



# 2021 Healthier Colorado Legislative Scorecard



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# A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

**T**here are a few hallmarks of a typical political story with which we've all, sadly, become familiar. It goes like this. First, the people who were elected say one thing during their election campaign, but then don't follow through when they're in office. Because, second, the stakeholders with the most money end up having the ultimate say so that, finally, the status quo is maintained.

There were several junctures in our campaign to pass the "Colorado Option," a bill to provide people with a new, nation-leading, affordable health insurance choice, where it looked like this narrative was ready to settle in. Hospitals and insurance companies were up with ads on tv before the bill was even introduced. Then, they set a new state record in spending on lobbying against the bill. Legislators who we thought we could count on began to waver. We, meanwhile, had shown up with the belief that we can win by holding legislators accountable with everyday people.

Doing this isn't a part-time job. While the emails, phone calls, earned media, legislative testimony and other actions we facilitate during the legislative session generate a lot of attention, they color but one phase of what is a year-round endeavor. Yes, we won passage of the Colorado Option because of that grassroots barrage, but we also won because elected officials know we're not going away. This legislative scorecard is a critical tool that's part of a continuous effort not just to hold elected officials accountable for past action, but to set up success for the next session and beyond.

"Accountability" is about shining a light on the process and then sparking consequent action. Despite the negative connotation that the word "accountability" often carries, that word in our work means accounting for our champions as well. These champions are the ones who are helping us break that sad, cynical narrative, and they deserve to be celebrated. Thanks for taking the time to recognize them and our work.

Sincerely,



**Jake Williams**  
Executive Director  
Healthier Colorado



The mission of Healthier Colorado is to ensure all people have the opportunity to live a healthy life. We cannot reach this goal without pro-health policies at the Capitol and elected officials who put the health of Coloradans first. Throughout this scorecard, we recognize several elected officials for their leadership and hard work in a number of categories.

## WHO ARE OUR STATE LEGISLATORS

An elected official is a person that you choose, through your vote, to represent you in local, state, and federal government. This position is not promised, it is earned. One hundred state legislators - 65 Representatives and 35 Senators - represent you at the state capitol throughout the 120 day annual legislative session. Every day these individuals have an immense amount of influence over the laws that impact your ability to lead a healthy life.

## STAR RANKING

We rate every elected official based on their sponsorship, co-sponsorship, and votes on pro-health bills. The more a legislator sponsored and voted on the bills we scored, the more stars they received. The highest star ranking an elected official can earn is five stars. Elected officials who sponsor our **Tier 1** bills are scored higher because they've demonstrated a strong desire to invest their time and efforts to pass a bill - more than committing to a vote.

## TIER RANKING

As mighty as we may be, we can't devote 100% of our resources to every pro-health bill that is introduced. Instead, we tier bills to determine the level of support we are able to provide. We use the following standards to categorize the bills:

### TIER 1:

Healthier Colorado was present for the creation of the policy, expended all available resources to pass the bill, and was deeply involved in the legislative strategy.

### TIER 2:

Healthier Colorado supported the policy, stakeholder group, and legislative campaign, but were not intimately involved in the strategy and/or creation of the policy. Limited resources may be expended to support the campaign.

### TIER 3:

Healthier Colorado endorsed the policy and legislative campaign and spent a brief amount of time supporting the advancement of the policy.

## LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

Our Legislative Leadership Circle features elected officials who supported each of the 36 bills we scored. To be a member of our leadership circle, a legislator must vote on the side of health on every bill Healthier Colorado scored.



# Care Access

Every Coloradan deserves access to affordable, quality health care. High costs of care, inadequate or no insurance options, and lack of community services bar entry to our health system for many people. This year legislators worked tirelessly and overcame many obstacles to pass bills that make health care more affordable, equitable and accessible by addressing the underlying costs of health care. Additionally, the legislature passed bills to save money on emergency services and provide timely and affordable behavioral health services for Coloradans who need them.

## KEY BILLS

### COLORADO HEALTH INSURANCE OPTION HB21-1232

**Sponsors:** Representative Jodeh, Representative Roberts, Senator Donovan

**Pro-health Position:** Support

**Final Action:** Signed by Governor

**Summary:** The rising cost of health care is a crisis facing many of Colorado's families and small businesses, and many cannot afford to pay their medical bills even with insurance. Even before the pandemic, 1 in 5 Coloradans struggled to afford their health care costs or went without care altogether. Many small businesses can no longer afford to provide their employees insurance. The Colorado Option will expand access to health care and make it more affordable for Coloradans with health insurers being required to reduce premiums by 15% over three years, reduce out-of-pocket costs, and offer a standardized health plan in every Colorado county on the individual and small group market.

