights to keep and bear arms)

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1:30 pm Room Old Supreme Court (Capitol 3rd Floor)

Thursday, February 8, 2024 Senate Business, Labor, & Technology

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb24-066> Firearms Merchant Category Code

The bill requires payment processors to keep records of firearms and firearms accessories merchants via category codes. It also imposes a \$10k penalty for each violation on the payment processor. This will allow for reporting on all firearm accessories. This is in direct violation to our 2A rights to keep and bear arms

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Upon Adjournment Room Old Supreme Court (Capitol 3rd Floor)

Thursday, February 8, 2024 House Education Committee

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb24-1009> **Bilingual Child Care Licensing Resources**

The bill creates a bilingual licensing unit to help the department satisfy its duties and requires the general assembly to appropriate \$235,000 from the general fund to the department for 2024-25 state fiscal years and each year thereafter to pay the costs of the bilingual licensing unit's activities. Fiscal Note not provided.

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1:30 pm Room 0107 (Capitol Ground Floor)

Monday, February 12, 2024 House Finance Committee

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb24-1065> **Reduction of State Income Tax (Rep Bottoms and Pugliese)**

Beginning 1-1-25, the bill reduces both individual and the corporate state income tax rates from 4.4% to 4.0%

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1:30 pm Room 0112 (Capitol Ground floor)

Monday, February 12, 2024 House State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb24-1145> **Modify Voter Registration Page on SOS Website (Rep DeGraaf)**

By July 1, 2024, the secretary of state is required to include, on the voter registration page on the secretary of state's official website, places for a registered elector to: Confirm the registered elector's mailing address; Select whether to receive a mail ballot or to vote in person; and Select which major political party's ballot to receive for a primary election.

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1:30 pm Room LSB A (Legislative Services Bldg)

Monday, February 12, 2024-Senate Education Committee

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/SB24-049> **Content of Material in Libraries**

This will remove the voice of the parent in the content of Public and Charter School libraries and place the decision into the hand of education bureaucrats. Although your taxes do go to the local public schools, this bill also states only parents of students in the school can ask to remove community objectionable materials.

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1:30 pm Room SCR357 (Capitol 3rd floor)

Tuesday, February 13, 2024-House Judiciary Committee

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb24-1174> **Concealed Carry Permits & Training**

This bill creates more restrictions to obtain and renew a concealed carry permit. It also makes it a deceptive trade practice for a person to claim to be verified Under existing law, an applicant for a permit to carry a concealed handgun (permit) must demonstrate competence with a handgun, which the applicant may do by completing a handgun training class (initial class) offered by a verified instructor. Beginning July 1, 2025, the bill requires **additional concealed handgun training classes to be held** in person stating a student must achieve a passing score on a written concealed handgun competency exam and in a live-fire exercise to complete an initial class. The bill also requires a **concealed handgun refresher class for renewal of a permit**, unless an exemption applies. The refresher class must be held in person and requires a passing score on a live-fire exercise and written exam. The bill prohibits a person from being issued a permit if the person was convicted of certain misdemeanor offenses within 5 years before submitting a permit application. The bill makes it a deceptive trade practice for a person to claim to be a verified instructor for a concealed handgun training class unless the person is verified as a firearms instructor by the Colorado bureau of investigation.

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1:30 pm Room HCR 0112 (Capitol Ground Floor)

Monday, February 14, 2024-House Judiciary Committee

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb24-1162> **Penalty for Theft of Firearms**

In current law, the sentencing structure for theft, except for auto theft, is based on the value of the item stolen. The bill exempts theft of firearms from that sentencing structure and makes theft of a firearm a class 6 felony, regardless of its value. Subsequent violations, including multiple firearms stolen in the same criminal incident, are separate class 5 felonies.

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1:30 pm Room 0112 (Capitol Ground Floor)

Monday, February 14, 2024-House Transportation, Housing & Local Government Committee

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb24-1098> **Cause required for Eviction of Residential Tenant**

The bill prohibits a landlord from evicting a residential tenant unless the landlord has cause for eviction. Cause exists only when: A tenant or lessee is guilty of an unlawful detention of real property under certain circumstances described in existing law, as amended by the bill; or Conditions exist constituting grounds for a "no-fault eviction". The following conditions constitute grounds for a "no-fault eviction" of a residential tenant, with certain limitations: Demolition or conversion of the residential premises; Substantial repairs or renovations to the residential premises; Occupancy assumed by the landlord or a family member of the landlord; Expiration of time-limited housing operated by a mission-driven organization; and withdrawal of the residential premises from the rental market for the purpose of selling the residential premises. Sign up to Testify in person or via zoom <https://www2.leg.state.co.us/CLICS/CLICS2023A/commsumm.nsf/signIn.xsp>
1:30 pm Room Old State Library

Thursday, February 15, 2024-House Education Committee

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb24-1039> **Non-Legal Name Changes**

Requires public schools and institute charter schools (school) to use a student's preferred name, if a preferred name is requested by the student; and deems a school's refusal to use a student's preferred name a form of discrimination.
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1:30 pm Room HCR 0107 (Capitol Ground Floor)

Thursday, February 15, 2024-House State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb24-1092> **Min Sentence Crimes against Prostituted Children (Rep. Bradley)**

