

AAUW COLORADO 2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES--UPDATE 3.20.23

BILL #	TITLE	SPONSOR	DETAILS	STATUS
ACTIVE SUPPORT--We submit letters and/or testimony in support				
HB23-1003	School Mental Health Assessment	MICHAELSON JENET	Concerns the creation of the 6th through 12th grade mental health assessment act. Includes opt-out provision.	2ND READING
HB23-1016	Temp Tax Credit For Public Service Retirees	BIRD & SIROTA KOLKER & HANSEN	\$700 Tax Credit for PERA Retirees 2023-24 Uses \$119 millionper year from TABOR surplus to fund.	APPROPS
HB23-1052	Modified Property Tax Exemption for Veterans w Disabilities	MARSHALL FIELDS	Expands disabled veterans elibility for tax exemption	SENATE STATE, MVA
HB23-1064	Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact	LUKENS & YOUNG MARCHMAN	Allows Colorado to enter into a state compact to facilitate licensure for teachers moving into the state	GOVERNOR SIGNED 3/10
HB23-1074	Study Workforce Transitions to Other Industries	DICKSON & AMABILE	Study to identify jobs impactrd by automation and recommended training to transfer to new jobs	PASSED HOUSE
HB23-1076	Workers Compensation	DAUGHERTY	Expands mental impairment benefits,	APPROPS
HB23-1084	Continuation Of Mil Retirement Benefit Deduction	BRADFIELD	Continues deduction for military retirees under age 55	APPROPS
HB23-1088	Veterans Mental Health Session Reimbursement Prog	MARTINEZ	Allows Veterans to obtain additional mental health counseling after federal benefit runs out	APPROPS

HB23-1099	Portable Screening Report for Residential Leases	VIGIL & WEISSMAN FIELDS & EXUM	Allows same screening report to be used for more than one rental application.	PASSED HOUSE
HB23-1107	Crime Victim Services Funding	DURAN & PUGLIESE GARDNER & WINTER F.	\$15 million annual appropriation for crime victim services	APPROPS
HB23-1108	Victim & Survivor Training For Judicial Personnel	DURAN & EVANS	Creates a task force to study victim and survivor awareness and responsiveness training requirements for judicial personnel	PASSED HOUSE IN SENATE JUDICIARY
HB23-1112	Earned Income & Child Tax Credits	BIRD HANSEN & KOLKER	Increases tax credits	FINANCE 3/27
HB23-1178	Court Personnel & Domestic Violence Awareness	FROELICH WINTER F.	Brings courts in compliance with the federal "Keeping Children Safe From Family Violence Act", regarding expert testimony in the area of domestic violence or child abuse, including child sexual abuse. Adds topics to be studied in HB23-1108.	APPROPS
HB23-1198	Teacher Externship Program For STEM Disciplines	TITONE	8-week STEM externships for K-12 Teachers .Employers get tax credit for expenses	APPROPS
HB23-1207	Stipends For Natl Board-certified Educators	WEINBERG & HAMRICK	Adds qualified librarians and school social workers to teachers, school counselors, principals, and school psychologists who receive the current \$1,600 stipend (\$3200 in low-performing and rural schools).	APPROPS
HB23-1219	Waiting Period To Deliver A Firearm	FROELICH & AMABILE SULLIVAN & HANSEN	Changes waiting period to 3 days or when background check completed, whichever is later.	SENATE 2ND READING

HB23-1230	Prohibit Assault Weapons In CO	EPPS FIELDS	Prohibits manufacture and sale of assault weapons. Defines assault weapon. Criminal penalty is Class 2 misdemeanor. Civil penalties up to \$500,000 for gun dealers.	JUDICIARY
SB23-017	Additional Uses Paid Sick Leave	WINTER F., WILLFORD	Adds storm closures and funeral admin duties to uses of paid sick leave	PASSED SENATE IN HOUSE BIZ
SB23-031	Improve Health Care Access For Older Coloradans	Danielson (D)	Concerns improving Older Coloradans' access to trained geriatric specialist health-care providers.	APPROPS
SB23-054	Missing & Murdered Indigenous Relatives Office	DANIELSON	Adds duties to MMIR Office	APPROPS
SB23-056	Compensatory Direct Distribution To PERA	KOLKER BIRD	Reimburses PERA lost interest from skipped state contribution	APPROPS
SB23-058	Job Application Fairness Act	DANIELSON & JAQUEZ LEWIS WILLFORD & YOUNG	Anti-age discrimination. Disallows questions revealing age on employment applications.	PASSED SENATE IN HOUSE BIZ
SB23-082	CO Fostering Success Voucher Program	ZENZINGER & KIRKMEYER AMABILE & MICHAELSON JENET	Provides vouchers for former foster youth 18-26 for housing and case management services.	APPROPS
SB23-084	Full-time Employment For Higher Ed Faculty	MARCHMAN & GONZALES YOUNG	Gives adjunct faculty full-time status to apply for Federal loan forgiveness.	PASSED SENATE PASSED HOUSE
SB23-091	Access To Behavioral Health Services	KOLKER & GARDNER	Creates a health benefit for medicaid recipients under 21 to include access to certain behavioral health services	Pl'd