# 1,287

Coloradans lost their lives to suicide in 2019. This was not only an increase from the year before – but it was also a higher number of suicides than has ever been recorded in the state.



**1 in 5**

Coloradans can't afford their health care costs or go without care altogether.

## **NURSE INTAKE OF 911 CALLS PILOT PROGRAM** SB21-156

**Sponsors:** Representative Mullica, Senator Garcia

**Pro-health Position:** Support

**Final Action:** Signed by Governor

**Summary:** Many Coloradans still get non-emergency care in an emergency room. The Nurse Intake of 911 Calls Grant Program provides an opportunity to tackle this problem and divert non-emergency 911 callers to the appropriate level of care. This helps preserve the dispatch of ambulances for emergencies. As our state continues to prioritize lowering the cost of health care for all Coloradans, SB156 will be one of the tools to help us achieve affordable and accessible health care throughout the state, while maintaining and optimizing quality of care for Coloradans.

## **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION CREATION** HB21-1097

**Sponsors:** Representative Young , Representative Pelton, Senator Fields, Senator Gardner

**Pro-health Position:** Support

**Final Action:** Signed by Governor

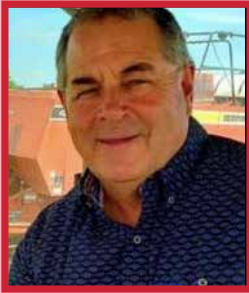
**Summary:** Too many Coloradans struggle to navigate and access critical behavioral health services in our state. This bill creates the Behavioral Health Administration to ensure that every Coloradan experiencing behavioral health needs has access to timely, high-quality services in their communities that they can afford. It tasks the Department of Human Services with creating a plan for a single state entity that would be responsible for administering and overseeing behavioral health programs in Colorado.



# Care Access

## LEGISLATOR WINNERS

## CARE ACCESS



### Senate Republicans

1. Cleave Simpson\*
2. Don Coram (tie)
2. Barbara Kirkmeyer (tie)
2. Kevin Priola (tie)



### Senate Democrats

1. Kerry Donovan (tie)\*
1. Sonya Jaquez Lewis (tie)\*
3. Jeff Bridges



### House Republicans

1. Marc Catlin\*
2. Mary Bradfield
3. Terri Carver (tie)
3. Perry Will (tie)



### House Democrats

1. Julie McCluskie (tie)\*
1. Dylan Roberts (tie)\*
3. Kyle Mullica



**1 in 6**

counties in Colorado  
only have one health care  
option recorded in  
the state.

# An Act

## BILLS SCORED

**HB21-1085** concerning secure transportation for an individual in behavioral health crisis

**HB21-1097** concerning recommendations from the Colorado behavioral health task force, and, in connection therewith, establishing a behavioral health administration

**HB21-1119** concerning lowering the suicide rate by enhancing care for persons affected by suicide, and, in connection therewith, broadening Colorado's focus to include suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention

**HB21-1135** Concerning protections for consumers who participate in health-care cost-sharing arrangements

**HB21-1232** concerning the establishment of a standardized health benefit plan to be offered in Colorado

**HB21-1237** concerning the creation of a competitive pharmacy benefits manager marketplace

**HB21-1307** concerning measures to increase access to prescription insulin for persons with diabetes

**SB21-011** concerning responsibilities of a pharmacist related to opiate antagonists

**SB21-085** concerning actuarial reviews of proposed legislation that may impose a new health benefit mandate on health benefit plans

**SB21-102** concerning the continuation of specific dental hygienist functions, and, in connection therewith, implementing the recommendations contained in the 2020 sunset report by the department of regulatory agencies

**SB21-123** Concerning expanding the Canadian prescription drug importation program to include prescription drug suppliers from nations other than Canada upon the enactment of legislation by the United States congress authorizing such practice

**SB21-138** concerning measures to improve the support of persons in the criminal justice system with a brain injury

**SB21-139** concerning reimbursement for dental care services provided through telehealth

**SB 21-156** concerning the creation of a pilot grant program for the use of nurses in 911 dispatch to help divert incoming 911 calls that do not require emergency medical service to other types of medical care



# Bridging the Gap

While we strive to ensure every Coloradan has the chance to live a healthy life, there are drastic disparities across the state – factors like zip code, family income, or race form barriers to receive the opportunities we all deserve. This session was transformational as lawmakers institutionalized equity into Colorado’s higher education funding formula, increased options for localities to advocate for the affordable housing needs of their communities, and formalized a successful program that helps ensure people leaving prison have the tools they need to succeed and lead healthy lives.

