

HEALTHIER COLORADO'S LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD 2025



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A NOTE FROM THE CEO

The fundamentals were certain when we entered our state legislative session on January 8th. We knew that the General Assembly would convene for the 120 days prescribed by our state constitution. As that same document mandates a balanced budget, we knew that legislators would have to cut \$1.2 billion in spending to meet that requirement. The question was, by the time we reached May 7th, what could we do to support the health of Coloradans, especially in such a difficult fiscal environment? As it turned out, a lot.

Colorado has experienced the nation's largest net decline in Medicaid enrollment since the pandemic, with more than half of that decline resulting from state bureaucratic failings. People who qualify for Medicaid are being excluded from coverage, leaving them without access to health care and putting health providers into a financial bind with an increase in uninsured patients. So, our first order of business was to do no further harm to Medicaid by convincing legislators to spare the program from the sizable budget cuts that had to be made.

We accomplished that mission, but we weren't done. We partnered with health care providers, health advocates, and leaders in both political parties to pass Senate Bill 290 on the very last day of session. This legislation will invest \$90 million state dollars over five years, which can grow to more than \$200 million with private investment and federal matching, to support health care for uninsured and low-income patients.

Even if you have health insurance, getting your insurance company to pay for mental health services can be frustratingly difficult. With the passage of House Bill 1002, it will now get easier. Before we passed this bill, there was no standard definition of "medical necessity" in law for mental health that insurance companies had to follow, even though it existed for physical health. With this new clarity, Colorado consumers will be better positioned to get the health care they're already paying for via their insurance premiums.

These positive outcomes, along with others to support early childhood development and more, were far from certain when the General Assembly gavelled in on a frigid Wednesday in January. They were the product of a perpetual, year-round process that we execute at Healthier Colorado, of which this very scorecard is a critical part. We recognize and hold legislators accountable for the votes they cast within our mission scope. When election time comes, we accordingly distribute resources to elect candidates in either party who support our agenda. Throughout the entire process, we engage with people like you to identify problems, develop solutions, and build the power we need to improve the health of Coloradans.

Thanks for your participation,




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 passing pro-health policies at the Capitol and elected officials who prioritize the health of Coloradans. Throughout this scorecard, we grade each of Colorado's state legislators based on their votes on our pro-health policy priorities. We also recognize Health Champions: lawmakers whose leadership and hard work had an outsize impact on policies that improve the health of our families and communities.

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.

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 was not intimately involved in the strategy and/or creation of the policy. Limited resources may have been 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.

STAR RANKING

We rank every legislator 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 receive. 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 invested significant time and effort to pass the bill - more than just committing to a vote.

LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

Our Legislative Leadership Circle features legislators whose positions aligned with Healthier Colorado on each of the **39 bills we scored**. To be a member of our leadership circle, a legislator must vote on the side of health for 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 a lack of community services bar entry to our health system for many.

This year, legislators worked tirelessly to address those barriers and increase access to care by ensuring consumers actually receive the mental health and substance use benefits included in their health plans and decreasing costs of prescription medication through the regulation of Pharmacy Benefit Managers. They also created a fund to keep health care safety net providers from having to shut down, saving hundreds of thousands of Coloradans from being left without health care.

KEY BILLS

MEDICAL NECESSITY DETERMINATION INSURANCE COVERAGE **HB25-1002**

SPONSORS: Rep. Brown, Rep. Gilchrist, Sen. Amabile, Sen. B. Pelton

PRO-HEALTH POSITION: Support

FINAL ACTION: Signed into law

SUMMARY: Every Coloradan should have access to the mental health care they need when they need it, and nobody should be forced into debt in order to receive necessary care. By codifying a statutory definition of “medical necessity” for mental and behavioral health that aligns with current generally accepted standards of care from nonprofit clinical specialty associations, this bill ensures that state-regulated commercial health plans are not denying coverage for doctor-prescribed, medically necessary mental health and substance use treatment that should be covered under the patient’s health plan.

75%+
of Coloradans with
commercial insurance who have a
diagnosed mental health condition
have not received treatment.

