



## **2022 LEGISLATIVE WRAP UP**

*Below are the summaries of most bills that LWVCO Legislative Action Committee followed. The document only lists bills that were not postponed.*

### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

The following bills take effect upon signature of the Governor.

#### **HB22-1282—The Innovative Housing Incentive Program**

- \$40 million transfer on July 1, 2022, to the Office of Economic Development and International Trade; continuous spending authority
- Provides grants or loans to incentivize new or existing businesses with fewer than 500 employees that develop manufactured homes (including prefabricated, panelized construction such as insulated panels or insulating concrete forms, 3D printed housing, kit homes or tiny homes installed on foundations)

#### **HB22-1304—State Grants Investments Local Affordable Housing**

- \$178 million; continuous spending authority
- State grants for local governments and nonprofits around the state to buy land, develop housing infrastructure, provide gap financing, maintain existing and build new affordable housing stock, and land banking
- Strong Communities Grant Program to invest in infill infrastructure projects that support affordable housing

#### **SB22-146—Middle Income Access Program Expansion**

- Expands the Middle Income Housing Access Program within the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA)

#### **SB22-159—Revolving Loan Fund Invest Affordable Housing**

- \$150 million (General Fund) transfer on July 1, 2022; continuous spending authority
- Eligible projects are those that support the development of infrastructure related to affordable housing development, new construction of affordable housing, or the preservation of existing affordable housing, with priority for projects located in communities impacted by the pandemic, facing barriers to accessing capital, or that are otherwise underserved
- Different criteria for counties categorized as urban, rural, and rural resort

### **SB22-160—Loan Program Resident-owned Communities**

- \$35 million (General Fund) transfer on July 1, 2022; continuous spending authority
- Creates a loan and grant programs to support mobile home owners purchase their mobile home parks and create resident-owned communities

## **HOMELESSNESS**

### **HB22-1083—Colorado Homeless Contribution Income Tax Credit**

Effective about August 12, 2022

- Moves the administration of the income tax credit to the Division of Housing, expands the credit allowed, and makes the credit available in the entire state

### **HB22-1377—Grant Program Providing Responses to Homelessness (\$105 million)**

*Takes effect upon signature of the Governor*

- Directs flexible grant funding to local governments and nonprofits that are pursuing innovative measures to address the needs of individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness
- Connects Coloradans experiencing homelessness with services, recovery care, and sheltering options; includes transitional housing, permanent housing, employment assistance, and job training

### **HB22-1378—Denver-metro Regional Navigation Campus Grant (\$50 million)**

*Takes effect upon signature of the Governor*

- Creates the Regional Navigation Campus Grant Program and authorizes the Division of Housing to solicit grant applications from local governments and nonprofits in the Denver-metro area to build or acquire and then facilitate a regional navigation campus to holistically respond to and prevent homelessness (Denver, Arapahoe, Adams, Douglas, Jefferson, and Broomfield counties)

### **SB22-211—Repurpose the Ridge View Campus**

*Takes effect upon signature of the Governor*

- Repurposes the Ridge View Campus to provide a supportive residential community for people experiencing homelessness
- Similar to the [Fort Lyon Supportive Residential Community Program](#)

### **HB22-1223—Mobile Home Property Tax Sale Notice and Exemption**

*Effective about August 12, 2022*

- Beginning with property tax year 2022, creates a property tax exemption for mobile and manufactured homes with an actual value less than or equal to \$28,000

### **HB22-1287—Protections for Mobile Home Park Residents**

*Effective on October 1, 2022*

- Expands protections for mobile home residents when their parks are closed and requires landlords to pay for relocation costs or offer to purchase mobile homes
- Extends time periods and clarifies the information and forms that residents receive related to an opportunity to purchase their park
- Allows residents to assign their opportunity to purchase to a public entity that has right of first refusal to proceed on their behalf.

