



2015 STATE LEGISLATION CONCERNING POVERTY

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CCLP is tracking the following bills. Please check the legend to see the position of specific organizations.

<u>Bill#</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Com*</u>	<u>Position**</u>
001	Cadman	Excess State Revenues Refund Mechanism	Sfin	+f,l
012	Kefalas	Colorado Works Pass Through Child Support	Sapp	+C,9,a,b,e,f,j,S,w,l
065	Marble	Ban Public Benefit Transfers at Certain Venues	Gov	-9,a
069	Woods	Repeal Job Protection Civil rights Enforcement Act	Hsa	-C,9,w,a,b,B,g,l,j
072	Lambert	Metropolitan State University of Denver Admission	Sed	-C,a,b
107	Heath	Classification of Independent Contractors	Sblt	
138	Donovan	ASCENT Program Funding	Hfin	
171	Hill	Sunset Private Occupational School Act	Gov	+C,b,a
1020	Wilson	Full Day Kindergarten	Happ	+y,w,a,j
1024	Pettersen	Increasing Number of Preschool Slots	Happ	+C,y,9,a,b,l,j
1033	Primavera	Strategic Planning Group on Aging	Happ	+C,b,s,w,a,9,A,S,l,j
1100	Lebsock	Older Coloradans Act	Happ	+C,b,s,w,a,A,S,B,9,l,j
1133	Danielson	Continue Colorado Pay Equity Commission	Ssa	+C,w,9,a,b,B,g,l,j
1194	Beck K	Authorize General Fund Dollars for LARC Services	Happ	+C,w,y,a,g,B,9,l,j
1195	Kagan	Commencement of the Earned Income Tax Credit	Hfin	+C,f,b,a,9,g,j
1235	Buckner	Colo Retirement Security Task Force	Happ	+C, b,w,a,S,9
1255	Dore	Prohibit Use of Electronic Benefit Cards	Sblt	-a,9
1258	Winter	FAMLI Insurance Program Wage Replacement	Hfin	+C, 9,w,a,g
1264	Salazar	Homeless Persons' Bill of Rights	Hsa	+o,9,l
1300	Moreno	Local Government Minimum Wage	S	+C,b,,9

DIED

006	Woods	Prohibit Forfeitures Without Criminal Conviction	Sjud	
033	Kerr	Increase funding for Pre K through 12	Ssa	
034	Ulibarri	Reduce Finance charge Limit for Credit Cards	Sblt	+9
054	Donovan	Free or Reduced Price Lunch Five Days All Schools	Ssa	+C,9
066	Ulibarri	Non Resident Identification Documents	Ssa	
070	Lundberg	Child Care Regulation Ten or More Children Only	Shhs	-C, y
095	Kefalas	Manufacture Home Communities	Sfin	
079	Ulibarri	Doc Recording Fee to Fund Affordable Housing	Ssa	+a,g
101	Balmer	Electronic Wage Payment	Hsa	-C,9,b,a,g
131	Newell	Fostering Success Collaborative for Foster Youth	Sfin	
1080	Joshi	School Participation in Breakfast after the Bell	Hed	-9
1151	Rankin	Floor For Medicaid Provider Rates	Hhie	
1160	Lawrence	Court make Public Defender Indigency Determination	Hjud	
1172	DelGrosso	Repeal Punitive Damages Employment Discrimination	Hjud	-9,w,j
1221	Buckner	Employee Leave Attend Child's Academic Activities	Ssa	+9,w,y,a,B,g
HCR1001	Melton	Colorado Constitution Minimum Wage	H2nd	+C,9,b,f, g

*app=Appropriations, blt=Busines, Labor and Technology; ed=Education, fin=finance,hhs=Health and Human Services hie=Health, insurance and environment; jud=judiciary; phc =public health; sa=State Affairs

** + = support; - = oppose

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TAXES

SB1 changes TABOR refund mechanisms, by eliminating the temporary reduction in the income tax rate in favor of sending the refund through a sales tax rebate (on the state income tax form.) This rebate would be refundable beyond taxes owed. The bill does not change the Earned income tax credit. This bill is a change which would benefit those who earn too little to owe income taxes.

HB 1195 requires payment of the Earned Income Tax Credit beginning in tax year 2015. The EITC is currently not paid unless triggered by sufficient TABOR excess revenue (approximately \$100 million threshold), which might not happen until tax year 2016.

CHILD SUPPORT

SB 12 requires that child support collected in the name of a child on TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) go to that child's family, rather than be retained by the government. The bill backfills government for the lost child support revenues.

CHILD CARE

HB 1024 adds 3000 more Colorado Preschool Program slots.

HB 1020 provides funding to school districts to expand full day kindergarten.

SB 70 deregulates child care providers who care for 9 or fewer children.

EMPLOYMENT

SB 69 would reverse previous legislation which added teeth (consequences) for cases of proved discrimination.

HB 1172 specific eliminates the new provision allowing punitive damages in cases off intentional discrimination.

HB 1133 continues the pay equity commission, which has tried to identify and address the pay gaps between women and men and whites and people of color.

HCR1001 is a referendum to raise the minimum wage. The state minimum wage is already part of our state constitution. It acts as both a floor and a ceiling, so an increase larger than the rate of CPI increases takes a new constitutional amendment.

AGING

HB 1033 sets up a planning group to analyze the impact on the state of the growing numbers of older Coloradans. The scope includes both the additional services that might be needed, the caregiving workforce, and well as the changes in the tax structure based on an aging population.

HB 1100 add more funding to the Older Coloradans Program, which provides services designed to help people stay in the own homes and out of nursing homes.

EBT CARDS

SB 65 brings Colorado law in alignment with federal law by adding additional restricted venues for where someone can use an EBT card, adding adult entertainment establishments and marijuana shops. The federal government has threatened to sanction Colorado with loss of some TANF funding if changes are not made. HB1255 outline responsibilities on the business side.

HOMELESS

HB 1264 creates a "Right to Rest" in public spaces for those who are homeless. It also requires that they have the same access as others to public spaces.