



Selected Bills From the 2022 CO Legislature

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CATEGORY

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ECONOMIC ISSUES

[SB22-138](#) (Hansen, Valdez, A.) *Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Colorado*. Thirteen page bill packed with major policy changes across various areas from insurance companies, small off-road equipment, oil & gas conservation, and agriculture. Essentially promotes electric vehicles and solar energy. **Passed the Senate on a 21-12-2 vote.** **Passed the House Energy and Environment committee on a party-line vote.** **Died on the calendar.**

[HB22-1021](#) (Ransom, Sonnenberg) *Reduce State Income Tax Rate*. Reduces both the individual and the corporate state income tax rates from 4.55% to 4.4%. **Failed in the House State, Civic, Military & Veterans Affairs committee on a party-line vote.**

[HB22-1196](#) (Herod, Esgar, Moreno, Pettersen) *Pay Equity Study*. Contracts the EDI (Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion) Task Force to conduct a pay equity study to assess pay inequities specific to gender, race, and other protected classes. **Passed the House on a party-line vote.** **Passed the Senate on a 21-13-1 vote.** **Signed into law.**

[HB22-1355](#) (Cutter, Priola, Gonzales) *Producer Responsibility Program for Recycling*. Creates a statewide government-run recycling program. **Passed the House on a 40-25 vote.** **Passed the Senate on a 21-14 vote.**

EDUCATION

[SB22-008](#) (Zenzinger, Priola, McLauchlan, McKean) *Higher Education Support for Foster Youth*. Requires all public higher education institutions in Colorado to waive undergraduate tuition and fees for Colorado resident students who have been in foster care or following an adjudication as neglected or dependent. **Passed the Senate on a 24-10-1 vote.** **Passed the House on a 55-7-3 vote.**

[SB22-039](#) (Lundeen, Kirkmeyer) *Funding for Educational Opportunities*. Creates the HOPE Scholarship Act to use taxpayer funds for some students to fund private school tuition, homeschool costs, and other programs outside

the public school system. *We must always remember that with government funds, comes government control.* **Failed in the Senate Education committee on a party-line vote.**

[SB22-071](#) (Woodward, Van Beber) *Learning Pods for Home-School Programs*. Defines “learning pods” within the nonpublic home-based educational program (homeschool) law. **Failed in the Senate Education committee on a party-line vote.**

[SB22-127](#) (Kirkmeyer, Zenzinger, Larson, McCluskie) *Special Education Funding*. **Passed the Senate unanimously. Passed the House on a 58-4-3 vote. Signed into law.**

[SB22-140](#) (Coleman, McLachlan) *Expansion of Experiential Learning Opportunities*. Requires the department of labor and employment (department), in partnership with the business experiential-learning commission in the department, the office of economic development, the state workforce development council, the departments of education and higher education, the state board for community colleges and occupational education, and area technical colleges, to provide incentives to eligible employers to create high-quality, work-based learning opportunities for adults and youth. **Passed the Senate on a 29-5-1 vote. Passed the House on a 45-20-0 vote.**

[SB22-192](#) (Zenzinger, Simpson, Esgar, Catlin) *Opportunities For Credential Attainment*. Creates a new program to create opportunities for receiving credentials as a part of higher education. **Passed the Senate on a 28-5-2 vote. Passed the House on a 53-12-0 vote. Signed into law.**

[SB22-207](#) (Winter, Bacon) *Prevention of Title IX Misconduct in Public School*. Requires covered public schools to adopt a Title IX policy pursuant to Title IX of the federal "Education Amendments of 1972". The bill outlines the information that must be included in the Title IX policy, including definitions of forms of misconduct and the procedures for reporting and investigating misconduct under Title IX. The bill requires covered public schools to provide their Title IX policy to the department of education. **Passed the Senate on a 25-10-0 vote. Passed the House Education committee on a party-line vote.**

[HB22-1002](#) *Fifth Year High School Concurrent Enrollment*. Removes the limit on the number of program participants and allows each qualified student selected by the enrolling local education provider to participate in the program. **Passed the House Education committee on a 6-3 vote. [Bulk of the bill placed into to School Finance Bill (HB22-1390).]**