STABILIZATION PAYMENTS FOR SAFETY NET PROVIDERS **SB25-290**

SPONSORS: Sen. Mullica, Sen. Kirkmeyer, Rep. Bird, Rep. Brown

PRO-HEALTH POSITION: Support

FINAL ACTION: Signed into law

SUMMARY: Safety net providers offer health care services to low-income, under- and uninsured Coloradans. With a rise in uninsured populations, Colorado’s health care safety net is struggling due to the increased amount of uncompensated care. This bill provides financial relief to a broad cross-section of safety net providers serving low-income, uninsured individuals on a sliding-fee schedule or at no cost. The Provider Stabilization Fund will help safety net providers stay open, reduce staff layoffs, and maintain access to critical health care services.

In 2023 and 2024, nearly
600,000
Coloradans lost access
to health care through
Medicaid.

PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGER PRACTICES **HB25-1094**

SPONSORS: Rep. Brown, Rep. Johnson, Sen. B. Pelton, Sen. Roberts

PRO-HEALTH POSITION: Support

FINAL ACTION: Signed into law

SUMMARY: The high costs of prescription medication are increasingly out of reach for many Coloradans. Under current business practices, Pharmacy Benefit Managers, or PBMs, generate income from complex drug pricing in which they profit by charging Coloradans higher prescription drug prices. This bill will end PBMs’ most harmful practices by requiring a flat, transparent service fee, restoring fairness and transparency to how prescription drugs are priced and reimbursed in our state.



CARE ACCESS



LEGISLATIVE WINNERS CARE ACCESS



Senate Democrats

- 1. Kyle Mullica *
- 2. Judy Amabile
- 3. Dafna Michaelson Jenet (tie)
- 3. Dylan Roberts (tie)



Senate Republicans

- 1. Byron Pelton *
- 2. Barbara Kirkmeyer
- 3. Cleave Simpson



House Democrats

- 1. Kyle Brown *
- 2. Shannon Bird
- 3. Lindsay Gilchrist



House Republicans

- 1. Dusty Johnson *
- 2. Rick Taggart
- 3. Carlos Barron (tie)
- 3. Rose Pugliese (tie)

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BILLS SCORED

SUPPORT:

- HB25-1002** Medical Necessity Determination Insurance Coverage
- HB25-1088** Costs for Ground Ambulance Services
- HB25-1094** Pharmacy Benefit Manager Practices
- HB25-1176** Behavioral Health Treatment Stigma for Providers
- HB25-1220** Regulation of Medical Nutrition Therapy
- HB25-1309** Protect Access to Gender-Affirming Health Care
- SB25-152** Health-Care Practitioner Identification Requirements
- SB25-198** Transparency Transactions Medical Care Entities
- SB25-289** Creation of a Drug Donation Program
- SB25-290** Stabilization Payments for Safety Net Providers
- SB25-296** Insurance Coverage for Breast Cancer Examinations

Over the past decade,
the profit growth of the 3 largest
PBM companies increased by

438%.



BRIDGING THE GAP



Youth interacting with the justice system are
11 times
more likely to be arrested by age 20.

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, and race create barriers to receiving the opportunities we all deserve.

This session was transformational as state lawmakers passed bills to reduce barriers to health care for those who are incarcerated, create a voluntary do-not-sell list for those who wish to waive their right to purchase a firearm, and establish a deflection and community investment program to support kids at risk of juvenile detention.

KEY BILLS

REPEAL COPAYMENT FOR DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS INMATE HEALTH CARE **HB25-1026**

SPONSORS: Rep. Carter, Rep. Garcia, Sen. Jodeh, Sen. Hinrichsen

PRO-HEALTH POSITION: Support

FINAL ACTION: Signed into law

SUMMARY: People who are incarcerated have a constitutional right to health care, and prison health care supports successful community reentry and well-being. This bill eliminates medical copayments charged to incarcerated individuals requesting health care services, including physical, mental, dental, and vision care. Access to health care services will reduce the spread of illness and reduce the need for emergency services, which cost us far more than preventative services in the long run and lead to worse health outcomes.

Reductions in prison health care use can increase the spread of illness and disease, negatively affecting people who are incarcerated, prison staff and visitors, and the broader public.

JUSTICE-INVOLVED YOUTH **SB25-043**

SPONSORS: Sen. Michaelson Jenet, Sen. Amabile, Rep. Bradfield, Rep. English

PRO-HEALTH POSITION: Support

FINAL ACTION: Amended into HB25-1146 and signed into law

SUMMARY: Research proves that the most effective way to increase public safety and prevent future crime is to utilize evidence-based interventions for youth at risk for juvenile justice involvement. This bill follows the evidence and serves kids in a way that reduces the likelihood of recidivism by establishing a deflection and community investment grant program to serve justice-involved youth, keeping them out of detention and serving them in the community. This bill was included in the final version of HB25-1146, Juvenile Detention Bed Cap, through negotiations amongst the sponsors of each bill.