## KEY BILLS

### STATE ISSUED IDS UPON RELEASE

SB21-153

**Sponsors:** Representative Tipper, Representative Ortiz, Senator Coleman, Senator Cooke

**Pro-health Position:** Support

**Final Action:** Signed by Governor

**Summary:** People exiting the criminal justice system should have the opportunity to lead a just, healthy, and meaningful life. The most critical period for preventing recidivism is immediately after release, and state-issued IDs are essential in accessing some of the most needed resources like housing, public benefits, transportation, and employment. This bill codifies the Colorado Offender Identification Program and the partnership between Department of Corrections and Department of Revenue to ensure every eligible and participating offender in the program will leave with a state-issued ID card.

**77% increase**  
in Colorado average  
home values over the  
past decade, but the  
state’s median income  
went up just **4.5%**.





**45%**  
of individuals  
return within  
**three** years of  
their release.

## LOCAL SOLUTIONS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING HB21-1117

**Sponsors:** Representative Gonzales-Gutierrez, Representative Lontine, Senator Gonzales, Senator Rodriguez

**Pro-health Position:** Support

**Final Action:** Signed by Governor

**Summary:** Too many Coloradans struggle to afford the bedrock of their wellbeing—their home. Families paying excessive amounts of their income often have insufficient resources remaining for other essential needs including food, medical insurance, and health care. The affordable housing crisis is a multifaceted issue, but a key piece in beginning to solve it is ensuring that local governments have the tools available to provide their communities with affordable housing options. HB21-1117 removes the prohibition on municipalities that prevents them from requiring affordable housing options in new development and redevelopment projects.

## EQUITABLE FUNDING IN HIGHER EDUCATION – BUDGET LINE ITEM

**Pro-health Position:** Support

**Final Action:** Signed by Governor

**Summary:** Regardless of the home you grew up in or the community you came from - all students in Colorado should have the opportunity to achieve a higher education degree, as research shows that having a college degree is associated with higher median earnings and a healthier life. Yet Colorado's funding structure for higher education did not allocate the needed resources to universities serving Pell-eligible, first generation, or underrepresented minority college students to ensure that they would succeed and graduate with a degree. This budget line item prioritized more equitable funding so that institutions serving these students are able to invest in needed support systems to set each student up for success and graduation.



# Bridging the Gap

## LEGISLATOR WINNERS

## BRIDGING THE GAP



### Senate Republicans

1. John Cooke (tie)\*
1. Bob Rankin (tie)\*
3. Kevin Priola

### House Republicans

1. Colin Larson\*
2. Rod Bockenfeld (tie)
2. Rod Pelton (tie)



### Senate Democrats

1. Julie Gonzales (tie)\*
1. Dominick Moreno (tie)\*
3. James Coleman

### House Democrats

1. Leslie Herod\*
2. Susan Lontine
3. Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez (tie)
3. David Ortiz (tie)
3. Kerry Tipper (tie)
3. Mike Weissman (tie)

## Research shows

that having a college degree is associated with a healthier lifestyle, potentially reducing future health care costs.

# An Act

## BILLS SCORED

**HB21-1117** concerning the ability of local governments to promote the development of new affordable housing units pursuant to their existing authority to regulate land use within their territorial boundaries

**HB21-1214** concerning increased eligibility for procedures to reduce collateral sanctions experienced by defendants

**SB21-018** concerning continuing the necessary document program indefinitely

**SB21-062** concerning measures to reduce jail populations

**SB21-148** concerning the creation of the financial empowerment office in the department of law

**SB21-153** concerning a program to assist offenders with acquiring state-issued identification

**SB21-169** concerning protecting consumers from unfair discrimination in insurance practices

**SB21-173** concerning rights related to residential rental agreement

**SB21-181** concerning state agencies addressing health disparities in Colorado

**SB21-193** concerning the protection of a pregnant person's rights during the perinatal period

**SB21-194** concerning maternal health, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation

Higher Education Budget Line item-Equity funding



# Healthy Communities

All of Colorado's communities deserve the same chance at living a healthy life. Our lawmakers have the power to put the communities throughout our state on equal footing—or to let some communities fall behind. This year legislators worked to tackle future public health emergencies, unify Colorado's early childhood education services, and expand protections for youth against highly concentrated THC products.