- Grants the Attorney General the power to bring civil and criminal actions to enforce mobile home park laws

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### **MISCELLANEOUS HOUSING**

#### **HB22-1051—Mod Affordable Housing Tax Credit**

*Takes effect upon signature of the Governor*

- Continues the Colorado Affordable Housing Tax Credit allocated by the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA)
- \$10 million for credits allocated annually beginning on 1/1/20 and ending 12/31/31

#### **HB22-1102—Veterans and Military Status in Fair Housing**

*Effective about August 12, 2022*

- Prohibits discrimination against a person based on veteran or military status when showing, selling, transferring, leasing, or renting housing

#### **HB22-1242—Regulate Tiny Homes Manufacture Sale and Install**

*Effective about August 12, 2022*

- Expands the authority of the State Board of Housing to set standards by July 1, 2023, for new factory-built structures and tiny homes that cover the manufacture, assembly, and installation, and for uniform foundation construction standards for factory-built structures, manufactured homes, and tiny homes in areas of the state where no standards exist
- Exempts tiny homes from sales and use tax (to conform to the exemption of manufactured homes)

#### **HB22-1314—Towing Carrier Nonconsensual Tows**

*Effective about August 12, 2022*

- Grants the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) additional authority to promulgate rules related to non-consensual towing and to deny permit applications or permit renewals of towing carriers who commit towing-related offenses or act against the public interest

#### **SB22-019—Access to Suppressed Court Eviction Records**

*Effective about August 12, 2022*

- Permits an attorney, who has permission from a party included in a suppressed court record, to access the record for the purpose of providing legal advice to, or evaluating whether to enter an appearance on behalf of the party

## **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

The following bills take effect upon signature of the Governor.

### **HB22-1278—Behavioral Health Administration**

- Consolidates fragmented behavioral health networks (mental health, substance use disorder treatment, and crisis services) into one behavioral health administrative services organization per region that will align with Medicaid regions
- Sets statewide, minimum performance standards for treatment of children, youth, and adults in collaboration with state agencies administering behavioral health programs following criteria outlined in the bill

### **HB22-1243—School Security and School Behavioral Health Services Funding**

- Creates a \$14 million cash fund and appropriates money to three programs related to school safety and behavioral mental health

### **HB22-1281—Behavioral Health-care Continuum Gap Grant Program**

- Creates the Community Behavioral Health-Care Continuum Gap Grant Program (\$75 million) in the Behavioral Health Administration to be awarded to nonprofits, community-based organizations, and local governments for community investment grants and children, youth, and family services grants
- Establishes the Substance Use Workforce Stability Grant Program (\$15 million) in the Behavioral Health Administration to be awarded to support direct care staff who spend 50% or more of their time working with clients

### **HB22-1283—Youth and Family Behavioral Health Care (\$54.7 million)**

- Requires the Colorado Department of Human Services to create an in-home and residential respite care program, provide operational support for psychiatric residential treatment facilities, create additional substance use treatment beds, continue the crisis service program, and build a neuro-psych facility

### **HB22-1302—Health-care Practice Transformation**

- \$36.6 million for grants to implement evidence-based clinical integration care models to integrate physical health care with treatment for mental illness and substance use disorders

### **HB22-1303—Increase Residential Behavioral Health Beds**

- \$81.3 million through FY 2023-2024
- Requires an increase in the number of residential behavioral health beds, creates a new Medicaid provider type, and requires licensing of the new provider type

### **HB22-1326—Fentanyl Accountability and Prevention \$54.9 million (\$29 million ARPA funds)**

- Modifies fentanyl-related criminal offenses, updates practices around dispensing opiate antagonists, creates an education campaign, broadens the scope of the Harm Reduction Grant Program, and makes requirements for continuity of care for individuals in the criminal justice system with substance use disorder

**SB22-147—Behavioral Health-care Services for Children**

- \$11.1 million to improve access to mental health and substance use treatment within public schools

**SB22-148—Colorado Land-based Tribe Behavioral Health Services Grant Program**

- \$5 million for creating the Colorado Land-based Tribe Behavioral Health Services Grant Program to fund the renovation or construction of a behavioral health facility

**SB22-177—Investments in Care Coordination Infrastructure (\$12.2 million)**

- Requires the Behavioral Health Administration to make certain investments as it develops the statewide care coordination infrastructure, including a cloud-based platform

**SB22-181—Behavioral Health-care Workforce (\$72 million)**

- Requires the Behavioral Health Administration to collaborate with multiple state agencies to create and implement a plan to improve the behavioral health care workforce, appropriates funding for the Health Services Corps for student loan repayment, and appropriates funding to the state Community College System

**SB22-183—Crime Victims Services**

- Creates a grant program (\$35 million) in the Department of Public Safety to award grants to government agencies and nonprofit organizations that provide services to crime victims
- Expands community-based support (\$6 million) for domestic violence programs

**SB22-196—Health Needs of Persons in Criminal Justice System**

- Provides funding for behavioral health needs and continuity of care for individuals in the criminal justice system