[HB22-1009](#) (Gray, Sullivan, Zenzinger) *Continue Workforce Diploma Pilot Program*. Continues the pilot program indefinitely as the workforce diploma program. **Passed the House Education committee on a 7-2 vote. Failed in the House Appropriations committee.**

[HB22-1019](#) (Larson) *Modifications to Qualified State Tuition Programs*. Modifies the 529 account program to include elementary and secondary education tuition and creates a FLEX savings program. **Failed in the House Education committee on a party-line vote.**

[HB22-1066](#) (Geitner) *Public Education Curriculum and Professional Development Information*. Requires each school district to post on their website information about the educational materials used in their schools. **Failed in the House Education committee on a party-line vote.**

[HB22-1069](#) (Bockenfeld, Priola) *Parent Authority to Request Public School Reforms*. Authorizes the parents of children enrolled in a low-performing school to petition for reform. **Failed in the House Education committee on a party-line vote.**

[HB22-1146](#) (Larson, McCluskie, Lundeen, Kirkmeyer) *Investment of Public School Fund Study and Report*. **Passed the House on a 58-6-1 vote. Passed the Senate unanimously.**

[HB22-1155](#) (Will, McCluskie, Gonzales) *In-state Tuition for Colorado High School Graduates*. Changes the eligibility of who can receive in-state tuition at institutions of higher education. **Passed the House on a 45-18-2 vote.** **Passed the Senate on a 25-9-1 vote.**

[HB22-1203](#) (Hanks) *Income Tax Credits for Nonpublic Education*. Establishes private school and home education income tax credit for eligible students as defined in the bill (not all private school students or homeschoolers would be eligible). The credit would be available to claim for five years starting in 2023 and would be carried forward for three taxable years. **Failed in the House Education committee on a party-line vote.**

[HB22-1206](#) (Williams) *Prohibit Discriminatory Practices in School*. Prohibits discriminatory practices in public schools. **Failed in the House Judiciary committee on a party-line vote.**

[HB22-1207](#) (Woog) *Choice in Low-Performing Schools*. Creates a program to enable students enrolled in a low-performing school district to pursue other educational opportunities. **Failed in the House Education committee on a party-line vote.**

[HB22-1294](#) (Michaelson Jenet, Young, Zenzinger, Gardner) *Special Education Services in Charter Schools*. Allows a district charter school or an institute charter school, upon approval of the authorizing school district board of education or the state charter school institute (CSI), respectively, to develop and administer an enrollment preference plan to give enrollment preference to children with disabilities. **Passed the House on a 62-1-2 vote (Sandridge only no vote).** **Passed the Senate on a 33-0-2 vote.**

[HB22-1295](#) (Sirota, Garnett, Buckner, Fenberg) *Department of Early Childhood & Universal Preschool Program*. Creates the Colorado universal preschool program. **Passed the House on a 43-19-3 vote.** **Passed the Senate on a 24-11 vote.** **Signed into law.**

[HB22-1358](#) (Sirota, Winter, Fields) *Clean Water in Schools & Child Care Centers*. Requires every public school, day care center, and family child care home to install water filtration systems on their water sources and test the water frequently. **Passed the House on a 44-21 vote.** **Passed the Senate on a 30-5-0 vote.**

[HB22-1366](#) (Kipp, Bridges) *Improving Students' Postsecondary Options*. Establishes a number of new programs concerning postsecondary career and education options for students. **Passed the House on a 42-23-0 vote.** **Passed the Senate on a 21-11-3 vote.**

[HB22-1376](#) (Herod, Young, Priola, Winter) *Supportive Learning Environments for K-12 Students*. Requires the department of education to compile data and create reports based on information received from school districts and charter schools. **Passed the House on a party-line vote.** **Passed the Senate on a 23-10 vote.**

[HB22-1390](#) (McCluskie, MacLachlan, Zenzinger) *Public School Finance*. **Passed the House on a 45-20 vote.** **Passed the Senate unanimously.**