SB23-098	Gig Work Transparency	RODRIGUEZ BACON & VIGIL	Requires UBER, LYFT , delivery companies to follow transparency and accountability measures for drivers and customers.	APPROPS
SB23-105	Ensure Equal Pay For Equal Work	DANIELSON & BUCKNER GONZALES-GUTIERREZ & BACON	Update to 2019 bill Changes authorizes to requires the director of the division of labor standards and statistics in the department of labor and employment (director) to create and administer a process to accept and mediate complaints, to provide legal resources concerning alleged wage discrimination, and to promulgate rules as necessary for this purpose. Clarifies other rules from 2019 law.	APPROPS
SB23-154	Sunset Continue Veterans One-stop Center	SULLIVAN & HINRICHSEN PARENTI & TAGGART	Continues Veterans support center in Grand Junction	PASSED SENATE IN HOUSE APPROPS
SB23-168	Gun Violence Victims' Access to the Judicial System	JAQUEZ LEWIS & KOLKER MABREY& PARENTI	Removes broad immunity protections for gun sellers and manufacturers and allows legitimate lawsuits against the gun industry to move forward.	PASSED SENATE IN HOUSE JUD 3/23
SB23-169	Increasing Minimum Age To Purchase Firearms	MULLICA & DANIELSON DURAN & HAMRICK	Increases the age from 18 to 21 to purchase, possess, sell, or transfer a firearm. With some exceptions, mostly related to family members and organized activities.	PASSED SENATE IN HOUSE STATE CMVA 3/20

SB23-170	Extreme Risk Protection Order Petitions	SULLIVAN & FENBERG BACON & WEISSMAN	Expands the list of who can petition for an extreme risk protection order to include licensed medical care providers, licensed mental health-care providers, licensed educators, and district attorneys.	PASSED SENATE IN HOUSE JUD 3/23
SB23-172	Protecting Opportunities & Workers' Rights Act	WINTER F. & GONZALES WEISSMAN & BACON	POWR Act Adds protections from discriminatory or unfair employment practices. Broadens harassment definition.	JUDICIARY 3/20
SB23-181	Dyslexia Screening In Schools	WINTER F. & MULLICA	Makes testing mandatory	EDUCATION
SB23-188	Protections For Accessing Reproductive Health Care	GONZALES & JAQUEZ LEWIS FROELICH & TITONE	Prevent the state from recognizing or engaging in any criminal prosecutions or civil lawsuits for anyone who receives, provides or assists in abortions and gender-affirming care. It also prevents state employees from participating in any such interstate investigations.	2ND READING
SB23-189	Increasing Access To Reproductive Health Care	MORENO & CUTTER MICHAELSON JENET & GARCIA	Limit surprise billing and require coverage for reproductive health care and treatments, including abortion, sterilization and sexually-transmitted infections. It also expands access to contraceptives and lets patients use Medicaid transportation for abortion services. And it allows any authorized provider to offer HIV medication, not just pharmacies.	2ND READING
SB23-190	Deceptive Trade Practice Pregnancy-related Service	WINTER F. & MARCHMAN MCCORMICK & EPPS	Prohibit using "deceptive advertising" by crisis pregnancy centers and designate providers offering so-called abortion reversal medication as "unprofessional conduct."	2ND READING