**EDUCATION**

**HB22-1010 Early Childhood Educator Income Tax Grant**

*House Concurred with Senate amendments and repassed 5/10/22*

- Creates a refundable income tax credit for an eligible early childhood educator

**HB22-1168 Public School Hunter Education 7<sup>th</sup> grade course**

*Sent to Governor 4/19/22*

**HB22-1202 At-risk Student Measure for School Finance**

*Sent to Governor 4/29/22*

- Establish a measure to identify at-risk students and implement the measure in future budget years

### **HB22-1376 Supporting Learning Environments for K-12 Students**

*Senate added some amendments, the House concurred and repassed the bill on 5/11/22*

- Requires schools to keep track of matters that result in disciplinary action and how it is reported to the CO Department of Education

### **SB22-004 Evidence-based Training in Science of Reading**

*House added some amendments, Senate concurred, repassed 5/10/22*

- Supports evidence-based literary instruction for students in early grades

### **SB22-127 Special Education Funding**

*Sent to Governor on 5/10/22*

- Increases special education funding in FY2022-23 and FY 2023-24

### **SB22-213 Child Care Support Programs**

*Signed by President of Senate on 5/11/22*

- Uses federal funds and the economic recovery and relief cash fund to create the family, friend, and neighbor (FFN) support programs along with an advisory group and training program

## **HIGHER EDUCATION**

### **HB22-1107 Inclusive Higher Education Opportunities**

*House considered Senate amendments, concurred and repassed bill 5/11/22*

- Requires Dept of Higher Education to contract with an entity that has demonstrated success in assisting student with intellectual and developmental disabilities attend higher education institutions

### **HB22-1155 In-state Tuition for Colorado High School Graduates**

*House concurred with Senate amendments and repassed bill 4/28/22*

- Repeals the requirement that student be admitted to college within 12 months of graduation
- Repeals the exception to the requirement for a student who does not have lawful immigration status and who graduated or successfully completed the equivalency examination prior to September 1, 2013

### **HB22-1192 Displaced Worker Grant Appropriation**

*Signed by Governor 3/7/22*

- Extends the displaced workers grant awards through the 2023-2024 state fiscal year

### **HB22-1215 Study of Expanded Extended High School Programs**

*Passed Senate 5/5/22*

- Convene the early college policy development task force to design and recommend policies and changes to law to support development of and funding for early college programs and p-tech schools. (P-TECH SCHOOL means a pathway in technology early college high school.)

### **HB22-1255 Improve Higher Education for Students with a Disability**

*Sent to Governor on 4/19/2022*

- Requires the department of higher education to submit data related to postsecondary outcomes for students with a disability

### **HB22-1310 529 Account Apprenticeship Expenses**

*After moving to the Senate, the bill passed on 3<sup>rd</sup> reading 5/4/2022*

- Amends Colorado law to clarify what qualifies as a qualified distribution from 529 accounts
- Allows expenses for fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for the participation in certain apprenticeship

### **HB22-1349 Student Success Data System**

*Senate added some amendments, the House concurred and bill was repassed on 5/10/2022*

- Develop student success measures to track progress in postsecondary education and the impact of these pathways on a student's career opportunities and success.

### **SB22-003 Community College Nursing Bachelor Degree Eligibility**

*Signed by the Governor on 4/7/2022*

- Allows community colleges to offer a bachelor of science degree in nursing to certain students

### **SB22-008 Higher Education Support for Foster Youth**

*Senate concurred with amendments added by House and repassed bill 5/4/2022*

### **SB22-192 Opportunities for Credential Attainment**

*After concurring with House Amendments, Senate repassed on 5/4/2022*

- Allow the DOE to disburse funds to community and technical colleges and local district colleges to fund student access to non-degree credential attainment

## **ENERGY**

### **HB22-1249 Electric Grid Resilience and Reliability Roadmap**

*Signed by Speaker of the House 5/17/22*

- Identify potential threats to grid resilience and reliability; potential benefits of developing microgrids; and critical facilities and infrastructure that should be priorities

### **HB22-1348 Oversight of Chemicals Used in Oil and Gas**

*Senate Third Reading Passed with Amendments - Floor 05/11/2022*

- Establishes regulations to be set by Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission to discuss and declare chemical information for products used in fracking
- Requires more transparency from oil and gas before further use of certain chemicals

### **HB22-1361 Oil and Gas Reporting**

*Senate Third Reading Passed - No Amendments 05/10/2022*

- Identify inconsistencies between production reports and payment of severance tax

