

Healthier Colorado Legislative Scorecard 2023





A note from the Executive Director

In the state legislative process, your participation as an advocate truly matters. Many pieces of legislation introduced by legislators, for example, are ideas presented to them by **YOU**, their constituents. Your lived experiences, expertise, and ideas are foundational to passing policy that helps everyone lead a healthy life. But it's not always as easy as you might think, even when the checkerboard is perceivably stacked in your favor. We entered the 2023 legislative session with a Democratic Governor fresh off a 20-point re-election victory, and a State House and Senate in which Democrats commanded control with historically large caucuses. Surely, you might surmise, the 2023 session was basically pre-scripted. As it turned out - no, not really.

This is not indicative of a particular party or leader's ability to accomplish their agenda. Rather, it's a reality of the process AND the politics. Assuming pre-ordained outcomes, even in an environment of single-party control, is folly. That's why it wasn't just Republicans who did not get everything they wanted in this year's legislative session. Notably, Democrats suffered big losses too. The skill and strength with which a perspective on a piece of legislation is presented still very much matters, and you cannot rely on the letter behind your name to get your bills passed.

We at Healthier Colorado and Healthy Air and Water Colorado didn't get everything we wanted either, but, at the same time, the bigger picture story of this session helps explain why we take our particular political approach. We're not wedded to a particular party and are instead focused on the advancement of our mission, hence our mantra: "no permanent friends, no permanent enemies, only permanent interests." That's also why we invest so heavily, on a year-round basis, to build the political strength needed to win at the State Capitol. We're committed to building champions for health, not strengthening a particular party.

This scorecard is a critical piece of our strategy. Keeping score of legislators' alignment with **YOUR** interests at heart, regardless of party, informs who we support each election. This, in turn, impacts which legislators come back to the State Capitol, and helps build relationships with legislators who can be champions for your health.

Just like using your voice during the state legislative session matters, so does putting your eyeballs on this scorecard. Our accountability efforts can only be as strong as the people we mobilize to support them. Thank you for helping to write a story in which every Coloradan has the opportunity to live a healthy life.

Jake Williams
CEO. Healthier Colorado



Becoming a Health Champion

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. 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 supports the policy, stakeholder group, and legislative campaign, but were not intimately involved in the strategy and/or creation of the policy.

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 whose position aligned with Healthier Colorado on each of the 49 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 in need of care. This year legislators worked tirelessly to address those barriers and increase access to care by expanding access to therapeutic mental health medication through specially trained psychologists, removing barriers to improve access to behavioral health services for youth, and improving meaningful access to affordable dental health insurance.

KEY BILLS

LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY HB23-1071

Sponsors: Rep. Amabile, Rep. Bradfield, Sen. Simpson, Sen. Fenberg

Pro-health Position: Support

Final Action: Signed by the Governor

Summary: Timely and streamlined access to psychotherapy and medication for mental and behavioral health conditions is vital in preventing serious mental health emergencies. Unfortunately, many Coloradans must go through multiple appointments with separate providers to access life-saving mental health medication. HB23-1071 streamlines mental health treatments by allowing licensed psychologists who undergo additional and extensive education and training the ability to prescribe and unprescribe psychotropic medications while continuing to address the root causes of mental health conditions through therapeutic interventions.

63.1%

of youth with major depression do not receive any mental health treatment.



ACCESS TO CERTAIN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES SB23-174

Sponsors: Sen. Kolker, Sen. Gardner, Rep. Lukens, Rep. Winter

Pro-health Position: Support

Final Action: Signed by the Governor

Summary: Approximately half (48.4%) of all mental health disorders begin before adulthood, and evidence shows the value of early intervention and preventative-focused solutions in addressing mental health conditions before they escalate to crisis situations. Yet, many Colorado youth and their families face significant barriers to mental health treatment and services. SB23-174 expands access to behavioral health care for youth by requiring the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) to provide a limited set of behavioral health services -including individual and family therapy, preventative services, education, case management, and treatment planning- to Medicaid recipients under 21 without forcing young Coloradans to go through the process of acquiring a formal diagnosis.

