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STATE LEGISLATION AFFECTING WOMEN

SIGNED INTO LAW:

<u>Bill #</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Rated**</u>
2	Boyd	Family Caregiver Developmentally Disabled	+l,b
3	Boyd	Medicaid Family Planning	+n,p,l,d,u,b,h
22	Sandoval	Conc Overexpenditures in Child Health Plan	+l,r,a,9,b
79	Sandoval	In-State Tuition for US Citizens	+l,u,9,g
106	Schultheis	Sex Offender Child Custody Cases	
122	Windels	Wage Transparency Act	+9,l,a,d
123	Sandoval	Eliminate Co-Pay for Reduced Price School Lunch K-2	+d,a,9,g
131	Morse	Increase for Supplemental Old Age Pension Fund	+l
160	Hagedorn	Children's Health Care	+l,h,9,g
161	Boyd	Medicaid and Child Health Plan Enrollment	+a,d,h,9,l,g
177	Boyd	TANF Omnibus	
192	Ward	Prohibit Residential Picketing	+p
210	Shaffer	Child Care County Reimbursement Rates	+l
238	Bacon	Copying Sexually Exploitative Material	
1035	Carroll M.	Military Family Relief Fund Checkoff	+b
1049	Benefield	Extend Child Care Income Tax Credit	+l,b
1060	Gagliardi	Advanced Practice Nurse Network Provider	+l,r,b
1061	Roberts	Advanced Practice Nurse Affidavit Cert	+l,r,b
1094	Gagliardi	Advanced Practice Nurse Reimbursement	+l,r,b
1108	Reisberg	Increase Funds Older Coloradans Cash Fund	+l,r,a,b
1173	McGihon	Prudent Management Institutional Funds	+h,b
1180	Stephens	Unemploy Insur Active Military Transfers	+l,9,b
1203	Carroll M.	Material Change Hospital Transactions	+b,h,u,l
1217	Roberts	Sexual Assault Victim Protections	+s,v,l,d
1265	Todd	Eligibility Child Care Assistance Program	+d,a,9,l
1274	King	Address Confidentiality Program	+d,v
1276	Kerr, A	Workplace Access Nursing Mothers	+9,l
1342	Kefalas	Child Support Enforcement Procedures	+l
1356	Merrifield	Landlord/Tenant Rights, inc warrant of habitability	+9,d,a
1373	Buescher	Breast Cervical Cancer Fund	
1387	Buescher	Low Income Energy Assistance	+d,a
1389	Carroll, M	Fair Accountable Insurance Rates	+h,l
HJR1009	Borodkin	Endorse UN Convention to Eliminate Discrimination Agst Wmn	+l,z

KILLED:

95	Schultheis	Abortion Informed Consent and Ultrasound	hSA	-p,n,l,u,d,b
125	Harvey	Sexual Material Harmful to Children	sAPP	-l,g
1011	Green	Sex Abuse of Child Civil Actions	hJUD	+s,l,d,b,v
1140	Weissman	Repeal Rent Control Prohibition	hLG	
1310	Ferrandino	Deferred Deposit Loan Transaction	sAPP	+a,9,l_***
1340	Kefalas	Colo Housing Investment Fund	hFIN	+a
1362	Kefalas	State Earned Income Tax Credit	hFIN	+l,9,d,a,s,u

*HHS=Health & Human Services; ED=Education; JUD=Judiciary; APP -Appropriations ; BLT=Business,Labor and Technology; SA=State Affairs; BUS=Business ; Trans = Transportation ; AGR= Agriculture; LG=Local Government ; FIN=Finance
h=House s=Senate

**+=support, -=oppose

*** Support prior to Senate amendments

a=AFDC Coalition ; b=Business & Professional Women; d=Denver Women's Commission; g-Colo Coalition for Girls; h=Colo Consumer Health Initiative; l=Women's Lobby; n=NARAL ProChoice Colorado; p= planned parenthood ;r=AARP; s=Colo Coalition Against Sexual Assault; u=AAUW; v=Colo Coalition Against Domestic Violence; 9=9 to5 National Association of Working Women,z=Zonta

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Temporary Assistance to Needy Families/Human Services

- This omnibus bill would cap at 70% for next year the amount of TANF reserves Counties could hold before the funds revert to the State long term reserves. This cap would fall to 40% over the following two years, then be repealed unless reinstated. Currently Counties have about a full year's TANF dollars in reserve- more than \$136 million. The bill would delegate to the Board of Human Services setting the TANF Grant amount of at least a 20% increase, with a recommended 30% increase. A new state competitive fund for proven or innovative approaches of \$10. per year will be funded by excess TANF reserves.

Poverty

- HB 1362 – Would have restored funding for two year for the State Earned Income Tax Credit for working poor.
- HB 1310 – Would have capped interest on , or otherwise constrain, Payday loans.
- SB 123- Eliminate the parental co-pay for reduced price school lunches for k-2 students.
- HB 1387 – Renews a measure funding Low income energy assistance from severance tax.

Workplace Standards

- SB 122- Prohibit the firing or other retaliation for employees for sharing their own wage information.
- HB 1276- Workers who are breastfeeding their children given right to pump breast milk during their breaks, ideally in a setting other than a bathroom.

Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Programs

- HB 1217- Update Sexual Assault laws to comply with requires of the federal Violence Against Women Act, thereby preserving \$1.6 million in VAWA Sexual Assault funds. Measure will require collection and preservation of evidence, even if a victim does not participate in the criminal justice system, and prohibits use of polygraphs of victims as a condition of prosecution.
- HB 1011 – Would have extended the statute of limitations for civil suits involving childhood sex assault.

Reproductive Health

- SB 3- Eliminate current income eligibility ceiling (150% FPL) for Family Planning Services by authorizing the state to submit a waiver up to the point where they can demonstrate budget neutrality.
- SB 95 would have instituted a 24 hour waiting period for abortions and other restrictions.

HealthCare Reform

- SB 160 & 161- Move toward covering all children in Colorado with health insurance Two thirds of kids not currently insured are eligible for public insurance. Allow self-declaration of income, to be cross checked against Dept of Labor information. Raises income ceiling for Child Health Plan to 225% of Federal Poverty Level.
- SB22 - Allow overexpenditure authority for Child Health Plan to avoid disruptions in coverage
- HB 1389 - Requires Dept of Regulatory Agencies approval of insurance rate increases.

Child Care

- HB 1265- Raise the income eligibility for the Colorado Child Care assistance program. By state law, counties currently have the option of setting the cap between 130% of Federal Poverty Level and 225% of Federal Poverty. Federal law permits use of Child Care Assistance up to 85% of State Median Income (or about 309% of Federal Poverty Level for Colorado).
- Expand the number of State Pre-School Slots
- HB 1049 extends the existing tax credit for donors to Child Care Centers
- SB 210 will increase provider reimbursement rate over time.

Housing

- HB 1356- Basic tenant protections into law—e.g. right to get a copy of a lease, more timely return of security deposits, caps on late fee rates, warrant of habitability, etc.
- Increase state funding for affordable housing-- "gap" or leverage funding. HB 1340-Create Housing Investment Fund.
- HB 1140 -Law to override the "Telluride decision", which banned use of rent controls even for county funded affordable housing developments, limiting the ability to create affordable housing.