INSURANCE COVERAGE OF PREVENTATIVE HEALTH-CARE SERVICES **SB25-196**

SPONSORS: Sen. Jodeh, Sen. Mullica, Rep. Lieder, Rep. Jackson

PRO-HEALTH POSITION: Support

FINAL ACTION: Signed into law

SUMMARY: Preventative health care services are essential in the early detection of conditions, preventing disease, and improving overall health outcomes – especially for our most vulnerable community members. This bill ensures continued coverage of Coloradans for evidence-based preventative health care services, including vaccinations, cancer screenings, and primary care, regardless of potential changes to federal guidelines or governing bodies.



LEGISLATIVE WINNERS BRIDGING THE GAP



Senate Democrats

1. Iman Jodeh *
2. Kyle Mullica
3. Judy Amabile



Senate Republicans

1. Cleave Simpson *
2. Lisa Frizell
3. Larry Liston



House Democrats

1. Jamie Jackson *
2. Regina English
3. Sheila Lieder



House Republicans

1. Ryan Gonzalez *
2. Mary Bradfield
3. Ken DeGraaf

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BILLS SCORED

SUPPORT:

- HB25-1013** Department of Corrections Visitation Rights
- HB25-1026** Repeal Copayment for Department of Corrections Inmate Health Care
- HB25-1147** Fairness & Transparency in Municipal Court
- HB25-1162** Eligibility Redetermination for Medicaid Members
- HB25-1250** Gun Violence Prevention & Parents of Students
- SB25-008** Adjust Necessary Document Program
- SB25-034** Voluntary Do-Not-Sell Firearms Waiver
- SB25-043** Deflection Supports Justice-Involved Youth
- SB25-164** Opioid Antagonist Availability & State Board of Health
- SB25-196** Insurance Coverage Preventive Health-Care Services

OPPOSE:

- SB25-044** Synthetic Opiates Criminal Penalties

A study shows that
\$1 investment
in preventive health care services could save
\$5.60 in health care costs down the line.
Funding prevention saves lives and money.



HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Healthy communities are places where people have the opportunity to thrive – physically, mentally, and socially. By investing in community health, lawmakers have the power to strengthen the social fabric of our towns and cities and create the conditions that give everyone the chance to lead a healthy life.

This year, legislators built on the momentum of our 2024 policy to protect social media users against illegal activities, continued funding for Community Health Workers through Medicaid, and attempted to improve access and affordability of health insurance for Coloradans.

KEY BILLS

PROTECTIONS FOR USERS OF SOCIAL MEDIA **SB25-086**

SPONSORS: Sen. Frizell, Sen. Daugherty, Rep. Boesenecker, Rep. Hartsook

PRO-HEALTH POSITION: Support

FINAL ACTION: Vetoed by Governor Polis

SUMMARY: Social media is increasingly understood to be a significant public health crisis that requires immediate attention and action, particularly on behalf of our state's youth. This bill aimed to provide more transparency and accountability for social media companies through data reporting, removing users engaged in illegal activities such as selling drugs and firearms online, and mandating compliance with search warrants.

82%

of Colorado voters think social media has a negative impact on youth mental health.



Community Health Workers yield

\$2.47

for every dollar invested.

REIMBURSEMENT FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS **SB25-229**

SPONSORS: Sen. Kirkmeyer, Sen. Bridges, Rep. Bird, Rep. Taggart

PRO-HEALTH POSITION: Support (*Senate version*); Oppose (*House version*)

FINAL ACTION: Signed into law after Conference Committee

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 health care system. The important work of CHWs has been shown to reduce health disparities, improve health outcomes, and lower health care costs. Given Colorado's budget deficit, legislators originally considered not implementing SB23-002, which authorized Medicaid payments for CHWs. Instead, this bill will delay implementation until January 2026, and future funding will depend on available appropriations.

