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STATE LEGISLATION AFFECTING WOMEN

Bill #	Sponsor	Title	Com	Rated**
6	Boyd	Identification Documents Reduce Poverty	hHHS	+a,9,x,v,l,c,d
7	Hudak	Collaborative Mgmt Multi Agency Serv	hHHS	+a,d
9	Sandoval	Economic Opportunity Task Force	h2nd	+a,9
10	Boyd	Statewide Strategic Use Fund	h2nd	+a
28	Heath	Work Share Program	hSA	+9,a,l,d
39	Carroll, M	Job Training Scholarship Program	sAPP	+c,9,a
66	Hudak	Reporting of Child Abuse or Neglect	hJUD	+s,d,v
68	Boyd	Colorado Works Streamlining Eligibility	hHHS	+9,v
80	Newell	Protection Order Pers Animals	h2nd	+v,l,d,w
128	Hudak	Invasion of Privacy	sAPP	+s,v
140	Mitchell	Human Trafficking	hJUD	+s,v,d
172	Steadman	Continuing Expiring Income Tax Checkoffs	s2nd	+v
1002	Kefalas	Priority of TABOR Refund Mechanisms	s3rd	+a,l,9,t,e,w,i,d,c,u,x,v
1008	Shafer	No Gender Individual Health Insurance Rates	s2nd	+n,l,p,w,9,g,i,d,b,h,u
1017	Kagan	Vol Agreement Affecting Rent Pvt Res Program	sHHS	+a,d
1021	Frangas	Required Coverage Reproductive Services	s3rd	+n,p,o,i,d,b,h,u,l,w
1022	Summers	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Administration	hAPP	+a,w,9,c,d
1023	Waller	Employer Liability Negligent Hiring	GOV	+a,j,g,c,d
1026	Solano	Quality Child Care Grant Incentive Program	sAPP	+b,u,9
1028	Benefield	Early Childhood Universal Application	s2nd	
1030	Penniston	Early Childhood Teacher Scholarship	sAPP	
1035	Massey	Eligibility for Child Care Assistance Program	s	+a,g,w,d,9,x,l
1041	Acree	Universal Applic Childrens Medicaid	GOV	
1043	Apuan	Public Benefits Change AFDC References	sHHS	
1097	Benefield	Temporary Injunction Child Custody Case	GOV	
1135	Ryden	Define Domestic Violence Child Custody	s2nd	+v,l,d,w
1233	Ryden	Relocation of Stalking Statute	s2nd	+v
1252	Primavera	Breast Cancer Screening With Mammography	s	+u,l,d
1269	Levy	Workplace Fairness Civil Remedies	hAPP	+9,l,a,d
1277	DelGrosso	Sexual Conduct Correctional Facility	hAPP	
1351	Ferrandino	Deferred Deposit Loans	h2nd	+9,l,a,f,t,x,c,j
SIGNED INTO LAW				
35	Newell	Retirement Plans Automatic Enrollment		
KILLED				
113	Schultheis	First Degree Murder of a Fetus	sSA	-l,u,d,w
1040	Kerr, A	College Invest Lifelong Learning Saving	KILLED	+u
1248	Primavera	Safe Personal Care Products Act	hJUD	+l,9,u,g,d
1261	Bradford	Unborn Victims of Violence	hJUD	-u,w

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

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a=All Families Deserve a Chance (AFDC) Coalition ; b=Colorado Business Women; c=Colorado Social Legislation Committee; d=Denver Women's Commission; f= Colorado Women's Bar; g-Colo Coalition for Girls; h=Colo Consumer Health Initiative; i= Latina Initiative; j=Colo Criminal Justice Reform coalition;; l=Women's Lobby; n=NARAL ProChoice Colorado; o=COLOR; p= planned parenthood ; r=Women's Resource Agency; s=Colo Coalition Against Sexual Assault; t=Project Wise; u=AAUW; v=Colo Coalition Against Domestic Violence; w=Ntl Council Jewish Women; 9=9 to5 National Association of Working Women ;x=Women's Foundation