SJR-006	Senate Joint Resolution in support of Equal Rights Amendment	CUTTER & BUCKNER FROELICH & ENGLISH	Recognizes the 100th anniversary of the effort to pass the Equal Rights Amendment and urges adoption into US Constitution.	PASSED SENATE 3/01 PASSED HOUSE 3/02
TO BE INTRODUCED	Teacher recruitment, pay	Kipp(D), Zenzinger (D)	Uses TABOR surplus to fund teacher & staff recruitment, pay and retention.	TBI
SUPPORT--We include in our weekly legislative update				
HB23-1001	Expanding Assistance For Educator Programs	KIPP & MCLACHLAN ZENZINGER	Modifies the Temporary Educator Loan Forgiveness Program, Educator Test Stipend Program, and Student Educator Stipend Program.	PASSED HOUSE PASSED SENATE amended
HB23-1008	Food Accessibility	Weissman (D), Fields (D)	Reduces business meal tax deductions to fund small business recovery and food programs.	3RD READING 3/20
HB23-1057	Amenities For All Genders In Public Buildings	MCCORMICK & VIGIL JAQUEZ LEWIS	Requires all new or certain refurbished government -owned buildings to meet non-gender standards.	PASSED HOUSE IN SENATE HHS
HB23-1077	Informed Consent To Intimate Patient Examinations	WILLFORD WINTER F. & JAQUEZ LEWIS	Requires prior consent if patient is sedated or unconscious	2ND READING
HB23-1091	Continuation Of Child Care Contribution Tax Credit	PUGLIESE & KIPP MARCHMAN & RICH	Continues child care contribution tax credit and adds in-kind property contribution to eligible gifts	APPROPS
HB23-1095	Prohibited Provisions In Rental Agreements	WOODROW & LINDSAY	Prohibits certain fees and adds legal protections for tenants	PASSED HOUSE
HB23-1110	Health-care Coverage For Biomarker Testing	MICHAELSON JENET & HARTSOOK MULLICA & RICH	Requires insurers to cover biomarker testing	APPROPS

HB23-1115	Eiminate Ban on Rent Control	MABREY, VELASCO	Allows local governments to enact rent controls	PASSED HOUSE
HB23-1118	Fair Workweek Employment Standards	SIROTA & GONZALES-GUTIERREZ GONZALES & WINTER F.	Requires employers with over 250 employees in food & beverage fields to follow certain standards regarding work schedules.	Pl'd
HB23-1122	Tax Credit For Purchase Long-term Care Insurance	BIRD HANSEN & KOLKER T	Increases allowable taxable income and amount of tax credit for purchases of longterm care insurance.	APPROPS
HB23-1124	Funding For Serv For CO Empl First Participants	LINDSAY FIELDS	Continues \$1.5 million annual funding for SNAP reciopient training and support services	APPROPS
HB23-1126	Consumer Reports Not Include Medical Debt Info	RICKS EXUM	Prohibits the reporting of medical debt information by consumer reporting agencies	PASSED HOUSE IN SENATE 2nd READING
HB23-1130	Drug Coverage For Serious Mental Illness	MICHAELSON JENET RODRIGUEZ	With regard to step therapy, prohibits the protocols from requiring a person to try more than one prescription drug prior to receiving coverage for the drug recommended by the person's health-care provider.	PASSED HOUSE IN SENATE HHS
HB23-1153	Pathways To Behavioral Health Care	ARMAGOST & AMABILE	Feasibility study focusing on the intersection of Colorado's behavioral health service availability and judicial system to determine the feasibility of establishing a system to support individuals with serious mental illness' access to voluntary and involuntary behavioral health care and housing support services.	APPROPS

HB23-1158	Commodity Supplemental Food Grant Program	WILLFORD & TAGGART MULLICA CO	Creates commodity program and annually appropriates \$1 million for purchasing and distributing food packages to qualifying low-income older Colorado adults.	APPROPS
HB23-1212	Promotion Of Apprenticeships	HAMRICK & LIEDER KOLKER & DANIELSON	Apprenticeship navigator pilot program for hs seniors and web-based job board of apprenticeships	EDUCATION 3/23
HB23-1222	Cases Of Domestic Violence In Municipal Court	DURAN & WEISSMAN ROBERTS	Prohibits the prosecution of an alleged act of domestic violence in municipal courts. Moves DV cases to county and district courts.	JUDICIARY
HB23-1229	Amending Terms Consumer Lending Laws	WEISSMAN & MABREY GONZALES	Additional restrictions on payday lending practices	FINANCE 3/27
SB23-003	Colorado Adult High School Program	Buckner (D)	Concerns a Colorado Department of Education partnership with a nonprofit entity to create a program for adult education	APPROPS
SB23-004	Employment of School Mental Health Professionals	Marchman (D)	Concerns employment of certain school mental health professionals.	HOUSE ED
SB23-007	Adult Education	Zenzinger (D)	Concerns enhancing adult education in Colorado. Adds digital literacy.	APPROPS
SB23-014	Disordered Eating Prevention	MORENO LINDSAY	Creates an office of Disordered Eating Prevention	HHS 3/23
SB23-027	Food Pantry Assistance Grant Program	CUTTER	Appropriates \$3 million per year through FY 24-25 (if funds are available) Grant program extended through FY 2026-27.	APPROPS
SB23-039	Reduce Child & Incarcerated Parent Separation	BUCKNER AMABILE	Fewer barriers to family time	2ND READING