DENTAL PLANS MEDICAL LOSS RATIO SB23-179

Sponsors: Sen. Moreno, Sen. Will, Rep. Hartsook, Rep. Daugherty

Pro-health Position: Support

Final Action: Signed by the Governor

Summary: Meaningful insurance coverage is one of the most important factors behind people and their families being able to access dental care. Many Coloradans rely on dental insurance to access and afford oral health care. This bill requires health insurance carriers offering dental plans to report how they are spending premiums on services that improve patient care and outcomes compared to spending on administrative, marketing, and other operational costs. These transparency standards will bring more accountability to the dental insurance marketplace and ensure patients get the most value from their dental plan.



Care Access

LEGISLATOR WINNERS | CARE ACCESS



Senate Democrats

- 1. Steve Fenberg*
- 2. Rhonda Fields
- 3. Chris Kolker



Senate Republicans

- 1. Cleave Simpson*
- 2. Perry Will
- 3. Bob Gardner



House Democrats

- 1. Judy Amabile*
- 2. Iman Jodeh
- 3. Dafna Michaelson Jenet



House Republicans

- 1. Mary Bradfield*
- 2. Ty Winter
- 3. Matt Soper

Coloradans
with dental insurance
were more likely to
utilize dental services
at a rate of

81%.





BILLS SCORED

HB 23-1002	Affordability of epinephrine auto-injectors
HB 23-1071	Authority of a licensed psychologist to prescribe psychotropic medication for the treatment of mental health disorders
HB 23-1110	Requiring health care coverage for biomarker testing
HB 23-1183	Medicaid prior authorization requests for a step-therapy exception
HB 23-1201	Prescription drug benefits contract term requirements
HB 23-1215	Limitations on hospital facility fees
HB 23-1224	Changes to the "Colorado Standardized Health Benefit Plan Act"
HB 23-1226	Transparency requirements for hospitals
HB 23-1227	Enforcement of requirements imposed on pharmacy benefit managers
HB 23-1269	Efforts to promote clinical stabilization for youth involved in the behavioral health system
HB 23-1303	Protections in the event of an insurance company failure
SB 23-033	Prior authorization exemption for Medicaid coverage of medications treating serious mental illness
SB 23-083	Expansion of a physician assistant's ability to practice
SB 23-174	Access to behavioral health services for Medicaid recipients under twenty-one years of age
SB 23-179	Insurance carrier requirements for health coverage plans
SB 23-188	Protections for accessing reproductive health 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 state lawmakers increased funding for community-based programs to better serve justice-involved youth, improved Coloradans' financial well-being by limiting medical debt from impacting credit reports, and authorized a study to improve access to individuals with severe and persistent mental illness.

KEY BILLS

REDUCE JUSTICE-INVOLVEMENT FOR YOUNG CHILDREN HB23-1249

Sponsors: Rep. Armagost, Rep. Gonzales-Gutierrez, Sen. Coleman, Sen. Simpson

Pro-health Position: Support

Final Action: Signed by the Governor

Summary: Research proves that the most effective way to increase public safety and prevent future crime is to intervene with successful practices at a young age. For Colorado kids ages 10 to 12, the status quo of pushing them through the juvenile justice system isn't making things better. This bill follows the evidence and serves kids in a way that reduces the likelihood of recidivism by allowing local Collaborative Management Programs to voluntarily serve justice-involved youth and provides them with additional infrastructure and funding to meet the needs of children and families. Additionally, the Department of Human Services and district attorneys are required to report data to the legislature to consider the effectiveness of their approaches to serving young children. These are vital steps to preventing youth crime and victimization and keeping communities safe.

Youth who interact with the justice system are

more likely to be arrested by the time they are 20.

1 in 8

Coloradans has debt in collections after seeking medical care – over 700,000 people statewide.