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Budget issues will dominate the legislative discussion. Next year is a transitional year. The state has historic revenue shortfalls due to the bad economy—and will make more cuts to an already very lean State Government. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (federal stimulus) monies are plugging some holes with enhanced Medicaid, education and other funding. ARRA dollars also carry requirements of maintenance of effort – prohibiting certain budget cuts at risk of losing large amounts of federal money. As these funds disappear over the next year and a half, Colorado not only loses federal funds, but certain programs will lose their federal protection against budget cuts. One approach to the budget shortfall is to eliminate certain tax credits and sales tax exemptions, thereby increasing revenues. This option is newly available (due to a court decision) to legislators who have run out of many other options. Expect those currently benefitting from tax credits to make their best argument of why they should be continued. Continuing such credits will now be weighed against the impact of cuts the budget shortfall would otherwise require.

Poverty

SB 68- The State Department of Human Services will propose adjusting eligibility criteria for ColoradoWorks (TANF).

HB 1351- is a referendum to allow voters to decide whether interest on pay day loans should be capped at 36%.

Legislation from the Economic Opportunity and Poverty Reduction Task Force includes.

HB1002- Restore the State Earned Income Tax Credit for the working poor to first place as Tabor refund mechanism. In 2005, an additional temporary reduction in the income tax rate bumped the EITC from first place, which could add years to the wait for an EITC return. Those who do not earn enough to owe federal taxes get no benefit from permanent or temporary reductions in the income tax rate. They would benefit from the EITC. Revenue projections are low enough that no TABOR refunds are expected for the next few years. But in a way, that could make this a good time to take this action.

HB1023- Eliminate one barriers to employment for ex-felons. Legislation would clarify the limits employer liability for actions of employees who are ex-felons.

SB 10-Evaluate the effective of the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) \$10 million/year Strategic Use Fund.

SB 9- Spell out evaluation measures for the Economic Opportunity and Poverty Reduction Task Force.

SB 6- Address some of problems and cost barriers to obtaining and using a Colorado I.D.

HB 1017- Clarify that local governments can enter into contracts with a developer to provide affordable units in a proposed development in exchange for supports or waivers.

HB 1022- Allow one year continuing eligibility for food stamps, if no change income in household income. Expand outreach to people eligible who are not applying. (About half of eligible people do not apply). Allow those with gross incomes up to 200% of Federal Poverty level to qualify as long as their net income is below 100% of FPL.

Workplace

SB 28 – Allow employers to save jobs by allowing prorated unemployment compensation for those whose hours are reduced versus laid off.

HB 1269 – Adds compensatory and punitive damages to the list of remedies in cases of employment discrimination. Extends coverage to smaller workplaces of 15 or less.

Health

State Action could depend on federal action/inaction and the State Budget hole.

HB 1008- Eliminate gender discrimination in the pricing of individual health insurance policies. Even if federal legislation passes which includes this, it would not be effective for years. As people lose jobs, or as employers drop health insurance, the role of the individual market will grow. Should women be paying up to 40% more for the same policy?

HB 1021- Insurers offering individual accident and sickness insurance could be required to offer maternity coverage. Insurers offering individual and group accident and sickness insurance policies would also have to cover contraceptive.

HB 1043- Certain Family Medicaid eligibility qualifications maybe be updated and altered from the 1996 AFDC standards including income disregards.

HB 1248 – Bans manufacturers from selling personal care products containing known or probable carcinogens or reproductive toxins.

Child Care

HB 1035- Allow 12 month continuous eligibility for Colorado Child Care Assistance Program, so that parents and those working with parents have time to troubleshoot problems without disrupting the child.

Violence Against Women

SB 80-- Protections for animals in civil protection orders.

SB 66- Clarify that mandatory reporting of past child abuse does not apply if the victim is now an adult.

HB 1135 - Update definition of spousal abuse in civil law related to parenting time.

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