



**BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021**

Due: April 20, 2021

**Office: Public Policy Committee**

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**STRATEGIC PLAN AREAS**

**Education & Training:** *Addressing the barriers and implicit biases that hinder advancement of women.*

**Economic Security:** *Ensuring livelihoods for women.*

**Leadership:** *Closing the gender gap in leadership opportunities.*

**Governance & Sustainability:** *Ensuring the strength, relevance, and viability of AAUW well into the future.*

**Goals:** *What goals did you set this year that are in alignment with this Strategic Plan? Please prioritize your list and indicate after each goal what the current status is (i.e. completed, % completed, estimated completion date, etc.).*

**Education & Training**

**Economic Security**

**Goal:** To assess and advocate for or against bills in the Colorado General Assembly.

**Status:** 50% completed

**Goal:** To educate and inform AAUW members and the general public about policy issues.

**Status:** 100% completed



**Programs:** *Did you identify and/or hold any programs/activities/events that were in alignment with this Strategic Plan? If yes, please give a brief description of each and the date on which it was held/conducted.*

**Public Policy Day**

We held our annual **AAUW Colorado Public Policy Day**, Sat., Feb. 6, 2021, via Zoom Webinar. More than 220 people registered, more than double our usual in-person attendance. The theme was “The Education Equity Conversation ,” and included a panel of local education leaders, as well as a Legislative Update from our own members who previously served in the Colorado General Assembly. A highlight was honoring Gitanjali Rao, a local student who was named the first Time Magazine “Kid of the Year.” The evaluations from this event were extremely positive and will be reference in planning the 2022 Public Policy Day.



### **Legislative Advocacy**

During the Legislative session (Jan-May), the Public Policy Committee assesses proposed CO bills and decides whether to support or oppose bills, with priority given to those that address the National AAUW Public Policy.

On those bills we **actively support or oppose**, our state lobby coordinator and committee members submit letters and provide testimony. We list other bills which we support or oppose, but do not participate actively.

We post the bills, along with our positions and bill status, on our AAUW Colorado website. This posting is updated weekly.

AAUW Colorado also collaborates with a number of women's advocacy groups, including League of Women Voters, The Women's Lobby, COLOR (a Latina reproductive rights organization), and Cobalt (formerly Colorado NARAL).

We hosted Public Policy Day in February 2021 in a successful Webinar format.