SB23-046	Average Weekly Wage Paid Leave Benefits	WINTER F. DURAN	Calculate a covered individual's weekly benefit amount based on the individual's average weekly wage from all jobs worked in the base period	PASSED SENATE PASSED HOUSE
SB23-051	Conforming Workforce Development Statutes	HINRICHSEN & SULLIVAN ORTIZ	Puts Office of Future Work in Statute	PASSED SENATE PASSED
SB23-074	Sunset Mod Human Trafficking Prevention Training	VAN WINKLE & GINAL FROELICH & DAUGHERTY	Continues the training for 7 years, until September 1, 2030.	HOUSE APPROPS
SB23-085	Sunset Sexual Misconduct Advisory Committee	WINTER F. HAMRICK & STORY	Continues Sexual Misconduct Committee in Dept of Higher Ed. Deals with Title IX and non-Title IX issues	HOUSE ED 3/22
SB23-087	Teacher Degree Apprenticeship Prog	MARCHMAN & BAISLEY KIPP & WILSON	Adds apprenticeship program as alternative to teacher certification.	HOUSE ED
SB23-091	Access To Behavioral Health Services	KOLKER & GARDNER	Creates a health benefit for medicaid recipients under 21 to include access to certain behavioral health services	PI'd
SB23-160	Sunset Continue Community Crime Victims Grant Prog	FIELDS & WINTER F. MABREY & LYNCH	Continues grant program	APPROPS
SB23-174	Access To Certain Behavioral Health Services	KOLKER & GARDNER	Extends behavioral health services to medicaid recipients under 21	HHS
SB23-176	Protections For People With An Eating Disorder	MORENO & CUTTER	Adds privacy protections and disallows certain measures of body weight in treatment	HHS 3/23
ACTIVE OPPOSITION--We submit letters and/or testimony in opposition				
HB23-1079	Income Tax Credits For Nonpublic Education	DEGRAAF	Establishes a private school tuition income tax credit	PI'd
HB23-1097	Painkiller Administration Prior To Abortion	LUCK	Personhood.	PI'd
HB23-1098	Women's Rights In Athletics	FRIZELL & BRADLEY PELTON B.	Anti-trans bill; LGBTQ+	PI'd

HB23-1104	Delay Implementation Paid Family Medical Leave	FRIZELL	Delays Family Leave for a year.	PI'd
HB23-1119	Abolishing Abortion In Colorado	BOTTOMS	Makes abortion a crime	PI'd
HB23-1150	Provide Information on Abortion Pill Reversal	BOTTOMS	Requires provision of information about abortion pill reversal	PI'd
OPPOSITION--We include in our weekly legislative update				
HB23-1035	Statute Of Limitations Minimum Wage Violations	SOPER	Reduces statute of limitations. Actions brought for violations of minimum wage laws must be commenced within 2 years after the cause of action accrues or, for a willful violation, within 3 years after the cause of action accrues.	PI'd
HB23-1044	Second Amendment Preservation Act	DEGRAAF	Prohibiting enforcement of federal laws that infringe on the right to bear arms	PI'd
HB23-1063	Reduction Of State Income Tax Rate	BOTTOMS	Reduces both the individual and the corporate state income tax rates from 4.40% to 3.5%.	PI'd
MONITOR--We have not taken a position				
HB23-1078	Unemployment Compensation Dependent Allowance	WILLFORD HANSEN	Adds \$35 per week, per child in unemployment benefits. \$21.7 million/year. Unemployment Insurance is paid by employers	APPROPS
HB23-1109	School Policies & Student Conduct	GONZALES-GUTIERREZ & JOSEPH WINTER F.	Adds certain requirements to expulsion process.	EDUCATION
HB23-1120	Eviction Protections For Residential Tenants	JOSEPH & ORTIZ FIELDS & WINTER F	Requires mediation before eviction notice for renters receiving govt. aid. Extends wait period to 30 days after judgment.	APPROPS