## KEY BILLS

### **COLORADO'S HEALTH CARE SERVICES RESERVE CORPS** HB21-1005


**Sponsors:** Representative Caraveo, Representative Mullica, President Garcia

**Pro-health Position:** Support

**Final Action:** Signed by Governor

**Summary:** The COVID-19 pandemic and unprecedented wildfires have demonstrated Colorado's vulnerabilities to health emergencies and crises. The Colorado Health Care Services Reserve Corps will help to ensure that Colorado has a prepared and cross trained medical workforce ready to save lives and respond to emergencies in the future. HB21-1005 will convene a state-level task force to make informed decisions and lay out the blueprint for a Health Care Services Reserve Corp.

2019 Healthy Kids Colorado Survey found over **50%** of Colorado students felt it would be easy or very easy to get the marijuana they wanted.



In 2020,  
Colorado saw more  
than 100 days of fire,  
and the two biggest  
wildfires in state history  
scorched a combined

**400,000  
acres.**

## UNIFIED EARLY CHILDHOOD SYSTEM

HB21-1304

**Sponsors:** Representative Sirota, Speaker Garnett, Senator Fenberg, Senator Buckner

**Pro-health Position:** Support

**Final Action:** Signed by Governor

**Summary:** The early years of a child's life are some of the most critical to positively affect their academic, health, and life outcomes. Yet this is often a time when many families do not have the support they need and the trajectory of a child's life can be severely impacted. By establishing a Department of Early Childhood, HB21-1304 will promote alignment and quality in our early childhood systems, improve access to high-quality early childhood experiences, and thoughtfully implement Proposition EE—voluntary universal pre-school.

## REGULATING MARIJUANA CONCENTRATES

HB21-1317

**Sponsors:** Representative Caraveo, Speaker Garnett, Senator Hansen, Senator Lundeen

**Pro-health Position:** Support

**Final Action:** Signed by Governor

**Summary:** HB21-1317 takes several important steps in prioritizing the health and safety of Colorado kids and their developing brains. While medical marijuana has been legal in Colorado for decades, research and thoughtful evaluation of the effects of high potency THC products on developing brains has lagged behind the need. HB21-1317 requires research be conducted by the Colorado School of Public Health that analyzes the health and mental health effects of high potency THC, creates new regulatory measures to protect public health, ensures more robust tracking systems of high potency medical THC, bolsters the patient/provider relationship, expands education about high potency THC, and closes loopholes that will help keep these products out of the hands of our kids.



# Healthy Communities

## LEGISLATOR WINNERS | HEALTHY COMMUNITIES



### Senate Republicans

1. Kevin Priola\*
2. John Cooke
3. Barbara Kirkmeyer



### Senate Democrats

1. Janet Buckner (tie)\*
1. Leroy Garcia (tie)\*
3. Rachel Zenzinger



### House Republicans

1. Colin Larson (tie)\*
1. Perry Will (tie)\*
3. Terri Carver



### House Democrats

1. Yadira Caraveo\*
2. Kyle Mullica
3. Mary Young

Use of products with high concentrations of THC are associated with higher rates of acute psychotic symptoms such as hallucinations, paranoia, and higher risk of mental health issues like depression, and general anxiety disorder.

\* pictured

**2,100**

nurses are  
estimated to retire  
each year creating a  
consistent gap.

# An Act

## BILLS SCORED

**HB21-1005** Concerning the establishment of the health care services reserve corps task force

**HB21-1021** Concerning supporting the peer support professional workforce

**HB21-1030** Concerning expanding the peace officers behavioral health support grant program to include community partnerships

**HB21-1058** (Opposed) Concerning measures to promote social distancing for legal marijuana, and, in connection therewith, modifying the physical examination procedure to obtain a medical marijuana card and repealing the prohibition on selling retail marijuana products online and to a person not physically present in the retail marijuana store's licensed premises

**HB21-1107** Concerning protections for certain public health workers

**HB21-1191** (Opposed) Concerning the prohibition against discrimination based on the refusal to obtain a COVID-19 vaccine

**HB21-1281** Concerning the creation of the community behavioral health disaster preparedness and response program in the department of public health and environment to ensure behavioral health is adequately represented within disaster preparedness and response efforts across the state

**HB21-1304** Concerning measures to establish a unified early childhood system in Colorado, and, in connection therewith, creating the department of early childhood

**HB21-1317** Concerning the regulation of marijuana for safe consumption

**SB21-182** Concerning school discipline, and, in connection therewith, addressing disproportionate disciplinary practices and chronic absenteeism and supporting students at risk of dropping out of school



# Healthier Colorado's 2021 Legislative Leadership Circle

Our Legislative Leadership Circle features elected officials who supported each of the 36 bills we scored. To be a member of our leadership circle, elected officials are scored on the percentage of votes they took on pro-health policies. Elected officials who received a 100% voting record have earned their place in Healthier Colorado's Legislative Leadership Circle and we are honored to recognize them as true health champions.