[HB22-1396](#) (Larson, MacLachlan, Lundeen) *Math Achievement Accelerator Grant Program*. Creates the math achievement accelerator grant program in the department of education. **Passed the House Education committee unanimously.** **Failed in the House Appropriations committee.**

ELECTIONS

[SB22-153](#) (Fenberg, Lontine) *Internal Election Security Measures*. Expands offenses & penalties for violating election security requirements. **Passed the Senate on a 21-14 vote.** **Passed the House on a party-line vote.**

[HB22-1078](#) (Baisley) *Voting Systems Standards Adoption*. Requires that all voting systems and voting equipment satisfy the latest voting systems standards promulgated by the federal election assistance commission. **Failed in the House State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs committee on a party-line vote.**

[HB22-1085](#) (Hanks) *Paper Ballot Fraud Countermeasures*. Requires that paper used for paper ballots have certain fraud countermeasures and that paper ballot records be provided by vendors that have one or more specified accreditations in any primary, general, coordinated statewide, or statewide recall election. **Failed in the House State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs committee on a party-line vote.**

[HB22-1161](#) (Pico) *Requiring the Election of Certain Commissioners*. Requiring some commissioners to be elected at a general election instead of appointed by an elected official. **Failed the House State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs committee on a party-line vote.**

[HB22-1204](#) (Hanks) *Election Systems*. Requires votes to be cast in person on election day. **Failed the House State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs committee on a 9-2 vote.**

GUN RIGHTS

[HB22-1033](#) (Hanks) *Constitutional Carry of a Handgun*. Grants a person who is at least 21 years old and permitted to possess a handgun pursuant to federal and state law the same authority to carry a concealed handgun as a person who holds a permit to carry a concealed handgun. **Failed in the House Public & Behavioral Health & Human Services committee on a party-line vote.**

[HB22-1086](#) (Sullivan, Bacon, Fields) *The Vote Without Fear Act*. Openly carrying a firearm inside or within 100 feet of a polling location, central count facility, or drop box is a misdemeanor, punishable by a maximum \$1,000 fine, up to 364 days imprisonment in the county jail, or both. **Passed the House on a party-line vote. Passed the Senate on a party-line vote. Signed into law.**

HEALTHCARE

[SB22-053](#) (Sonnenberg, Pelton) *Health Facility Visitation During Pandemic*. Lays out a policy healthcare facilities must follow to allow for patient visitation during a pandemic. **Passed the Senate on a 30-5 vote. Passed the House on a 49-16 vote.**

[HB22-1015](#) (Luck, Hisey, Sonnenberg) *Off-Label Use of Approved Drugs to Treat COVID-19*. Allows doctors to prescribe and pharmacists to dispense ivermectin and hydroxychloroquine sulfate for treatment of COVID-19. **Failed in the House Health & Insurance committee.**

[HB22-1100](#) (Ransom, Sandridge) *Prohibit Discrimination COVID-19 Vaccine Status*. Prohibits an employer from taking adverse action against an employee or an applicant for employment based on the employee's or applicant's COVID-19 immunization status. **Failed in the House Health & Insurance committee on a party-line vote.**

[HB22-1116](#) (Valdez, A., Ginal) *Plant-Based Medicine*. Creates a review panel to study the use of naturally occurring hallucinogenic plant-based compounds to support mental health. **Failed in the House Public & Behavioral Health & Human Services committee on a 11-0-2 vote.**

[HB22-1144](#) (Baisley) *Natural Acquired Immunity COVID-19*. Ability of individuals to demonstrate naturally acquired immunity to COVID-19 in lieu of complying with requirements imposed to limit the transmission of COVID-19. **Failed in the House Health & Insurance committee on a party-line vote.**

[HB22-1152](#) (Hooton, Titone) *Prohibit Employer Adverse Action to Marijuana Use*. Limits the ability of an employer to take an adverse action against an employee based on the employee's use of marijuana. **Failed in the House Business Affairs & Labor committee on a 12-1 vote.**

[HB22-1198](#) (Baisley) *Medical Expense Sharing Program Requirements*. Requires Health Care Sharing Ministries (HCSMs) to do certain things but does not require them to be under the Division of Insurance like HB22-1269. **Failed in the House Health & Insurance committee on a 10-1 vote.**