### **SB22-198 Orphaned Oil and Gas Enterprise**

*House Third Reading Passed - No Amendments 05/10/2022*

- Fund the plugging, reclaiming, and remediation of orphaned wells by charging mitigation fees to oil and gas operators

### **SB22-118 Encourage Geothermal Energy Use**

*Signed by the President of the Senate 05/18/2022*

- Clean energy use to be included with other Renewables

### **HB22-1381 Geothermal Energy Grants Program**

*Senate Third Reading Passed - No Amendments 05/11/2022*

- Funding to encourage homeowners and building owners to use ground-source heat pumps
- Incentives for developing geothermal energy for electricity generation

### **HB22-1394 Fund Just Transition Community and Worker Support**

*House Considered Senate Amendments - Result was to Concur – Repassed 05/11/2022*

- Grants for communities and workers impacted by closure of coal mines, of coal powered electric generation, and related industries

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **HB22-1244 Public Protections from Toxic Air Contaminants**

*Senate Third Reading Passed - No Amendments 05/11/2022*

- Extends the monitoring and data collection required by Air Toxics legislation from 2021
- Requires standards beyond what is required by EPA, especially for Suncor

### **HB22-1345 Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Chemicals**

*House Considered Senate Amendments - Result was to Concur - Repassed 05/11/2022*

- Collect information on the use of PFAS in products
- Phase out sales/distribution of products with intentionally added PFAS

### **HB22-1159 Waste Diversion and Circular Economy Development Center**

*Senate Third Reading Passed - No Amendments 05/05/2022*

- Creates a Circular Economy Development Center in CDPHE to support end markets for recycled commodities and compost in the state

### **HB22-1355 Producer Responsibility Statewide for Recycling**

*Senate Third Reading Passed with Amendments - Floor 05/11/2022*

- Select nonprofit organization to implement, manage a statewide program using dues paid by producers
- Sets June 1, 2023 to have nonprofit in place and advisory board in place by 12/31/22

### **HB22-1362 Building Greenhouse Gas Emissions**

*House Considered Senate Amendments - Result was to Concur – Repassed 05/11/2022*

- Supports solar-ready electrical and EV charging-ready installations
- Provides funding source for building electrification and high-efficiency equipment
- Funding goals for low-income, disproportionately impacted, and Just-Transition Communities

### **SB22- 193 Air Quality Improvement Investments**

*Senate Considered House Amendments - Result was to Concur - Repassed 05/10/2022*

- Creates clean air grant program cash fund to award funds to entities for voluntary projects to reduce air toxics, particulates and ozone from the industrial & manufacturing operations
- Establishes three grant programs (Diesel Truck Emissions, Electrifying school bus, and Community Access to electric bicycle), to reduce air pollution (\$92M)

### **HB22-1151 Replace Turf Funds**

*House Considered Senate Amendments - Result was to Concur - Repassed 05/10/2022*

- Requires the Colorado Water Conservation Board to develop a statewide program providing financial incentives for the voluntary replacement of irrigated turf with water-wise landscaping

### **HB22-1218 Resource Efficiency Buildings Electric Vehicles**

*House Considered Senate Amendments – Result was to Concur – Repassed 5/10/2022*

- Requires new construction of commercial & multi-family buildings to provide EV charging to 10% of parking spaces used by the occupants of the building

### **SB22-051 Emissions from Built Environment**

*Signed by the Speaker of the House 05/17/2022*

- Sets tax credits for installing heat pumps; sales tax exemptions for certain building materials

### **SB22-199 Native Pollinating Insects Protection Study**

*Signed by the President of the Senate 05/18/2022*

- Study challenges with native pollinating insect decline, ecosystems and health and resilience in the state and make recommendations

## **FISCAL POLICY and TAXES**

### **SB22-182 Economic Mobility Program**

*Senate Considered House Amendments - Result was to Concur – Repassed 05/11/2022*

- Creates program to encourage more low-income Coloradans to take advantage of available tax credits (such as the earned income tax credit, EITC, and the child tax credit, CTC) by increasing awareness and support for free tax filing services

### **SB22-233 TABOR Refund Mechanism for FY 2021-22 Only**

*Signed by the Speaker of the House 05/11/2022*

- Distributes a \$400 check for each person filing income tax and each elderly or disabled person receiving a rent, heat or fuel grant. Income tax must be filed by May 31, 2022, even if the individual would otherwise not have filed. Checks will be mailed by September 30.