CONSUMER REPORTS NOT INCLUDE MEDICAL DEBT INFORMATION HB23-1126

Sponsors: Rep. Ricks, Rep. Weinberg, Sen. Exum

Pro-health Position: Support

Final Action: Signed by the Governor

Summary: The inclusion of medical debt on consumer reports that indicate creditworthiness can have long-lasting and detrimental effects on a person's health and financial well-being. The burden of medical debt disproportionately impacts certain groups, including people of color, people with disabilities, individuals with low- and moderate incomes, and members of the LGBTQ+ community. HB23-1126 prevents most medical debt from being included in consumer credit reports, prohibits debt collectors and collection agencies from using false or deceptive means to collect on medical debts, and requires that consumers be informed that medical debt will not be factored into credit scores. This bill also requires a study of the impacts of medical debt on financial health and economic stability for various racial groups and income levels, which will provide vital information for future action.

PATHWAYS TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE HB23-1153

Sponsors: Sponsors: Rep. Amabile, Rep. Armagost, Sen. Pelton, Sen. Rodriguez

Pro-health Position: Support

Final Action: Signed by the Governor

Summary: People who struggle with severe and persistent mental illness often face many barriers to getting necessary care, particularly if they do not have safe and stable housing. Without adequate places in the community with access to supportive services, the local jail or emergency department becomes the default option to get housing and treatment, creating a harmful cycle of negative outcomes. This bill authorizes a feasibility study to explore potential pathways for Colorado to assist individuals with serious mental illness with treatment, recovery, and housing to prevent jail or homelessness.



Bridging the Gap

LEGISLATOR WINNERS

BRIDGING THE GAP



Senate Democrats

- 1. Julie Gonzales*
- 2. Nick Hinrichsen
- 3. James Coleman



Senate Republicans

- 1. Cleave Simpson*
- 2. Bob Gardner (tie)
- 2. Bryon Pelton (tie)



House Democrats

- 1. Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez*
- 2. Judy Amabile
- 3. Iman Jodeh



House Republicans

- 1. Ryan Armagost*
- 2. Mary Bradfield
- 3. Rick Taggart

260,000

adults and children in Colorado need treatment for severe mental illnesses.





BILLS SCORED

HB 23-1114	The designation of state institutions of higher education as first-generation-serving institutions
HB 23-1117	Requirements for affidavits of support related to eligibility for public benefits in Colorado
HB 23-1126	Inclusion of certain items of information in consumer reports, and, in connection therewith, prohibiting the reporting of medical debt information by consumer reporting agencies, prohibiting debt collectors and collection agencies from falsely representing that medical debt information will be included in a consumer report or failing to timely disclose that, with certain exceptions, medical debt will not be included in a consumer report
HB 23- 1153	Feasibility study to determine pathways to behavioral health care for people with serious mental illness
HB 23-1164	Opioid harm reduction (Opposed)
HB 23-1186	Remote participation in a residential eviction filed in county court
HB 23-1187	Alternatives in the criminal justice system for pregnant persons
HB 23-1249	Measures to improve outcomes for young children by replacing justice involvement with community-based services
HB 23-1307	Enhanced supports for youth who are in detention
SB 23-001	Additional functions of the public-private collaboration unit for public projects that provide housing
SB 23-109	Criminal penalty for the supplier when a person dies as a result of the use of a controlled substance (Opposed)
SB 23-157	The continuation of the offender reentry grant program
SB 23-170	Extreme risk protection orders



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 debated ways to increase access to diverse housing options, improved access to community health workers by expanding Medicaid reimbursement, and created a mental health screening program for middle and high school students.

KEY BILLS

LAND USE SB23-213

Sponsors: Sen. Moreno, Rep. Jodeh, Rep. Woodrow

Pro-health Position: Support

Final Action: Died on the Senate calendar

Summary: Coloradans across the state can't find homes because there are not enough being built, and the available ones are too expensive to rent or buy. In order to afford a home, people are moving further and further away from the communities close to work and family, which is leading to more traffic, pollution, and workforce shortages. This bill would have created a first-of-its-kind statewide housing plan to determine the housing needs across communities, providing localities with the opportunity to build more types of homes that would fit the needs and budgets of diverse families across the state, while streamlining housing affordability and equity standards.

Colorado needs to build nearly

500,000 homes in order to lower costs and meet the needs of people and families.



Community Health Workers have been proven to yield

\$2.47

for every dollar invested.



MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES SB23-002

Sponsors: Sen. Mullica, Sen. Simpson, Rep. McCluskie, Rep. Bradfield

Pro-health position: Support

Final Action: Signed by the Governor

Summary: Community Health Workers (CHWs) link community members to essential health and social programs to promote access to community-based services and help patients navigate the complicated healthcare system. The important work of these diverse workers has been shown to reduce health disparities, improve health outcomes, and lower healthcare costs. This bill expands access to CHWs by enabling Medicaid reimbursement for some of the services they provide. The model will be co-developed in partnership with CHWs, consumer advocates, public health agencies, and healthcare providers to ensure a successful implementation that will lead to positive outcomes and improved health equity across Colorado.

SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT HB23-1003

Sponsors: Rep. Michaelson Jenet, Sen. Cutter

Pro-health position: Support

Final Action: Signed by the Governor

Summary: Data shows that half of all mental health disorders, including anxiety and depression, begin before the age of 14, and 75% of disorders have an onset before age 24. This bill creates a mental health screening program for kids in 6th to 12th grades to identify potential risks related to unmet mental or emotional health needs. It will ensure early identification of students who may be struggling with their mental health so they may receive timely access to important referrals and supportive services. Early interventions can help youth and their families address issues before they escalate into more serious conditions and emergencies.



Healthy Communities

LEGISLATOR WINNERS HEALTHY COMMUNITIES



Senate Democrats

- 1. Dominick Moreno*
- 2. Lisa Cutter
- 3. Rhonda Fields (tie)
- 3. Julie Gonzales (tie)



Senate Republicans

- 1. Cleave Simpson*
- 2. Janice Rich
- 3. Byron Pelton (tie)
- 3. Rod Pelton (tie)
- 3. Perry Will (tie)





House Democrats

- 1. Iman Jodeh* (tie)
- 1. Steven Woodrow* (tie)
- 3. Judy Amabile



House Republicans

- 1. Mary Bradfield*
- 2. Richard Holtorf
- 3. Rick Taggart

Students who receive early mental health support are more likely to graduate, attend college, and have improved mental health outcomes.





BILLS SCORED

HB 23-1003	Concerning the creation of the "Sixth Through Twelfth Grade Mental Health Screening Act"
HB 23-1008	Tax policies related to the accessibility of food
HB 23-1167	Persons who report emergency overdose events in good faith
HB 23-1202	Ability of a municipality to authorize the establishment of life- saving overdose prevention centers
HB 23-1219	Establishing a minimum three-day waiting period prior to the delivery of a purchased firearm
HB 23-1236	Implementation updates to the behavioral health administration
HB 23-1243	Changes to the hospital community benefit
HB 23-1254	The conditions covered under the warranty of habitability for residential premises
HB 23-1255	Preemption of local regulations limiting the number of building permits issued for development
SB 23-002	Seeking federal authorization for Medicaid reimbursement for services provided by a community health worker
SB 23-023	CPR training for high school students
SB 23-081	Allowing equitable patient access to medical marijuana in Colorado (Opposed)
SB 23-206	Information about radon in residential real property transactions
SB 23-213	State land use requirements



Early Childhood

Kids deserve every opportunity to grow into successful, healthy adults. Decisions that legislators make today can have both positive and detrimental outcomes on the well-being of our children that can last a lifetime. Factors like access to health care, quality early childhood education, nutritious foods, and stable, safe housing can predetermine whether young people can be healthy as adults. It's critical that the public knows where their elected officials stand when it comes to kids and their efforts to ensure all kids, including those who face historical disadvantages, can lead healthy lives. This is the inaugural portion of our scorecard to shed light on the efforts at the State Capitol to serve kids.

The importance of early childhood resources isn't political. Our goal is to keep it that way. Healthier Colorado will reward leaders on both sides of the aisle who champion efforts that gives our kids the best opportunities for success. Not only will this portion of the scorecard recognize individual champions, but it will reward the two caucuses as a whole. Issues that support kids must never lean towards Democratic or Republican fault lines. By working together, both caucuses will benefit from a financial gift during election cycles. Bipartisanship and meaningful policy advancements are the keys to getting high scores.