[HB22-1199](#) (Geitner) *Visitation Requirements Health-Care Facilities*. Requires each health-care facility to permit patients and residents in the health-care facility to receive visitors. **Failed in the House Health & Insurance committee on a party-line vote.**

[HB22-1200](#) (Van Winkle) *Employee Exemption COVID-19 Vaccine Exemption*. Requires an employer grant an employee an exemption from a COVID-19 vaccine requirement under specified circumstances. **Failed in the House Business Affairs & Labor committee on a party-line vote.**

[HB22-1201](#) (Van Beber, Soper) *Standards for Immunization Requirements*. Allows individuals who are required to receive an immunization for any purpose to claim an exemption under certain circumstances. **Failed in the House Business Affairs & Labor committee on a party-line vote.**

[HB22-1214](#) (Young, Pelton, Kolker) *Behavioral Health Crisis Response Team*. Requires mobile crisis programs and crisis walk-in centers shall provide crisis services to any individual, including youth of any age. **Passed the House on a 54-10-1 vote. Passed the Senate on a 24-11 vote. Signed into law.**

[HB22-1269](#) (Lontine, Hansen) *Health-Care Sharing Plan Reporting Requirements*. Requires health sharing ministries (HSMs) to report to the division of insurance. Considers them unauthorized providers of coverage for healthcare costs. **Passed the House on a 39-25-1 vote (Snyder only Democrat to vote no). Passed the Senate on a party-line vote.**

[HB22-1278](#) (Young, Pelton, Lee, Simpson) *Behavioral Health Administration*. Creates the behavioral health administration (BHA) in the department of human services to create a coordinated, cohesive, and effective behavioral health system in the state. **Passed the House on a 50-15 vote. Passed the Senate unanimously.**

[HB22-1289](#) (Gonzales-Guiterrez, McCluskie, Moreno) *Health Benefits for CO Children & Pregnant Persons*. Extends public health care regardless of immigration status. **Passed the House on a party-line vote. Passed Senate on a 21-12-2 vote.**

[HB22-1369](#) (Sirota, Pelton, Story, Sonnenberg) *Children's Mental Health Programs*. Directs the department of early childhood to contract with a Colorado-based nonprofit entity to provide children's mental health programs. **Passed the House on a 52-11-2 vote. Passed the Senate on a 34-1-0 vote.**

[HB22-1370](#) (Jodeh, Sirota, Winter, Buckner) *Coverage Requirements for Health-care Products*. Requires each health insurance carrier that offers an individual or small group health benefit plan in this state to offer at least 25% of its health benefit plans on the Colorado health benefit exchange and at least 25% of its plans not on the exchange in each bronze, silver, gold, and platinum benefit level in each service area as copayment-only payment structures for all prescription drug cost tiers. And other changes. **Passed the House on a 42-23-0 vote (Will only Republican to vote for bill.) Passed the Senate on a 20-15-0 vote.**

LIFE

[HB22-1047](#) (Neville) *Protecting Human Life at Conception*. Prohibits terminating the life of an unborn child and makes a violation a class 1 felony. **Failed in the House Health & Insurance committee on a party-line vote.**

[HB22-1075](#) (Luck) *Induced Termination of Pregnancy State Registrar*. Requires health-care providers that perform abortions to report specified information concerning the women who obtain the procedure to the state registrar of vital statistics. **Failed in the House Health & Insurance committee on a party-line vote.**

[HB22-1079](#) (Williams) *Abolishing Abortion in Colorado*. Defines a "person" to include an unborn child at all stages of gestation, from fertilization to natural death, as it relates to homicide and assault provisions. **Failed in the House Health & Insurance committee on a party-line vote.**

[HB22-1279](#) (Froelich, Esgar, Gonzales) *Reproductive Health Equity Act*. Creates a fundamental right to abortion in Colorado. **Passed the House on a party-line vote. Passed the Senate on a party-line vote. Signed into law.**