## Legislative Leadership Circle

### SENATORS

Jeff Bridges  
Janet Buckner  
James Coleman  
Jessie Danielson  
Kerry Donovan  
Steve Fenberg

Rhonda Fields  
Leroy Garcia  
Joann Ginal  
Chris Hansen  
Sonya Jaquez Lewis  
Chris Kolker

Pete Lee  
Dominick Moreno  
Brittany Pettersen  
Robert Rodriguez  
Tammy Story  
Faith Winter

### REPRESENTATIVES

Judy Amabile  
Jennifer Bacon  
Tracey Bernett  
Shannon Bird  
Andrew Boesenecker  
Yadira Caraveo  
Lisa Cutter  
Lindsey Daugherty  
Monica Duran  
Daneya Esgar  
Tony Exum  
Meg Froelich  
Alec Garnett

Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez  
Leslie Herod  
Dominique Jackson  
Iman Jodeh  
Cathy Kipp  
Susan Lontine  
Julie McCluskie  
Karen McCormick  
Barbara McLachlan  
Dafna Michaelson Jenet  
Kyle Mullica  
David Ortiz  
Naquetta Ricks

Dylan Roberts  
Emily Sirota  
Marc Snyder  
Tom Sullivan  
Brianna Titone  
Mike Weissman  
Steven Woodrow  
Mary Young





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★★★★★	Jeff Bridges (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
★★★★	Janet Buckner (D)		✓	✓	SP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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★★★★★	Kerry Donovan (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
★★★★★	Steve Fenberg (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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★★★★★	Brittany Pettersen (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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★★★★★	Robert Rodriguez (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
★	Ray Scott (R)		—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	✓
★★	Cleave Simpson (R)		✓	✓	SP	✓	✓	SP	—	✓
★	Jim Smallwood (R)		—	E	✓	E	✓	✓	E	✓
★	Jerry Sonnenberg (R)		—	✓	✓	—	✓	✓	—	✓
★★★★★	Tammy Story (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
★★★★★	Faith Winter (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
★	Rob Woodward (R)		—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	✓
★★★★★	Rachel Zenzinger (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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TIER 2

TIER 3

# 2021 SENATE VOTES

## Scorecard

SB-156	SB-169	SB-173	SB-181	SB-193	SB-194	HB-1005	HB-1021	HB-1030	HB-1085	HB-1097	HB-1107	HB-1117	HB-1119	HB-1214	HB-1232	HB-1237	HB-1281	HB-1304	HB-1307	HB-1317
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★★★★	Barbara McLachlan (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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# Final Bills Scored

## TIER 1

- HB21-1005** Concerning the establishment of the health care services reserve corps task force
- HB21-1117** Concerning the ability of local governments to promote the development of new affordable housing units pursuant to their existing authority to regulate land use within their territorial boundaries
- HB21-1232** Concerning the establishment of a standardized health benefit plan to be offered in Colorado
- SB21-153** Concerning a program to assist offenders with acquiring state-issued identification
- Higher Education Budget Line item-Equity funding

## TIER 2

- HB21-1304** Concerning measures to establish a unified early childhood system in Colorado, and, in connection therewith, creating the department of early childhood
- HB21-1307** Concerning measures to increase access to prescription insulin for persons with diabetes
- HB21-1317** Concerning the regulation of marijuana for safe consumption
- HB21-1030** Concerning expanding the peace officers behavioral health support grant program to include community partnerships
- SB21-182** Concerning school discipline, and, in connection therewith, addressing disproportionate disciplinary practices and chronic absenteeism and supporting students at risk of dropping out of school
- SB 21-139** Concerning reimbursement for dental care services provided through telehealth