This year, legislators worked to expand access to affordable, quality childcare, secure additional funding for universal pre-k, provide financial relief to certain families to establish economic stability, and ensure kids between zero and three do not lose access to critical health care by establishing continuous eligibility for Medicaid. These are the kinds of bipartisan policies that create the strong foundations of health kids deserve.

90%
of childhood brain
development occurs
before a child's 5th
birthday.



PROPOSITION EE FUNDING RETENTION RATE REDUCTION HB23-1290

Sponsors: Rep. McCluskie, Rep. Sirota, Sen. Moreno, Sen. Fields

Pro-health Position: Support

Final Action: Signed by the Governor

Summary: Research illustrates that children who attend high-quality preschools are, on average, eight months ahead in academic learning and about five months ahead in executive function skills, such as listening, planning, and self-control, compared to those who do not. In 2020, voters overwhelmingly approved a new excise tax on nicotine products to fund universal preschool. However, the actual revenue received exceeded the ballot information booklet estimate. Given that demand for the universal preschool program has been high, this bill refers a measure to the ballot in November 2023 to seek voter approval to use the "excess" tax revenue for preschool instead of providing a refund and lowering the tax on nicotine products.

CONTINUOUS ELIGIBILITY MEDICAL COVERAGE HB23-1300

Sponsors: Rep. Bird, Rep. Sirota, Sen. Zenzinger, Sen. Kirkmeyer

Pro-health Position: Support

Final Action: Signed by the Governor

Summary: Children need consistent access to health care, especially in their early years when frequent screenings, vaccinations, and check-ups are critical to their development and school readiness. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends that children have 13 well-child visits by the time they turn three. Children are also the demographic most at risk of losing Medicaid coverage due to administrative paperwork issues and processes. This bill required Colorado's Medicaid department to apply for a federal waiver to extend continuous coverage in Medicaid and CHIP for children from birth until the age of 3 and for individuals leaving carceral settings for 12 months. It also establishes a study to determine how to utilize a similar federal waiver to have Medicaid meet health-related social needs.



Early Childhood

LEGISLATOR WINNERS EARLY CHILDHOOD



Senate Democrats

- 1. Janet Buckner*
- 2. Rachel Zenzinger
- 3. Janice Marchman



Senate Republicans

- 1. Janice Rich*
- 2. Barbara Kirkmeyer
- 3. Cleave Simpson



House Democrats

- 1. Emily Sirota*
- 2. Shannon Bird
- 3. Cathy Kipp (tie)
- 3. Meghan Lukens (tie)



House Republicans

- 1. Mary Bradfield* (tie)
- 1. Rose Pugliese* (tie)
- 3. Rick Taggart

Young children typically experience

short-term illnesses per year.





BILLS SCORED

HB 23-1091	Income tax credit for a qualifying contribution to promote child care in the state
HB 23-1112	Enlargement of certain income tax credits for low- and middle-income working individuals or families, and, in connection therewith, reducing state income tax revenue by increasing the earned income tax credit and restructuring the child tax credit to allow all low-income taxpayers with income below certain thresholds to claim the credit
HB 23-1235	Technical modifications to the department of early childhood
HB 23-1290	Referral of a ballot issue related to the underestimation of revenue from the taxes on products that contain nicotine in a required notice to voters
HB 23-1300	Extending continuous eligibility medical coverage for certain individuals
SB 23-269	Creating a bonus payment program to incentivize Colorado preschool providers to participate in the Colorado universal preschool program



Healthier Colorado's

2023 Legislative Leadership Circle

Our Legislative Leadership Circle features elected officials who supported each of the 49 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

REPRESENTATIVES

- Judy Amabile
- Jennifer Bacon
- Andrew Boesenecker
- Lindsey Daugherty
- Chris DeGruy Kennedy
- Ruby Dickson
- Regina English
- Elisabeth Epps
- Meg Froelich
- Lorena Garcia

- Iman Jodeh
- Junie Joseph
- Cathy Kipp
- Sheila Lieder
- Mandy Lindsay
- William Lindstedt
- Javier Mabrey
- Tisha Mauro
- Dafna Michaelson Jenet
- David Ortiz