HEALTH INSURANCE AFFORDABILITY ENTERPRISE UPDATE **HB25-1297**

SPONSORS: Rep. Brown, Rep. Gilchrist, Sen. Jodeh

PRO-HEALTH POSITION: Support

FINAL ACTION: Postponed indefinitely by sponsors

SUMMARY: The Health Insurance Affordability Enterprise (HIAE), which is funded through a fee collected from commercial health plans, helps keep health care coverage accessible and affordable for Coloradans. This bill sought to increase the fee to maintain our state's reinsurance program, pay for enhanced subsidies for health insurance purchased on the state exchange, and fund the state's OmniSalud program. Without support for more affordable coverage, more Coloradans will be left without health insurance, leading to poor economic and health outcomes for families. Additionally, the rise in uncompensated care will continue to strain our safety net and rural hospitals.



HEALTHY COMMUNITIES



LEGISLATIVE WINNERS HEALTHY COMMUNITIES



Senate Democrats

1. Iman Jodeh *
2. Lindsey Daugherty
3. Janice Marchman



Senate Republicans

1. Lisa Frizell *
2. Barbara Kirkmeyer
3. Cleave Simpson



House Democrats

1. Kyle Brown * (tie)
1. Lindsay Gilchrist * (tie)
2. Andrew Boesenecker
3. Meghan Lukens



House Republicans

1. Anthony Hartsook *
2. Mary Bradfield
3. Jarvis Caldwell

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BILLS SCORED

SUPPORT:

- HB25-1135** Communication Devices in Schools
- HB25-1168** Housing Protections for Victim-Survivors
- HB25-1287** Social Media Tools for Minor Users & Parents
- HB25-1297** Health Insurance Affordability Enterprise Update
- SB25-064** Safe2tell Handle with Care Notice
- SB25-083** Limitations on Restrictive Employment Agreements
- SB25-086** Protections for Users of Social Media
- SB25-169** Restaurant Meals Program
- SB25-191** Cardiac Emergency Plans for School Sports
- SB25-229** Reimbursement for Community Health Workers (*Senate Version*)

OPPOSE:

- HB25-1237** Soft Closing of Alcohol Beverage Establishments
- SB25-229** Reimbursement for Community Health Workers (*House Version*)

OVER 40%:

The average % saved by
Coloradans on the Western Slope
on their health insurance premiums,
thanks to the reinsurance program.



EARLY CHILDHOOD



Kids deserve every opportunity to grow into successful, healthy adults. Decisions that legislators make today can have both positive and detrimental effects on the well-being of children that last a lifetime. Access to health care, quality early childhood education, nutritious foods, and stable, safe housing can determine whether young people can be healthy as adults.

This year, legislators worked to strengthen the evidence-based HealthySteps program for children ages 0-3 and their families, rejected changes that could have disrupted the continued implementation of the Colorado Universal Preschool Program, and expanded the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program for families with new babies who need extra time in the hospital.

Not only does Healthier Colorado recognize individual champions in this portion of the scorecard, but we also evaluate and reward both the Democratic and Republican caucuses as a whole for their policy efforts that ensure all of Colorado's kids, including those who face historical disadvantages, can lead healthy lives. Issues that support kids must never lean towards Democratic or Republican fault lines. Bipartisanship and meaningful policy advancements that invest in our children result in support during election cycles.

KEY BILLS

MEASURES TO SUPPORT EARLY CHILDHOOD HEALTH SB25-017

SPONSORS: Sen. Cutter, Sen. Jodeh, Rep. Joseph, Rep. Zokaie

PRO-HEALTH POSITION: Support

FINAL ACTION: Awaiting Governor's signature as of 06/02/25

SUMMARY: Before birth through age 5 is a critical time for a child's cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development. However, many of Colorado's youngest children are not receiving appropriate developmental screenings or access to needed services in a timely manner. This bill strengthens the HealthySteps program, an evidence-based pediatric primary care program that provides support to parents of children ages 0-3 in the interest of the child's healthy development.

MEASURES TO MODIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD SB25-119

SPONSORS: Sen. Kirkmeyer, Sen. Marchman, Rep. Garcia Sander, Rep. Hamrick

PRO-HEALTH POSITION: Oppose

FINAL ACTION: Postponed indefinitely by sponsors

SUMMARY: Research shows that investing in high-quality early childhood education can lead to higher educational attainment, better health outcomes, reduced crime rates, and increased workforce participation in the long term. In August 2023, Colorado launched its Universal Preschool Program. This bill would have made changes to the program that would have disrupted its successful implementation during its second year.