## TIER 3

- HB21-1021** Concerning supporting the peer support professional workforce
- HB21-1085** Concerning secure transportation for an individual in behavioral health crisis
- HB21-1097** Concerning recommendations from the Colorado behavioral health task force, and, in connection therewith, establishing a behavioral health administration
- HB21-1107** Concerning protections for certain public health workers
- HB21-1119** Concerning lowering the suicide rate by enhancing care for persons affected by suicide, and, in connection therewith, broadening Colorado's focus to include suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention
- HB21-1135** Concerning protections for consumers who participate in health-care cost-sharing arrangements
- HB21-1214** Concerning increased eligibility for procedures to reduce collateral sanctions experienced by defendants
- HB21-1237** Concerning the creation of a competitive pharmacy benefits manager marketplace
- HB21-1281** Concerning the creation of the community behavioral health disaster preparedness and response program in the department of public health and environment to ensure behavioral health is adequately represented within disaster preparedness and response efforts across the state
- SB21-011** Concerning responsibilities of a pharmacist related to opiate antagonists
- SB21-018** Concerning continuing the necessary document program indefinitely
- SB21-062** Concerning measures to reduce jail populations
- SB21-085** Concerning actuarial reviews of proposed legislation that may impose a new health benefit mandate on health benefit plans
- SB21-102** Concerning the continuation of specific dental hygienist functions, and, in connection therewith, implementing the recommendations contained in the 2020 sunset report by the department of regulatory agencies
- SB21-123** Concerning expanding the Canadian prescription drug importation program to include prescription drug suppliers from nations other than Canada upon the enactment of legislation by the United States congress authorizing such practice
- SB21-138** Concerning measures to improve the support of persons in the criminal justice system with a brain injury
- SB21-148** Concerning the creation of the financial empowerment office in the department of law
- SB21-156** Concerning the creation of a pilot grant program for the use of nurses in 911 dispatch to help divert incoming 911 calls that do not require emergency medical service to other types of medical care
- SB21-169** Concerning protecting consumers from unfair discrimination in insurance practices
- SB21-173** Concerning rights related to residential rental agreement
- SB21-181** Concerning state agencies addressing health disparities in Colorado
- SB21-193** Concerning the protection of a pregnant person's rights during the perinatal period
- SB21-194** Concerning maternal health, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation

## OPPOSED

- HB 21-1058** Concerning measures to promote social distancing for legal marijuana, and, in connection therewith, modifying the physical examination procedure to obtain a medical marijuana card and repealing the prohibition on selling retail marijuana products online and to a person not physically present in the retail marijuana store's licensed premises
- HB 21-1191** Concerning the prohibition against discrimination based on the refusal to obtain a COVID-19 vaccine

- Total stars were awarded to Senators based on dividing members into quintiles after ranking members 1-35 based on their total percentage of their overall voting and sponsorship records.
- Total stars were awarded to Representatives based on dividing members into quintiles after ranking members 1-65 based on their total percentage of their overall voting and sponsorship records.
- Methodology for awarding points:
  - Only votes with a recorded third reading were scored for the entire General Assembly