- Jennifer Parenti
- Naquetta Ricks
- Emily Sirota
- Brianna Titone
- Alex Valdez
- Mike Weissman
- Jenny Willford
- Steven Woodrow

SENATORS

- Janet Buckner
- James Coleman
- Lisa Cutter
- Jessie Danielson
- Tony Exum
- Julie Gonzales
- Chris Kolker
- Janice Marchman
- Dominick Moreno
- Tom Sullivan
- Faith Winter
- Steve Fenberg



100% score

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2023 SENATE VOTES

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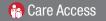
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TIER 1	HB 23-1071 HB 23-1249 SB 23-213	Authority of a licensed psychologist to prescribe psychotropic medication for the treatment of mental health disorders Measures to improve outcomes for young children by replacing justice involvement with community-based services State land use requirements
TIER 2	HB 23-1091 HB 23-1114 HB 23-1153 HB 23-1300 SB 23-002 SB 23-033 SB 23-174 SB 23-269	Income tax credit for a qualifying contribution to promote child care in the state Designation of state institutions of higher education as first-generation-serving institutions Feasibility study to determine pathways to behavioral health care for people with serious mental illness Extending continuous eligibility medical coverage for certain individuals Seeking federal authorization for Medicaid reimbursement for services provided by a community health worker Prior authorization exemption for Medicaid coverage of medications treating serious mental illness Access to behavioral health services for Medicaid recipients under twenty-one years of age Creating a bonus payment program to incentivize Colorado preschool providers to participate in the Colorado universal preschool program
	HB 23-1002 HB 23-1003 HB 23-1008 HB 23-1110 HB 23-1112	The affordability of epinephrine auto-injectors The creation of the "Sixth Through Twelfth Grade Mental Health Screening Act" Tax policies related to the accessibility of food Requiring health care coverage for biomarker testing The enlargement of certain income tax credits for low- and middle-income working individuals or families, and, in connection therewith, reducing state income tax revenue by increasing the earned income tax credit and restructuring the child tax credit to allow all low-income taxpayers with income below certain thresholds to claim the credit Requirements for affidavits of support related to eligibility for public benefits in Colorado
TIER 3	HB 23-1126	The inclusion of certain items of information in consumer reports, and, in connection

therewith, prohibiting the reporting of medical debt information by consumer reporting agencies, prohibiting debt collectors and collection agencies from falsely representing that medical debt information will be included in a consumer report or failing to timely disclose that, with certain exceptions, medical debt will not be included in a consumer report HB 23-1167 Persons who report emergency overdose events in good faith HB 23-1183 Medicaid prior authorization requests for a step-therapy exception Remote participation in a residential eviction filed in county court HB 23-1186 HB 23-1187 Alternatives in the criminal justice system for pregnant persons HB 23-1201 Prescription drug benefits contract term requirements HB 23-1202 The ability of a municipality to authorize the establishment of life-saving overdose prevention centers HB 23-1215 Limitations on hospital facility fees HB 23-1219 Establishing a minimum three-day waiting period prior to the delivery of a purchased firearm



HB 23-1224	Changes to the "Colorado Standardized Health Benefit Plan Act"
HB 23-1226	Transparency requirements for hospitals
HB 23-1227	Enforcement of requirements imposed on pharmacy benefit managers
HB 23-1235	Technical modifications to the Department of Early Childhood
HB 23-1236	Implementation updates to the behavioral health administration
HB 23-1243	Changes to the hospital community benefit
HB 23-1254	The conditions covered under the warranty of habitability for residential premises
HB 23-1255	Preemption of local regulations limiting the number of building permits issued for development
HB 23-1269	Efforts to promote clinical stabilization for youth involved in the behavioral health system
HB 23-1290	The referral of a ballot issue related to the underestimation of revenue from the taxes on products that contain nicotine in a required notice to voters
HB 23-1303	Protections in the event of an insurance company failure
HB 23-1307	Enhanced supports for youth who are in detention
SB 23-001	Additional functions of the public-private collaboration unit for public projects that provide housing
SB 23-023	CPR training for high school students
SB 23-083	An expansion of a physician assistant's ability to practice
SB 23-157	The continuation of the offender reentry grant program
SB 23-170	Extreme risk protection orders
SB 23-179	Insurance carrier requirements for health coverage plans
SB 23-188	Protections for accessing reproductive health care
SB 23-206	Information about radon in residential real property transactions