CHANGE PAID FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE PROGRAM SB25-144

SPONSORS: Sen. Bridges, Sen. Winter, Rep. Willford, Rep. Zokaie

PRO-HEALTH POSITION: Support

FINAL ACTION: Awaiting Governor's signature as of 06/02/25

SUMMARY: Colorado's Family and Medical Leave Insurance (FAMLI) Program launched in 2024 to provide paid leave to workers who need to care for themselves or a family member. Paid leave provides new parents with the ability to bond with and care for their baby, while also giving the birthing person time to heal from childbirth. This bill extends the duration of the paid family and medical leave for up to an additional 12 weeks for a parent who has a child receiving inpatient care in a neonatal intensive care unit (NICU). The bill also changes the rate of premiums financing the program to ensure the future solvency of the fund.

Paid leave reduces infant mortality rates by 10%, provides parents with the opportunity to bond with their newborns, and can decrease maternal mood disorders.



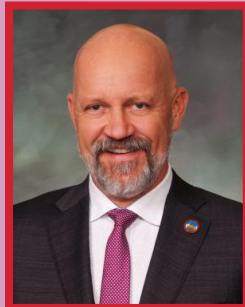
EARLY CHILDHOOD



There are currently
32 HealthySteps sites
across Colorado
serving

38,000
children and families.

LEGISLATIVE WINNERS EARLY CHILDHOOD



Senate Democrats

1. Lisa Cutter * (tie)
1. Iman Jodeh * (tie)
2. Dafna Michaelson Jenet
3. Jeff Bridges

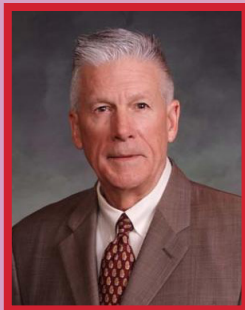
Senate Republicans

1. Scott Bright *
2. Cleave Simpson
3. Barbara Kirkmeyer



House Democrats

1. Yara Zokaie *
2. Junie Joseph
3. Karen McCormick



House Republicans

1. Rick Taggart *
2. Chris Richardson

* pictured



BILLS SCORED

SUPPORT:

- HB25-1169** Housing Developments on Faith and Educational Land
- HB25-1247** County Lodging Tax Expansion
- SB25-017** Measures to Support Early Childhood Health
- SB25-144** Change Paid Family Medical Leave Insurance Program
- SB25-178** Colorado K-5 Social & Emotional Health Pilot Program

OPPOSE:

- SB25-119** Measures to Modify the Department of Early Childhood

Colorado ranks

3rd

in the nation for the number
of four-year-olds enrolled in
preschool, with nearly 70% of all
eligible four-year-olds enrolled in
the Colorado Universal
Preschool Program.

This program boosted Colorado
from its previous rank of 27th in
the country.



2025 LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

Healthier Colorado's Legislative Leadership Circle features elected officials who voted on the side of health for each of the **39 bills** we scored.

Legislators with a 100% pro-health voting record have earned their place in our Legislative Leadership Circle, and we are honored to recognize them as true health champions.

LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

REPRESENTATIVES

- Jennifer Bacon
- Andrew Boesenecker
- Kyle Brown
- Sean Camacho
- Michael Carter
- Regina English
- Lisa Feret
- Meg Froelich
- Lindsay Gilchrist
- Jamie Jackson
- Junie Joseph
- Mandy Lindsay
- Meghan Lukens
- Julie McCluskie
- Karen McCormick
- Manny Rutinel
- Emily Sirota
- Lesley Smith
- Elizabeth Velasco
- Jenny Willford
- Steven Woodrow
- Yara Zokaie

SENATORS

- Matt Ball
- Jeff Bridges
- James Coleman
- Lisa Cutter
- Jessie Danielson
- Lindsey Daugherty
- Tony Exum
- Iman Jodeh
- Cathy Kipp
- Chris Kolker
- Janice Marchman
- Dafna Michaelson Jenet
- Kyle Mullica
- Dylan Roberts
- Robert Rodriguez
- Marc Snyder
- Tom Sullivan
- Katie Wallace
- Mike Weissman