PARENTAL RIGHTS

[HB22-1090](#) (Ransom, Young, Buckner, Smallwood) *Reasonable Independence for Children*. The bill clarifies that a child is not neglected when allowed to participate in certain independent activities that a reasonable and prudent parent would consider safe given the child's maturity, condition, and abilities. **Passed the House unanimously. Passed the Senate unanimously. Signed into law.**

[HB22-1231](#) (Van Beber) *Foster Parent Bill of Rights*. Creates certain rights for foster parents. **Passed the House on a 62-2 vote. Passed the Senate on a 35-0 vote. Signed into law.**

[HB22-1236](#) (Van Beber) *Parent's Bill of Rights*. Establishes a parent's bill of rights that sets forth specific parental rights related to directing the upbringing, education, and health care of a minor child. **Failed the House Health & Insurance committee on a party-line vote.**

[HB22-1240](#) (Froelich, Young, Fields) *Mandatory Reporters*. Creates the mandatory reporter task force with the purpose of analyzing best practices and recommending changes to training materials and reporting procedures for people required by law to report child abuse or neglect. **Passed the House on a 44-18-3 vote. Passed the Senate on a 31-4-0 vote.**

OTHER

[SB22-135](#) (Bridges, Scott, Kipp) *Standard Time in Colorado*. **Failed in the Senate State, Veterans, & Military Affairs on a 7-1 vote.**

[SB22-139](#) (Buckner, Coleman, Herod) *Juneteenth New State Holiday*. **Passed the Senate on a 32-1 vote. Passed the House on a 61-2-2 vote. Signed into law.**

[SB22-204](#) (Gonzales) *Repeal Federal Government Confirm Status for Identification Papers*. Repeals the requirement that the federal government confirm certain persons' statuses before issuance of an identification document. **Passed the Senate on a 23-12. Passed the House on a party-line vote.**

[SB22-230](#) (Fenberg, Moreno, Esgar) *Collective Bargaining for Counties*. Expansion of county employees' rights to collective bargaining. **Passed the Senate on a party-line vote. Passed the House on a party-line vote.**

[SB22-237](#) (Fenberg, Holbert, Kennedy, Larson) *Ballot Measure Campaign Finance*. Expands the definition of "earmark" for purposes of the "Fair Campaign Practices Act" to include contributions or expenditures greater than \$1,000 to support or oppose a specified ballot issue or ballot question. Further, the bill modifies the process to determine whether an organization is an issue committee to include an examination of the organization's pattern of conduct. **Passed the Senate unanimously. Passed the House on a party-line vote.**

[HB22-1297](#) (Kipp, Neville, Bridges, Scott) *Daylight Savings Time Year Round*. **Passed the House on a 50-12-3 vote. Passed the Senate on a 27-7-1 vote.**

[HB22-1367](#) (Lontine, Gray, Winter, Pettersen) *Updates to Employment Discrimination Laws*. Modifies laws prohibiting discrimination in employment practices, and, in connection therewith, repealing the exclusion of domestic workers from the definition of "employee", extending the time limit for filing a charge alleging unfair or discriminatory employment practices with the Colorado civil rights commission, and repealing the prohibition against certain damages in cases alleging age-based discrimination. **Passed the House on a party-line vote. Passed the Senate on a party-line vote.**

[HB22-1371](#) (MacLachlan, Roberts, Cooke, Fields) *Remove Peace Officer Residency Requirements*. **Passed the House on a 57-7-1 vote. Passed the Senate unanimously.**

[HB22-1397](#) (Herod, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Moreno) *Statewide Equity Office*. Creates a statewide equity office in the department of personnel and administration. **Passed the House on a 40-22-3 vote. Passed the Senate on a 21-14-0 vote.**

[HJR22-1022](#) (Luck, Williams) *Honoring Those Impacted by COVID-19*. Concerning the considerable and continuing impacts on the people of Colorado directly and indirectly from the COVID-19 pandemic and the many efforts made to combat it. **Failed the House State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs committee on a 5-6 vote.**

Bills in US Congress

[H.R. 6380](#) *Open Schools Act*. Provides funding for homeschooled students who left their public school because the school is failing to provide in-person learning due to COVID-19. *Waiting to be heard in the House – Education & Labor committee.*