## **SB22-238 2023 And 2024 Property Tax**

*Sent to Governor 05/9/2022*

- Reduces real property taxation for only the 2023 and 2024 property tax years
- Reduces the assessment rates for certain classes of nonresidential property and all residential property and the amount of actual value to which the rate is applied for all residential real property and commercial property for 2023
- Requires the state to reimburse local governments, excluding school districts, in 2024 for 2023 reductions in their property tax revenue resulting from the bill

## **HEALTHCARE**

### **HB 22-1279 – Reproductive Health Equity Act**

*Signed by Governor 04/04/2022*

- Declares every individual has a fundamental right to use or refuse contraception; every pregnant individual has a fundamental right to continue the pregnancy and give birth or to have an abortion
- Declares a fertilized egg, embryo, or fetus does not have independent or derivative rights under the laws of the state.

### **HB22-1094 – Medicaid Assistance for Survivors of Torture**

*House Committee on Appropriations Lay Over Unamended - Amendment(s) Failed 5/12/2022*

- Grants a survivor of torture who is receiving care and rehabilitation services from a service provider eligibility for medical assistance without federal financial participation.

### **HB22-1289 – Health Benefits for Children and Pregnant Persons**

*House Considered Senate Amendments - Result was to Concur - Repassed 05/10/2022*

- Extends state-supported health care benefits to all children and pregnant people regardless of immigration status, increases support for lactation, and allows pregnant people to enroll outside of regular enrollment periods.

### **HB22-1302 – Health Care Practice Transformation**

*Signed by the Speaker of the House 05/16/2022*

- Provides grants for medical practices wishing to integrate primary and behavioral health care

## **TRANSPORTATION**

### **SB22-180 Programs to Reduce Ozone Through Increased Transit**

*Signed by the President of the Senate 05/18/2022*

- Provides free transit service during ozone season
- Implement pilot program to increase ridership on state-run transit, reduce vehicle travel, and reduce ground level ozone

### **SB22- 151 Safe Crossings for Colorado Wildlife and Motorists**

*Signed by Speaker of the House 05/18/2022*

- Creates cash fund for use by the Department of Transportation to fund projects that provide safe road crossings for connectivity of wildlife and thereby reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions

### **HB22- 1104 Powerline Trails**

*Signed by Governor 04/13/2022*

- Requires transmission providers to provide informational resources and notify local governments regarding the potential for powerline trails when planning for the expansion or construction of transmission corridors.

## **VOTING and ELECTIONS**

### **HB22-1086 Vote Without Fear Act**

*Signed by Governor 03/30/2022*

- Prohibits a person from openly carrying a firearm within any polling location or central count facility, or within 100 feet of a ballot drop box or any building in which a polling location or central count facility is located, while an election or any related ongoing election administration activity is in progress.

### **HB22-1060 Contribution Limits for School Board Director Candidates**

*Governor Signed 04/13/2022*

- Limits contributions to \$2,500 per person and \$25,000 for Small Donor Committees

### **HB22-1273 Protections for Election Officials**

*Senate Third Reading Passed - No Amendments 04/22/2022*

- Makes it a crime to threaten election workers and to post any of their personal information online

### **SB22-153 Internal Election Security Measures**

*Senate Considered House Amendments - Result was to Concur - Repassed 05/10/2022*

- Institutes policies and procedures to prevent insider threats to election systems

## **WILDFIRE**

### **HB22-1011 – Wildfire Mitigation Incentives for Local Governments**

*House Considered Senate Amendments - Result was to Concur - Repassed 05/10/2022*

- Establishes a matching grant program in the Colorado State Forest Service for forest management or wildfire mitigation efforts at the local level

### **HB22-1012 – Wildfire Mitigation and Recovery**

*House Considered Senate Amendments - Result was to Concur – Repassed 05/10/2022*

- Creates a wildfire mitigation and recovery grant program in the Colorado State Forest Service to help counties with forested areas prevent and recover from wildfire incidents

### **SB22-002 – Resources for Volunteer Firefighters**

*Sent to the Governor 05/11/2022*

- Increases the resources available for fire protection services provided by volunteer and seasonal firefighters

**SB22-007 – Increases Wildfire Risk Mitigation Outreach Efforts**

*Signed by the Speaker of the House 05/18/2022*

- Directs forest service to convene a working group to create a plan for conducting enhanced wildfire awareness month outreach campaigns in 2023 and 2024
- Requires other outreach efforts that inform and motivate residents in the Wildland Urban Interface to engage in more wildfire risk mitigation

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