✓ YES Vote - NO Vote S = Sponsored Introduced Bill E = Excused V = Vacancy

100% Score Care Access Bridging The Gap Healthy Communities Early Childhood HAWC

TIER 1






















































TIER 2

TIER 3

OPPOSE

2025 SENATE VOTES

HEALTHIER COLORADO LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

★	LEGISLATOR	AWARDS	HB25-1002	HB25-1013	HB25-1026	HB25-1088	HB25-1094	HB25-1135	HB25-1147	HB25-1162	HB25-1168	HB25-1169	HB25-1176	HB25-1220
★★★★★	Judy Amabile (D)	 	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	✓	✓		✓	✓
★★	Mark Baisley (R)		-	-	-	S	-	-	-	-	-		✓	-
★★★★★	Matt Ball (D)	 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
★★★★★	Jeff Bridges (D)	 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
★★★★	Scott Bright (R)		✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-		✓	✓
★★	John Carson (R)		✓	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	✓	-		✓	-
★★★★	Marc Catlin (R)		✓	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	✓	-		✓	✓
★★★★★	James Coleman (D)		✓	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
★★★★★	Lisa Cutter (D)	  	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
★★★★	Jessie Danielson (D)		E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
★★★★★	Lindsey Daugherty (D)	 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	✓		✓	✓
★★★★★	Tony Exum (D)		✓	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	✓	✓
★★★★★	Lisa Frizell (R)	 	✓	-	-	✓	-	S	-	✓	E		✓	✓
★★★★★	Julie Gonzales (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	✓	✓
★★★★★	Nick Hinrichsen (D)		✓	✓	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
★★★★★	Iman Jodeh (D)	   	✓	✓	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
★★★★★	Cathy Kipp (D)	 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
★★★★★	Barbara Kirkmeyer (R)	   	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-		✓	✓
★★★★★	Chris Kolker (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
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★★	Paul Lundeen (R)		✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-		✓	✓
★★★★★	Janice Marchman (D)	 	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	S	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
★★★★★	Dafna Michaelson Jenet (D)	  	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		S	✓
★★★★★	Kyle Mullica (D)	  	✓	✓	✓	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	S
★★★★★	Byron Pelton (R)	 	S	-	-	✓	S	✓	-	✓	-		✓	S
★★	Rod Pelton (R)		✓	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	E	-		✓	✓
★★★★	Janice Rich (R)		✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-		✓	✓
★★★★★	Dylan Roberts (D)	 	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
★★★★★	Robert Rodriguez (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
★★★★	Cleave Simpson (R)	    	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-		S	✓
★★★★★	Marc Snyder (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
★★★★★	Tom Sullivan (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
★★★★★	Katie Wallace (D)		V	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
★★★★★	Mike Weissman (D)	 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	✓	S		✓	✓
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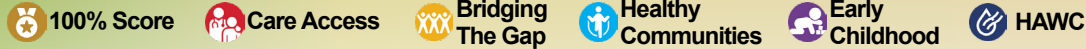
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★★	Ryan Armagost (R)		✓	—	—	✓	—	—	—	✓	—	—	✓	✓
★★★★★	Jennifer Bacon (D)	100% Score	✓	S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
★★	Carlos Barron (R)	Care Access	✓	—	—	✓	✓	—	—	✓	—	—	✓	—
★★★★★	Shannon Bird (D)	Care Access	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	✓	✓	—	✓	✓
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★	Scott Bottoms (R)		—	—	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
★★★★	Mary Bradfield (R)	Bridging The Gap, Healthy Communities	✓	—	—	✓	—	S	—	E	—	—	✓	✓
★	Brandi Bradley (R)		—	—	—	✓	—	—	—	✓	—	—	✓	—
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★★★★★	Chad Clifford (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
★	Ken DeGraaf (R)	Bridging The Gap	—	—	—	✓	E	—	—	✓	—	E	—	—
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★★★★★	Matthew Martinez (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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★★	Rose Pugliese (R)	Care Access, HAWC	✓	-	-	✓	-	-	-	✓	-	-	✓
★★	Chris Richardson (R)	Early Childhood	✓	-	-	✓	-	-	-	✓	-	-	✓
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★★★★★	Emily Sirota (D)	100% Score	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
★★★★★	Lesley Smith (D)	100% Score	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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★★★★★	Katie Stewart (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
★★★★★	Rebekah Stewart (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	✓
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★★	Larry Don Suckla (R)		-	-	-	✓	-	-	-	✓	-	-	-
★★★★	Rick Taggart (R)	Care Access, Early Childhood, HAWC	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	✓
★★★★★	Brianna Titone (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
★★★★★	Alex Valdez (D)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
★★★★★	Elizabeth Velasco (D)	100% Score, HAWC	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S	✓	✓	✓	✓
★	Ron Weinberg (R)		-	-	-	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓
★★★★★	Jenny Willford (D)	100% Score	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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★★★★★	Yara Zokaie (D)	100% Score, Early Childhood	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓

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SB25-086	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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SB25-178	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SB25-191	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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FINAL BILLS SCORED

TIER 1

HB25-1002	Medical Necessity Determination Insurance Coverage
SB25-017	Measures to Support Early Childhood Health
SB25-290	Stabilization Payments for Safety Net Providers

TIER 2

HB25-1094	Pharmacy Benefit Manager Practices
HB25-1297	Health Insurance Affordability Enterprise Update
SB25-086	Protections for Users of Social Media
SB25-196	Insurance Coverage Preventive Health-Care Services

TIER 3

HB25-1013	Department of Corrections Visitation Rights
HB25-1026	Repeal Copayment for Department of Corrections Inmate Health Care
HB25-1088	Costs for Ground Ambulance Services
HB25-1135	Communication Devices in Schools
HB25-1147	Fairness & Transparency in Municipal Court
HB25-1162	Eligibility Redetermination for Medicaid Members
HB25-1168	Housing Protections for Victim-Survivors
HB25-1169	Housing Developments on Faith and Educational Land
HB25-1176	Behavioral Health Treatment Stigma for Providers
HB25-1220	Regulation of Medical Nutrition Therapy
HB25-1247	County Lodging Tax Expansion
HB25-1250	Gun Violence Prevention & Parents of Students
HB25-1287	Social Media Tools for Minor Users & Parents
HB25-1309	Protect Access to Gender-Affirming Health Care
SB25-008	Adjust Necessary Document Program
SB25-034	Voluntary Do-Not-Sell Firearms Waiver
SB25-043	Deflection Supports Justice-Involved Youth
SB24-064	Safe2tell Handle with Care Notice

TIER 3

SB25-083	Limitations on Restrictive Employment Agreements
SB25-144	Change Paid Family Medical Leave Insurance Program
SB25-152	Health-Care Practitioner Identification Requirements
SB25-164	Opioid Antagonist Availability & State Board of Health
SB25-169	Restaurant Meals Program
SB25-178	Colorado K-5 Social & Emotional Health Pilot Program
SB25-191	Cardiac Emergency Plans for School Sports
SB25-198	Transparency Transactions Medical Care Entities
SB25-229	Reimbursement for Community Health Workers (Senate Version)
SB25-289	Creation of a Drug Donation Program
SB25-296	Insurance Coverage for Breast Cancer Examinations

OPPOSE

HB25-1237	Soft Closing of Alcohol Beverage Establishments
SB25-044	Synthetic Opiates Criminal Penalties
SB25-119	Measures to Modify the Department of Early Childhood
SB25-229	Reimbursement for Community Health Workers (House Version)

METHODOLOGY

- Total stars were awarded to legislators based on the total percentage score of their overall voting and sponsorship records using the following criteria:
 - 5 Stars: above 100% score
 - 4 Stars: 100% - 76% score
 - 3 Stars: 75% - 51% score
 - 2 Stars: 50% - 26% score
 - 1 Star: 25% score or less
- 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 point
 - Sponsorship of a Healthier Colorado Tier 3 Bill = +0.333 points
 - Votes aligned with a pro-health position = +0.333 points
 - Sponsorship of a bill Healthier Colorado opposed = - 0.333 points
 - Votes against a pro-health position = 0 points
 - Votes occurring when legislators were excused or absent were not included in their final score.



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A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hello HAWC Advocates and Friends –

The theme of this year's state legislative session for Healthy Air and Water Colorado was newness. I joined HAWC as its first Executive Director in mid-February – about five weeks into the session – and immediately set to work learning the landscape. I immersed myself in the issues; connected with advocates, partners, and allies; and dug into HAWC's history to chart a bold course forward.

At the Capitol, "new" was everywhere. With 24 newly elected lawmakers – nearly a quarter of the legislature – there were fresh faces, innovative ideas, and a noticeable shift in the political dynamic. Through it all, HAWC's legislative champions remained steadfast. We worked with many of these legislators and alongside a coalition of passionate environmental, climate, and health advocates to advance the priorities reflected in this scorecard, with one shared goal: protecting the health of every Coloradan from the impacts of climate change.