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HB 23-1164	Opioid harm reduction
SB 23-081	Allowing equitable patient access to medical marijuana in Colorado
SB 23-109	Criminal penalty for the supplier when a person dies as a result of the use of a controlled substance

OPPOSED

Methodology:

- 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 & Water Colorado

Healthy Air and Water Colorado is Healthier Colorado's sister organization that focuses exclusively on public policy that addresses the growing public health threats posed by a changing environment. Regardless of where you live or how you vote, people across Colorado are experiencing the consequences of drought, extreme temperatures, severe wildfires and poor air and water quality. All of these lead to adverse health outcomes, and the legislature can take steps to help reverse and mitigate these impacts for our communities and loved ones, 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 is to engage health care professionals, including frontline health care providers who see and treat the real health issues caused by these environmental challenges.

KEY BILLS

ESTABLISHMENT OF A WILDFIRE RESILIENCY CODE BOARD SB23-166

Sponsors: Sen. Cutter, Sen. Exum, Rep. Froelich, Rep. Velasco

Pro-health position: Support

Final Action: Signed by the Governor

Summary: As wildfires grow to be more severe and erratic, it is more important than ever that we are building our homes and communities to be more fire-resistant. This bipartisan supported bill creates a statewide "code board" that will establish minimum fire-hardening building standards for new construction and substantially remodeled buildings built in the most wildfire-prone areas of Colorado.

FORESTRY & WILDFIRE MITIGATION WORKFORCE SB23-005

Sponsors: Sen. Jaquez Lewis, Sen. Cutter, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Snyder

Pro-health position: Support

Final Action: Signed by the Governor

Summary: More erratic and severe wildfires are having significant impacts on the health and safety of communities. In addition to the immediate safety dangers of a wildfire, there are respiratory and cardiovascular issues that result from the poor air quality and mental health impacts due to loss of property and financial hardships. In order to protect public health and safety from these impacts, we need to ensure that we have the critical workforce that will keep our forests healthy and minimize risk for when a wildfire sparks. This bill creates and expands workforce development programs for wildfire mitigation, healthy forests, and timber industries.

COLORADO RIVER DROUGHT TASKFORCE SB23-295

Sponsors: Sen. Roberts, Sen. Will, Rep. McCluskie, Rep. Catlin

Pro-health position: Support

Final Action: Signed by the Governor

Summary: The health impacts of the lack of water availability are already being felt by Colorado's agricultural producers. In addition to economic distress from slowed down production, initial data shows a rising rate of suicide and mental distress among farmers and rural residents. In order to address these mental health impacts, and the broader public health challenges that diminished water availability will cause, the legislature took much needed action by passing legislation that will establish a task force to provide recommendations to address drought in the Colorado River Basin.

POLLUTION PROTECTION MEASURES HB23-1294

Sponsors: Rep. Bacon, Rep. Willford, Sen. Gonzales, Sen. Winter

Pro-health position: Support

Final Action: Signed by the Governor

Summary: With 75 ozone action alert days for the Denver Metro region during the 2022 ozone season, it is clear that Colorado needs swift, bold solutions to improve air quality. This bill establishes an interim committee to work on identifying solutions to Colorado's ozone crisis. The bill also requires a rulemaking to define "cumulative impacts", which will help ensure that state agencies are considering all environmental factors that are impacting public health when making decisions related to air quality.