HB23-1128	Income Tax Credits & Deductions Married Taxpayers	WEINBERG	Increases tax deductions on wildfire mitigation and child care expenses	PI'D
HB23-1135	Penalty for Indecent Exposure in View of Minors	MICHAELSON JENET & BIRD ZENZINGER	Makes indecent exposure a Class 6 Felony if in view of a minor under 18	JUDICIARY 3/21
HB23-1165	County Authority to Prohibit Firearms Discharge	AMABILE ROBERTS & JAQUEZ LEWIS	Repeals the exception for most private property, requires that the designated area have 30 dwellings or more per square mile.	PASSED HOUSE IN SENATE
HB23-1171	Just Cause Requirement Eviction of Residential Tenant	MABREY & GONZALES GUTIERREZ GONZALES	Defines just cause for eviction and remedies for "no-fault" eviction, protecting children, people with disabilities and low income people	PASSED HOUSE IN SENATE
HB23-1176	Public Employees' Retirement Association Defined Contribution Plan School Personnel	WILSON	Provides a defined contribution option(401K) for school employees PERA contributions. Employees could choose amount to contribute. Employers would be required to contribute 6.5% of the member's salary toward the member's account, and contribute 15% of the member's salary to the defined benefit plan.	PI'd
HB23-1180	County Commissioner Elections	MARSHALL PRIOLA	Requires counties of 70,00 or more to have 5 commissioners with some or all representing districts	PI'd
HB23-1183	Prior Authorization For Step-therapy Exception	JODEH & SIROTA	Adds 24-hour deadline to HCPF medicaid response to prior authorization requests for a step-therapy exception.	2ND READING

HB23-1184	Low-income Housing Property Tax Exemptions	LINDSTEDT & FRIZELL ROBERTS	Provides exemption for properties owned and used for charitable purposes	APPROPS
HB23-1186	Remote Participation In Residential Evictions	LINDSAY & JODEH EXUM & JAQUEZ LEWIS	Allows all parties to participate remotely	2ND READING
HB23-1187	Alternatives In Crim Jus Sys & Pregnant Persons	BACON & AMABILE GONZALES & FIELDS	Provides alternative treatment for pregnant and post-partum persons in criminal justice system.	PASSED HOUSE IN SENATE APPROPS
HB23-1188	Individualized Learning Schools & Programs	SOPER & MICHAELSON JENET RICH	Adds requirements for schools that offer Individualized Learning Programs	EDUCATION 3/23
HB23-1199	Forensic Medical Evidence Process Improvements	FROELICH & SOPER WINTER F	Requires creation of a statewide system for victims of alleged sexual assault to monitor the status of evidence obtained from their forensic medical evidence examinations. Adds victim notification about evidence. Caps amounts payable to medical facilities by the sexual assault victim emergency payment program	APPROPS
HB23-1208	Income Tax Credit For Eligible Teachers	MARSHALL & SOPER RICH	Tax credit to cover classroom supplies, professional development costs, supplemental educational materials, field trips. Flat \$1000 full year, \$500 half year	EDUCATION 3/23
HB23-1231	Math In Pre-kindergarten Through Twelfth Grade	MCLACHLAN & PUGLIESE MARCHMAN & LUNDEEN	\$25 million grant program to train teachers, tutor students in math-- Pre-K-12th Grade	APPROPS
HB23-1239	Local Innovation For Education Assessments	HAMRICK & BACON MARCHMAN & KOLKER	Reduce standardized testing and apply for Federal grants to increase evidence-Based performance testing in student evaluation.	EDUCATION

SB23-029	Disproportionate Discipline in Public Schools	MORENO LINDSAY	Sets reporting requirements regarding policies to address disproportionate discipline, and to consider certain factors before suspending or expelling a student.	EDUCATION 3/13
SB23-111	Public Employees' Workplace Protection	RODRIGUEZ WOODROW	Gives public employees right to organize	APPROPS
SB23-149	Higher Ed Student Financial Aid For Youth Mentors	COLEMAN	Pilot program to pay youth mentors in higher ed for students in underserved, LGBTQ+ and those with developmental disabilities	APPROPS
SB23-167	Board Of Nursing Regulate Certified Midwives	WINTER F. & WILL GONZALES-GUTIERREZ	Adds certified midwives to nursing regulations	APPROPS
SB23-184	Protections For Residential Tenants	WINTER F. FROELICH & GARCIA	Adds new requirements for landlords regarding timing and financial considerations in acceptance of tenant applications	LGA 3/28

House Status Sheet

https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/2023_House_Status_Sheet.pdf

Senate Status Sheet

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Committee Codes:

APPROPS = Appropriations
 H&I=Health & Insurance
 LG & H=Local Government & Housing
 STATE&CMVA=State, Civic, Military & Veterans Affairs
 THLG=Transportation, Housing & Local Government
 PBH & HS= Public & Behavioral Health & Human Services
 BLT=Business, Labor & Technology
 HHS=Health & Human Services