



2020 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

AAUW Colorado had two Legislative priorities in 2020:

PRIORITY #1. PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

ACTIVE SUPPORT

This bill was not introduced in the 2020 session, but we worked with the FAMILI Coalition and supported the 2019 version of the bill. We support a statewide public social insurance model that is most comprehensive, providing best coverage for women (they give birth and are the most likely caregivers of family members) and low wage workers (more likely to be women). Too often private insurance plans leave out the people who are most in need of the coverage and can least afford the premiums.

OUTCOME: **Proposition 118**, essentially the same as the proposed bill, **passed by a 58% majority vote** of the people in November 2020.

PRIORITY #2. Anti-choice bills and bills unfriendly to women’s reproductive health rights and justice.

ACTIVELY OPPOSE

Bills **supportive** of women’s reproductive health rights and justice.

ACTIVELY SUPPORT

HB 20-1033 Rep. Humphrey Live and Let Live Act
Sanctions Discrimination OPPOSE

HB 20-1075 Reps. Humphrey & Saine; Sen. Marble
Protect Human Life Beginning at Conception (Personhood) OPPOSE

HB 20-1068 Rep. Sandridge OPPOSE

SB 20-077 Sen. Woodward; Rep. Sandridge
Identical Bills - Enforcing the Rights of a Living Child After an Abortion OPPOSE

HB 20-1098 Sen. D. Williams
Prohibit Performing Abortion after 22 Weeks Gestation
Identical to language of Ballot Issue circulating OPPOSE

OUTCOME: All of the above bills failed in Committee and were Postponed Indefinitely.



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OTHER BILLS, SUPPORTED OR MONITORED by AAUW:

HB 20-1002	Reps. McLachlan & Baisley; Sens. Zenzinger & Story College Credit for Work Experience CCHE to implement a plan for determining and awarding credit	Support
HB 20-1014	Reps. Tipper & Rich; Sen. Gardner Uncontested Use of Donor Gamete in Fertility Treatment	Monitor
HB 20-1048	Reps. Herod & Buckner; Sen. Fields Race Trait Hairstyle Anti-discrimination Protection Education and Workforce Issue	Support
HB 20-1053	Reps. Sirota & Wilson; Sen. Story Supports for Early Childhood Educator Workforce	Monitor
SB 20-009	Sens. Zenzinger & Rankin; Rep. McLachlan Expand Adult Education Grant Program Not just for employment anymore	Support
SB 20-029	Sens. Fields & Moreno; Reps. Coleman & Duran Annual Cost of Living Adjustment to the Basic Cash Assistance a Colorado Works Program Recipient Receives	Support
SB 20-081	Sens. Danielson & Bridges; Reps. Sullivan & Larson School Information for Apprenticeship Directory Rep. from every public high school and district	Monitor
SB 20-083	Sen. Gonzales; Rep. Herod Prohibit Courthouse Civil Arrest	Support
SB 20-217	Sens. Garcia & Fields; Reps. Herod & Gonzales-Gutierrez Enhanced Law Enforcement Integrity	Support

OUTCOME: All of the above bills were PASSED AND SIGNED by the Governor



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OTHER BILLS SUPPORTED OR MONITORED BY AAUW THAT DIED ON THE CALENDAR due to shortened 2020 Session

HB 20-1006	Reps. McCluskie & Sirota; Sens Pettersen & Story Early Childhood Mental Health Consultants CDHS create and implement a program	Support
HB 20-1015	Rep. Buentello; Sen. Bridges Future Educator Pathways Grant Program	Support
HB 20-1016	Reps. McCluskie & Wilson; Sen. Pettersen Increase Quality in Early Childhood Education Programs	Monitor
HB 20-1110	Reps. McLachlan & Exum Higher Education Student Emergency Assistance Grants	Monitor
HB 20-1112	Rep. Hooten Expand Child Care Contribution Income Tax Credit Increase maximum child age from 12 to 18	Support
HB 20-1131	Reps. Titone & Caraveo; Sen. Winter Menstrual Hygiene Products in School Program	Support
HB 20-1138	Reps. Coleman & Larson; Sens. Bridges & Gardner Public Real Property Index (Create Inventory)	Monitor



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OTHER BILLS SUPPORTED OR MONITORED BY AAUW THAT FAILED IN COMMITTEE and were Postponed Indefinitely (PI'd)

HB 20-1058	Rep. Froelich; Sen. Bridges Behavior Analysts in Public Schools	Monitor	PI
HB 20-1088	Rep. Gonzales-Gutierrez U Visa Certification Requirements	Monitor	PI
HB 20-1120	Reps. Carver & Roberts; Sens. Gardner & Fields Enforcement of Sexual Exploitation of a Child Human Trafficking related	Support	PI
HB 20-1141	Reps. Caraveo & Gonzales-Gutierrez; Sen. Gonzales Fees Charges to Tenants by Landlords Housing& Immigration	Support	PI
SB 20-001	Sen. Fields; Rep. Sirota Expand Behavioral Health Training for K-12 Educators	Support	PI
SB 20-004	Sen. Fenberg; Reps. Herod & McCluskie Postsecondary Education Loan Repayment Assistance	Support	PI
SB 20-059	Sen. Hisey; Rep. Larson Sexual Assault on a Student by an Educator Closes gap for 18 years and older in secondary education	Support	PI
SB 20-108	Sen. Gonzales Landlord Prohibitions Tenant Citizenship Status	Support	PI



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OTHER BILLS OPPOSED BY AAUW THAT FAILED IN COMMITTEE and were Postponed Indefinitely

HB 20-1114	Rep. Sandridge Protect Minors from Mutilation and Sterilization Focus on sex reassignment of transgender folks	Oppose	PI
SB 20-072	Sen. Gardner; Rep. Larson Requirement to Provide Information to Parents Regarding the Materials Used During Comprehensive Human Sexuality Instructions. Adds 90-day requirement and more information for already required notification	Oppose	PI

DECEMBER 2020 SPECIAL SESSION ON COVID-19 RECOVERY

AAUW did not take a position, but the following bills addressed women's issues. All were passed and signed by the Governor.

SB20B-001 \$57 million to struggling small businesses

SB20B-002 \$60 million for emergency housing assistance to individuals, including and \$1 million to specifically support the Eviction Legal Assistance Fund. Continue access to the federally funded unemployment programs.

SB20B-003 \$5 million to the Energy Outreach Colorado Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund

SB20B-004 \$100 million for public health

HB20B-1001 \$20 million toward increasing our state's broadband capacity

HB20B-1002 \$45 million to enable 2,600 new and existing child care providers to meet the needs of working parents, especially in child care deserts.

HB20B-100 \$5 million to increase access to food for Colorado families facing food insecurity.