LEGISLATOR WINNERS | HAWC



Senate Democrats

- 1. Lisa Cutter*
- 2. Tony Exum (tie)
- 2. Faith Winter (tie)



Senate Republicans

- 1. Cleave Simpson* (tie)
- 1. Perry Will* (tie)
- 2. Byron Pelton



House Democrats

- 1. Elizabeth Velasco*
- 2. Steven Woodrow
- 3. Meg Froelich



House Republicans

- 1. Rick Taggart* (tie)
- 1. Mike Lynch* (tie)

2. Marc Catlin

Damage from fires over just the last 3 years totals more than

\$2.5 billion

The National Bureau of Economic Research found that homes that met wildfire codes were

40 percent

less likely to be destroyed





BILLS SCORED"

SUPPORT:	
HB 23-1005	Changes to the new energy improvement program, and, in connection therewith, adding resiliency improvements and water efficiency improvements to the program, modifying the new energy improvement district's notice requirements, and removing the district's hearing requirement
HB 23-1039	Requirement that electric load-serving entities periodically report about the adequacy of their electric resources
HB 23-1101	Support for transit, and increasing the flexibility of the ozone season transit grant program and increasing opportunities for transit agency participation in regional transportation planning
HB 23-1161	Environmental standards for certain products
HB 23-1210	Ensuring that carbon management projects are eligible for grants under the industrial and manufacturing operations clean air grant program and providing for the creation of a carbon management roadmap
HB 23-1220	A study regarding the economic impact of the elimination of large-capacity groundwater withdrawal within the Republican river basin
HB 23-1233	Energy efficiency, and, in connection therewith, requiring the state electrical board to adopt rules facilitating electric vehicle charging at multifamily buildings, limiting the ability of the state electrical board to prohibit the installation of electric vehicle charging stations, forbidding private prohibitions on electric vehicle charging and parking, requiring local governments to count certain spaces served by an electric vehicle charging station for minimum parking requirements, forbidding local governments from prohibiting the installation of electric vehicle charging stations, exempting electric vehicle chargers from business personal property tax, and authorizing electric vehicle charging systems along highway rights-of-way
HB 23-1234	Streamlined solar permitting and inspection grant program
HB 23-1237	Inclusive language access in local emergency situations
HB 23-1240	Sales and use tax exemption for construction and building materials used for repairing and rebuilding residential structures damaged or destroyed by a declared wildfire disaster in 2020, 2021, or 2022
HB 23-1242	Water conservation in oil and gas operations

HB 23-1252	Implementation of measures to advance thermal energy service
HB 23-1254	Conditions covered under the warranty of habitability for residential premises, and, in connection therewith, specifying a landlord's requirements to remediate a residential premises that is damaged due to an environmental public health event, expanding what constitutes retaliation by a landlord, and describing situations in which a tenant may terminate a lease after the premises has been damaged due to an environmental public health event
HB 23-1266	Suspension of a reverse mortgage from the repayment requirement when a force majeure renders the subject property uninhabitable as a principal residence
HB 23-1272	Tax policy that advances decarbonization
HB 23-1294	Measures to protect communities from pollution
SB 23-005	Measures to expand the forestry workforce
SB 23-006	Creation of the rural opportunity office in the office of economic development
SB 23-016	Measures to promote reductions in greenhouse gas emissions in Colorado
SB 23-092	Opportunities for voluntary emission reductions in agriculture
SB 23-161	State funding to finance the purchase of a firefighting aircraft to respond to wildfires
SB 23-166	Establishment of a wildfire resiliency code board, and, in connection therewith, requiring the wildfire resiliency code board to adopt model codes, requiring governing bodies with jurisdiction in an area within the wildland-urban interface to adopt codes that meet or exceed the standards set forth in the model codes
SB 23-178	Removing barriers to water-wise landscaping in common interest communities
SB 23-198	Verification of clean energy plans to ensure that the plans achieve the state's greenhouse gas emission reduction targets
SB 23-213	State land use requirements
SB 23-238	Authorization to use money in the small communities water and wastewater grant fund to provide the state funds for water projects for which a state match is required to qualify for federal funds for the projects
SB 23-270	Activities that restore the environmental health of natural stream systems without administration
SB 23-291	Public utilities commission's regulation of energy utilities
SB 23-295	Creation of the Colorado River drought task force
OPPOSED:	
HB 23-1127	Guarantee of a customer's right to use energy
HB 23-1163	Prohibition against classifying carbon dioxide as a pollutant

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