One constant throughout the session was the powerful voice of the HAWC network – health professionals who are medical researchers, practitioners, and health experts who share and bring human stories to the forefront. Whether it's data from years of research or the moving account of a patient suffering from toxic air, wildfire smoke, or extreme heat, our advocates' testimony cuts through the noise. Their words matter – in the legislature, in regulatory hearings, and in every corner of the public discourse.

In my first months at HAWC, I've been honored to stand with these health leaders and with climate advocates across the state. Together, we will continue our work – in every county, city-by-city, community-by-community – making sure our leaders know: there is no time to waste in the fight against climate change to protect public health.

Soon, Colorado voters will decide on a U.S. Senate seat, all five statewide offices, and 83 seats in the state legislature. Like our friends at Healthier Colorado say, HAWC has no permanent friends, no permanent enemies – only permanent interests: our public health. And we will ensure that every candidate knows exactly where we stand.

Thank you to all who have already joined this fight. If you haven't yet, now is the perfect time to get involved.

Cheers to your health,

Alex Boian
Executive Director, Healthy Air and Water Colorado





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KEY BILLS

PROTECTING WORKERS FROM EXTREME TEMPERATURES **HB25-1286**

SPONSORS: Rep. Velasco, Rep. Froelich, Sen. Weissman, Sen. Cutter

PRO-HEALTH POSITION: Support

FINAL ACTION: Postponed indefinitely by sponsors

SUMMARY: Extreme heat and cold temperatures significantly impact the health and safety of workers, both indoors and outdoors. Prolonged exposure to high temperatures, in particular, can lead to heat-related illnesses such as heat exhaustion and heat stroke, which can be fatal if not promptly treated. These conditions reduce productivity, increase the risk of accidents, and can result in long-term health issues. The Extreme Temperatures Colorado coalition introduced what would have been nation-leading legislation to protect workers across the state. While efforts were not successful this year, we will continue to advocate for policy change to protect workers and promote resiliency in our changing climate.

BUILDING DECARBONIZATION MEASURES **HB25-1269**

SPONSORS: Rep. Willford, Rep. Valdez, Sen. Ball, Sen. Kipp

PRO-HEALTH POSITION: Support

FINAL ACTION: Signed into law

SUMMARY: Buildings are the third-largest source of pollution in Colorado, accounting for 20% of greenhouse gas emissions in the state. The Colorado Energy Office and coalition partners introduced this bill to build upon Building Performance Standards established in 2021. Once implemented, the bill will improve ease of administration and building compliance and set up an enterprise to support the building sector to meet climate goals, improve energy efficiency, and reduce emissions – which will, in turn, create a healthier environment for every Coloradan.

>80%

of Colorado's
electricity will come from
renewable sources by
2030.

AUTOMATED PERMITS FOR CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY **HB25-1096**

SPONSORS: Rep. Smith, Rep. Brown, Sen. Ball, Sen. Kipp

PRO-HEALTH POSITION: Support

FINAL ACTION: Signed into law

SUMMARY: In 2023, Colorado had some of the longest solar permitting timelines in the western United States. This bill will make getting a permit for a home to install solar panels faster and easier, promoting faster adoption to protect our environment and improve public health. It will require cities, counties, and the state to make available an automated online software platform for approving residential solar and battery permits, saving time and resources for local permitting offices.

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are one of the
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gas emissions in
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LEGISLATIVE WINNERS HAWC



Senate Democrats

1. Mike Weissman *
2. Cathy Kipp (tie)
2. Matt Ball (tie)
3. Lisa Cutter (tie)
3. Faith Winter (tie)



House Democrats

1. Meg Froelich *
2. Elizabeth Velasco
3. Junie Joseph



Senate Republicans

1. Cleave Simpson *
2. Byron Pelton
3. Barbara Kirkmeyer



House Republicans

1. Matt Soper
2. Rick Taggart
3. Rose Pugliese

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BILLS SCORED

TIER 1:

HB25-1286

Protecting Workers from Extreme Temperatures

TIER 2:

HB25-1096

Automated Permits for Clean Energy Technology

HB25-1268

Utility On-Bill Repayment Program Financing

HB25-1269

Building Decarbonization Measures

HB25-1277

Increasing Transparency Impact of Fuel Products

OPPOSE:

SB25-141

Municipal Government Exemption from Energy Code Requirements

SB25-280

Data Center Development & Grid Modernization Act

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