Under current law, various crimes related to child prostitution are class 3 felonies. The bill requires a court to sentence a person convicted of one of these crimes to the department of corrections for a term of at least the minimum of the presumptive range for a class 3 felony, which is 4 years. Under current law, the crime of pandering of a child is either a class 2 or a class 3 felony, depending on the conduct involved. Pandering that uses menacing or criminal intimidation to induce a child to commit prostitution is a class 2 felony. The bill requires a court to sentence a person convicted of this type of pandering to the department of corrections for a term of at least the minimum of the presumptive range for a class 2 felony, which is 8 years.
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1:30 pm Room HCR 0107 (Capitol Ground Floor)

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 House Health & Human Services Committee

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb24-1025> **House Implement Fertility Coverage for Health Plans**

Under current law, individual and small group health benefit plans (plans) are required to cover fertility diagnosis and treatment and fertility preservation services (fertility services) in the state 12 months after the federal department of health and human services determines that coverage for fertility services does not require defrayal of costs by the state. The bill removes the language relating to state defrayal of costs and requires the division of insurance to implement the coverage for plans issued or renewed on and after January 1, 2025. In addition, the bill: Prohibits a health benefit plan from imposing any exclusions, limitations, or other restrictions on coverage of any fertility services based on a covered individual's participation in fertility services provided by or to a third party; and amends the definition of "infertility" to include a "status" as well as a disease or condition.
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1:30 pm Room 0107 (Capitol Ground Floor)

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 House Transportation, Housing & Local Government Committee

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb24-1175> **Loc Gov Rights to Property for Affordable Housing**

The bill creates 2 property rights for local governments to certain types of multifamily rental properties. For multifamily rental properties that are existing affordable housing, a local government has a right of first refusal to match an acceptable offer for the purchase of the property to use the property as long-term affordable housing. For all other multifamily rental properties that are 20 years or older and not more than 100 units and not less than 5 in urban counties, 3 in rural, a local government has the right of first offer. Government overreach in property rights.
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1:30 pm Room LSB A (Legislative Services Bldg)

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 House Health & Human Services Committee

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb24-1040> **Gender-Affirming Health-Care Provider Study**

The bill requires the department of public health and environment (department) to conduct or cause to be **conducted a gender-affirming health-care provider study** (study). The study must determine: **The number of gender-affirming health-care providers** and facilities in each region, without disclosing identities of providers; The resources available to **gender-affirming health-care providers** and facilities in the state; Threats to **gender-affirming health-care providers**; The number of patients seeking gender-affirming health-care services in each region, including the ratio of patients to providers in each region, without disclosing identities of patients or providers; The **types of gender-affirming health-care services that patients seek**; The prevalence and impact of nonprescribed treatments; and the availability of insurance coverage for different types of treatment. (\$152K this budget year, plus .7 FTE)

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1:30 pm Room 0107 (Capitol Ground Floor)

Thursday, February 22, 2024 House State, Civic, Military & Veterans Affairs

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb24-1022> **Publish Bill Drafts Online before Session (Rep. Luck)**

The bill creates a process and establishes a public online forum for members of the general assembly to publish drafts or titles of the bills that they are considering introducing during the next legislative session.

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Upon Adjournment Room LSB A (Legislative Services Bldg)

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb24-1128> **Enforcement of Federal Immigration Law (Rep Holtorf)**

Senate Bill 06-090 was replaced in 2013. This bill recreates and reenacts the 2006 bill. Current law prohibits: A person from being arrested while the person is present at a courthouse, or while going to, attending, or coming from a court proceeding, and provides remedies for a violation; A probation officer or probation department employee from providing personal information about an individual to federal immigration authorities; and State and local governmental entities from contracting with a private entity for immigration detention services or entering into agreements for immigration detention services. The bill repeals each of these laws.

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Upon Adjournment Room LSB A (Legislative Services Bldg)

Thursday, February 22, 2024 House Finance

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb24-1166> **Expand Homestead Exemptions (Rep DeGraaf and Rep Luck)**

For property tax years commencing during property tax reassessment cycles that begin on or after January 1, 2025, the bill changes the amount of the exemptions for the owner-occupied primary residence of a qualifying senior, a veteran with a disability, or the surviving spouse of a United States armed forces service member who died in the line of duty or veteran whose death resulted from a service-related injury or disease (exemptions) from 50% of the first \$200,000 of actual value of the residence to 50% of an amount of actual value of the residence equal to 50% of the estimated state median home value (median home value) for the state; except that, if the median home value declines, the exemption amount continues to be calculated based on the median home value used to calculate the exemption amount for the property tax years included in the prior cycle.

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Upon Adjournment Room 0112 (Capitol Ground Floor)

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hcr24-1001> **Senior Property Tax Exemption Portability (Rep DeGraaf and Rep Luck)**

The state constitution currently only allows a senior who has owned and occupied the senior's primary residence for 10 years, or the surviving spouse of such a senior, to claim a property tax exemption for 50% of the first \$200,000 of actual value of the primary residence (exemption). If approved by the voters of the state at the 2024 general election, the concurrent resolution will allow a senior, or the surviving spouse of such a senior, who has previously qualified for the exemption for 2016 or any later year for a prior primary residence to claim the exemption for the senior's current owner-occupied primary residence regardless of how long the senior has owned and occupied that residence.

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Upon Adjournment Room 0112 (Capitol Ground Floor)

Monday, March 4 2024 House State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb24-1029> **Prohibit Foreign Ownership Agriculture & Natural Resources (Rep Bradley)**

The bill prohibits, on or after January 1, 2025, a nonresident foreign citizen, foreign entity, or foreign government of the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, or any country determined by the United States secretary of state to be a state sponsor of terrorism (covered foreign person) from acquiring a controlling ownership share in agricultural land, mineral rights, or water rights (property interest) in the state (prohibition).

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