



LEGISLATIVE BILLS COMMITTEE

Bills as of January 30, 2018

Bills that we SUPPORT:

SB 9 - Allow Electric Utility Customers Install Storage Equipment (Fenberg & Priola)

The bill declares that consumers of electricity have a right to install, interconnect, and use electricity storage systems on their property, and that this will enhance the reliability and efficiency of the electric grid, save money, and reduce the need for additional electric generation facilities. The bill directs the Public Utilities Commission to adopt rules governing the installation, interconnection, and use of customer-sited distributed electricity storage systems.

SB 24 - Expand Access Behavioral Health Care Providers (Tate & Jahn/Singer)

The bill allows the Department of Public Health and Environment to identify shortage areas of behavioral health providers; to include these providers in a loan repayment program if they commit to providing behavioral health care services in the shortage areas for a specified time period; to prioritize loan repayment and scholarships for the providers whose services are in private settings that serve underserved populations; and to establish a scholarship program to defray the costs of obtaining certification as an addition counselor. It appropriates \$2.5 million from the marijuana tax cash fund.

SB 55 - Increase Surcharge for Trafficking Children (T.Neville)

The bill adds the crime of human trafficking of a minor for sexual servitude to the definition of a crime against a child, to require people convicted of this crime to pay a fine of \$1,500-\$2,000 to the court for the judicial district in which the conviction occurs.

SB 60 - Protective Orders in Criminal Cases (Coram/Hamner)

The bill adds two new types of protection orders for cases involving domestic violence: one for taking, transferring, concealing, harming, disposing of, or threatening to harm an animal owned, possessed, leased, kept, or held by the alleged victim or witness; and one for directing a wireless telephone service provider to transfer the financial responsibility for and rights to a wireless telephone number or numbers to the petitioner if the petitioner satisfies certain criteria. The bill also clarifies that the issuance of a protection order in a case involving domestic violence does not preclude a court from issuing a protective order in a civil proceeding.

SB 64 - Require 100% Renewable Energy by 2035 (Jones/Foote)

The bill updates the renewable energy standard to require that all electric utilities, including cooperative electric associations and municipally owned utilities, derive their energy from 100% renewable sources by 2035.

SB 84 Protection Minor Victims of Human Trafficking (Kefalas/Lundeen & Landgraf)

The bill protects minors who are victims of human trafficking of a minor for involuntary servitude and for sexual servitude. The bill clarifies that any person who is less than 18 years of age who engages in conduct that would constitute prostitution if such person were an adult is presumed to be a minor who is a victim of human trafficking and must be referred to the appropriate county department of human or social services for care and services.

HB 1001 - Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program Wage Replacement (Winter & Gray/Donovan)

The bill creates the Family and Medical Leave Insurance (FAMLI) program in the Division of FAMLI in the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment to provide partial wage-replacement benefits to an eligible individual who takes leave from work to care for a new child or a family member with a serious health condition or who is unable to work due to the individual's own serious health condition. Each employee in the state will pay a premium determined by the director of the division by rule, which premium is based on a percentage of the employee's yearly wages and must not exceed 0.99%. The premiums are deposited into the FAMLI Fund from which family and medical leave benefits are paid to eligible individuals. The division is established as an enterprise, and premiums paid into the fund are not considered state revenues for purposes of the taxpayer's bill of rights (TABOR).

HB 1004 - Continue Child Care Contribution Tax Credit (Coleman & Wilson/Kefalas & Tate)

The bill extends for another 5 years the income tax credit for a monetary contribution to promote child care in the state, at an amount equal to 50% of the total value of the contribution.

HB 1007 - Substance Abuse Disorder Payment and Coverage (Kennedy & Singer/Lambert & Jahn)

The bill requires all individual and group health benefit plans to provide coverage without prior authorization for a five-day supply of buprenorphine for a first request within a 12-month period. Additionally, it prohibits all individual and group health benefit plans that cover physical therapy, acupuncture, or chiropractic services from subjecting those services to dollar limits, deductibles, copayments, or coinsurance provisions that are less favorable than those applicable to primary care services under the plan, if the covered person has a diagnosis of chronic pain and has or has had a substance use disorder diagnosis. The bill prohibits carriers from taking adverse action against a provider or from providing financial incentives or disincentives to a provider based solely on a patient satisfaction survey relating to the patient's satisfaction with pain treatment.

HB 1018 - Human Trafficking Commercial Drivers License (Carver & Jackson/Cooke & Zenzinger)

The bill requires that the training to obtain a commercial driver's license contain education to prevent human trafficking. It requires the Department of Revenue to collaborate with organizations that specialize in the recognition and prevention of human trafficking, and other state agencies and to publish information about human trafficking for commercial driver's license holders and trainees.

HB 1034 - Career and Tech Ed Grant Program (Covarruvias & McKean/Priola)

The bill creates the career and technical education capital grant program. The state Work Force Development Council in the Department of Labor and Employment will award grants through the program to area technical colleges, school districts, and community colleges to use for equipment, or construction and maintenance of buildings, related to career and technical education. In awarding grants, the council will prioritize applicants from rural areas of the state.

HB 1071 - Regulate Oil Gas Operations Protect Public Safety (Salazar)

The bill codifies a Colorado Court of Appeals decision that oil and gas development must defer to the protection of public health, safety, and welfare, including protection of the environment and wildlife resources.

Bills that we OPPOSE:

HB 1036 – Reduce Business Personal Property Tax (Leonard/T.Neville)

The bill raises the exemption for business personal property that would otherwise be listed on a single personal property schedule that is equal to \$7,400 for the current property tax year cycle to \$50,000 commencing in tax year 2018, and continues to adjust it for inflation for subsequent property tax cycles, so that businesses with personal property under \$50,000, or the inflation adjusted amount, would not have to file the business personal property tax forms nor pay the corresponding tax.

HB 1082 - Woman's Right to Accurate Health Care Information (Saine/Marble)

The bill ensures that women are fully and accurately informed about their personal medical conditions regarding their pregnancies and health care options. The bill ensures that a woman has the opportunity to see or forego seeing her ultrasound, gives her a choice between an abdominal or vaginal ultrasound, and allows her the opportunity to find a provider of ultrasound technology that will provide the service free of charge. The bill requires that a woman be given full and accurate information regarding her abortion, describes the information that the physician performing the abortion must provide, and gives the woman an opportunity to sign or refuse to sign a receipt of information. The bill requires the abortion provider to provide certain information to the woman at least 24 hours prior to performing an abortion.

HB 1106 – Minimum Wage Requirement Waiver (D.Williams)

Current law establishes and requires an annual adjustment of the minimum wage for certain employees. The bill allows an applicant for employment or an employee to negotiate a different wage that is agreeable to the employer and the applicant or employee. The bill requires employers to post a notice of the right to negotiate wages.