

**AAUW of Colorado Policy Statement on Prop HH and Prop ii**

**Proposition HH—Property Tax Relief and Education Funding**. AAUW of Colorado is actively supporting Prop HH which addresses key AAUW public policy priorities:

* Economic equity:
* Prop HH will provide a measure of property tax relief against the rapidly rising market values. This will impact women, especially those heading single family homes.
* Prop HH will also provide transferability of the Senior Homestead exemption so seniors may downsize without losing their exemption. This will benefitwomen who outnumber men among the aging.
* Prop HH will benefit women who rent their homes, by stabilizing property taxes on commercial properties, thus reducing the need to raise rent due to tax increases.
* Prop HH will equalize TABOR refunds for the next year, benefitting lower income taxpayers, especially women of all ages who suffer from the continuing pay gap.
* Education equity:
* Prop HH will maintain state and local education funding levels that would otherwise be impacted by TABOR refunds and reduced property taxes.
* Prop HH will create an ongoing funding source for the State Education Fund to help Colorado recover from the funding deficit we have experienced for many years.

**Proposition ii—Retain Tobacco Tax Revenue for Pre-School Funding.** AAUW of Colorado is actively supporting Proposition ii because it addresses key AAUW public policy priorities:

* Education equity:

Prop ii will increase pre-school funding by allowing the state to retain the revenue that is being generated by the tobacco tax already in effect. Otherwise, the excess revenue will be returned to the merchants, not the taxpayers. Prop ii will help level the playing field for girls, especially girls of color, by providing expanded pre-school opportunities

* Economic equity:

Prop ii will help close the pay gap by giving girls a good start and the opportunity for increased earnings far into the future.

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