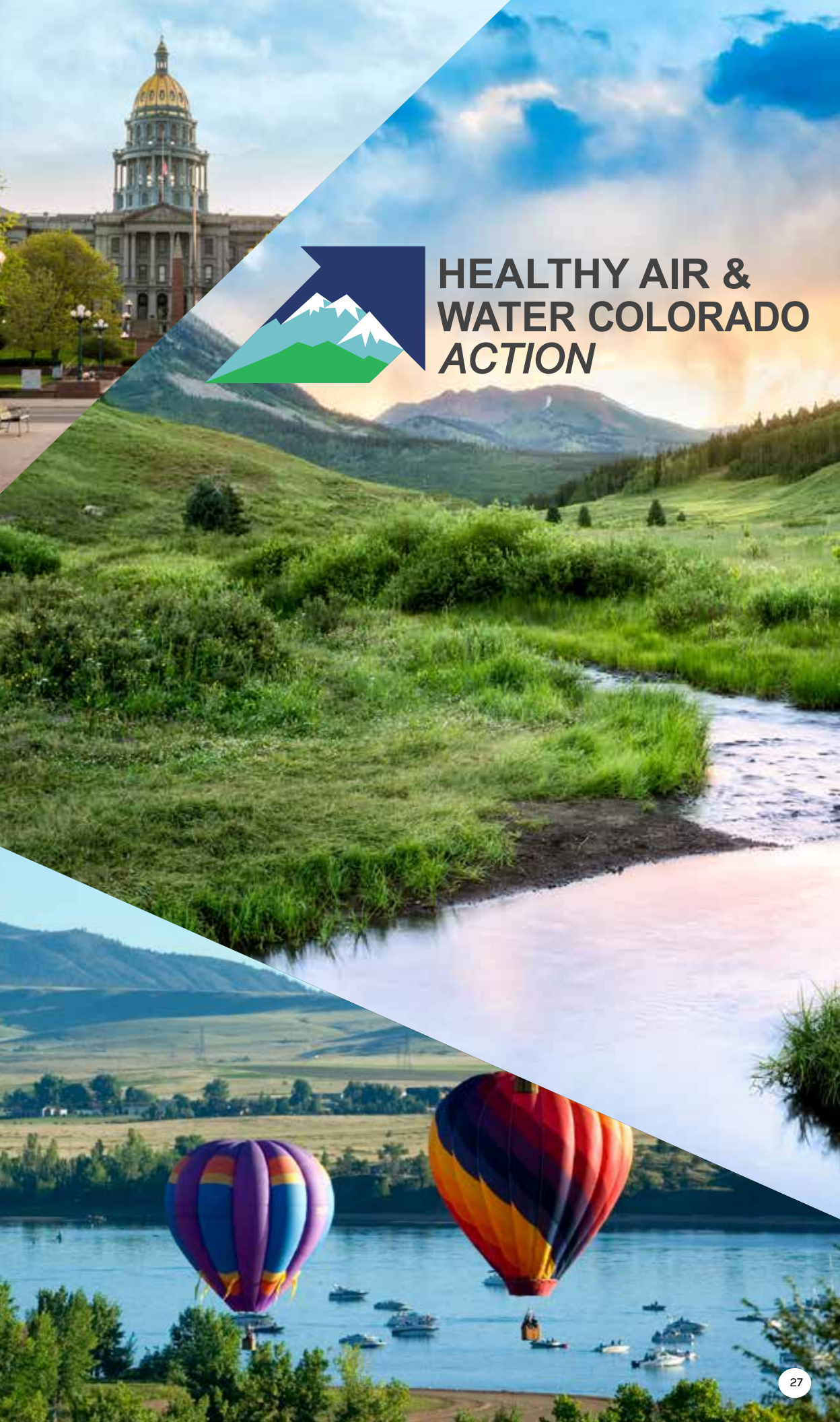
- Points for sponsorships are included regardless of a third reading vote taking place.
- Sponsorship of a Healthier Colorado Tier 1 Bill = +3 points
- Sponsorship of a Healthier Colorado Tier 2 Bill = +1 points
- Sponsorship of a Healthier Colorado Tier 3 Bill = +0.333 points
- Votes aligned with a prohealth position +0.333 points
- Votes against a prohealth position resulted in no points being awarded
- Votes occurring when legislators were excused or absent were not included in their final score.







**Healthy Air and Water Colorado Action is Healthier Colorado’s sister organization that focuses exclusively on public policy that addresses the growing public health threats posed by climate change. We know that worsening air quality, rising temperatures and threats to water availability and quality – all products of climate change – have profound impacts on human health, particularly for our most vulnerable community members like those with existing health issues and children. While our Healthier Colorado work focuses on broadly mobilizing grassroots Coloradans, our charge with this project is to engage health care professionals, including frontline health care providers who see and treat the real health issues caused by our changing environment.**



# HEALTHY AIR & WATER COLORADO ACTION



# Healthy Air & Water Colorado

## KEY BILLS

### REGULATE AIR TOXINS

HB21-1189

**Sponsors:** Representative Valdez, Representative Benavidez, Senator Moreno, Senator Gonzales

**Pro-health Position:** Support

**Final Action:** Signed by Governor

**Summary:** Dangerous emissions of toxics like benzene, hydrogen cyanide, and hydrogen sulfide cause a range of negative health effects for communities that live near the polluters – increased rates of asthma and chronic lung disease, heart disease, seizures, and increased mortalities. A lack of adequate monitoring and publicly available pollution emission data has made it difficult to protect the health of these communities that are predominantly black, indigenous, low-income, and communities of color. Fenceline and community monitoring provisions in this law will allow communities to know what's in their air and demand action to further protect the public health of their families, neighbors, and community.

### ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

HB21-1266

**Sponsors:** Representative Jackson, Representative Weissman, Senator Winter, Senator Buckner

**Pro-health Position:** Support

**Final Action:** Signed by Governor

**Summary:** Climate change is having significant health consequences due to more ozone pollution, drier crop fields, severe heat, increased natural disasters, and more. Some communities feel those effects more than others: black, indigenous, low-income, and communities of color are more at risk of those negative health impacts. HB 1266 addresses this issue by driving investments in disproportionately impacted communities for climate resilience programs, creating a climate justice ombudsperson and advisory board to promote equity within state policies and programs, and drive emissions reductions across Colorado in the oil & gas, electric, and industrial sectors.



## TRANSFERS FOR WILDFIRE MITIGATION AND RESPONSE SB21-054

**Sponsors:** Representative McCluskie, Senator Rankin, Senator Hansen

**Pro-health Position:** Support

**Final Action:** Signed by Governor

**Summary:** Climate change is making our wildfire season longer and more intense. 2020 saw the three largest fires in state history, and 7 of the largest 10 wildfires in recorded history have occurred since 2010. In addition to the immediate health impacts of wildfires such as burns, Coloradans are also experiencing the long-term effects of smoke inhalation which leads to increased asthma and COPD, respiratory illness, and lung cancer from particulate matter release. Sixty-two of Coloradans agree that wildfire mitigation in tandem with policies that address climate change are the best approach in dealing with worsening wildfire seasons. This bill funds critical programs that will allow the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) to ramp up mitigation efforts across the state and deter the worst symptoms of ravenous wildfires.

## ELECTRIC UTILITY PROMOTE BENEFICIAL ELECTRIFICATION SB21-246

**Sponsors:** Representative Froelich, Representative Valdez, Senator Fenberg

**Pro-health Position:** Support

**Final Action:** Signed by Governor

**Summary:** According to Colorado's Pollution Reduction Roadmap, our built environment - residential, commercial, and industrial buildings - are a leading cause of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the state. Our furnaces, stoves, water heaters, and other fossil-fuel powered appliances release methane into the atmosphere. In addition, our appliances reduce the air quality inside of our homes. Gas powered appliances release nitrogen oxide and carbon monoxide, the same chemicals that come out of our car's tailpipes, in our homes, potentially causing increased rates of asthma, impaired brain function, and respiratory illness. This law ensures our investor-owned utilities create programs that make it easier for customers to purchase cleaner appliances, like heat pumps, that reduce methane emissions into the atmosphere and promote healthier indoor air quality.



# Healthy Air & Water Colorado

## LEGISLATOR WINNERS | HAWC



### Senate Republicans

1. Kevin Priola\*
2. Bob Rankin
3. Cleave Simpson



### Senate Democrats

1. Faith Winter\*
2. Dominick Moreno
3. Steve Fenberg (tie)
3. Julie Gonzales (tie)



### House Republicans

1. Marc Catlin\*
2. Perry Will
3. Kim Ransom



### House Democrats

1. Alex Valdez\*
2. Matt Gray
3. Lisa Cutter (tie)
3. Dominique Jackson (tie)

The 2021 wildfire season in Colorado was the worst year on record, witnessing the three largest fires in state history.

\* pictured

A recent study done of a single year in Colorado concluded that **174 deaths, 256 hospitalizations, and 1,432 emergency room visits** were directly attributable to wildfire smoke inhalation.

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## BILLS SCORED\*\*

**HB21-1005** Concerning the establishment of the health care services reserve corps task force

**HB21-1008** Concerned Increased Options for Financing Forest Health Projects, and, In Connection Therewith Financing Wildfire Mitigation Treatments

**HB21-1034** (Opposed) Consumer Right to Use Natural Gas or Propane

**HB21-1181** Agricultural Soil Health Program

**HB21-1189** Regulate Air Toxins

**HB21-1208** Natural Disaster Mitigation Enterprise

**HB21-1238** Public Utilities Commission Modernize Gas Utility Demand-side Management Standards

**HB21-1242** Agricultural Drought & Climate Resiliency Office

**HB21-1266** Environmental Justice Disproportionately Impacted Communities

**HB21-1286** Energy Performance for Buildings

**HB21-1303** Global Warming Potential For Public Project Materials

**SB21-054** Transfers for Wildfire Mitigation and Response

**SB21-200** Reduce Greenhouse Gases Increase Environmental Justice

**SB21-246** Electric Utility Promote Beneficial Electrification

\*\* While most bills are scored on the original third reading vote, we scored the repassage third reading vote on HB21-1266 to reflect the significant amendments made in the Senate chamber that incorporated key climate provisions of SB21-200.



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