



Women's Lobby of Colorado

2011 Legislative Scorecard

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We are pleased to present our third annual legislative scorecard reflecting women's priorities in the state of Colorado! The Women's Lobby of Colorado seeks to provide better opportunities for women in our state by ensuring that public policies reflect gender equity and justice. By consistently maintaining a daily lobbying presence at Colorado's Capitol, our all-

volunteer organization has kept the needs of women front and center in our state's public policy debates since 1993.

We hope that this scorecard will serve as a guide for Coloradans on issues that are important to women. Provided in this scorecard are the voting records of each member of the Colorado State Legislature

on priority bills considered in the 2011 session.

We hope that you will carefully examine the scores of legislators and write or call elected officials to let them know that you reviewed their votes. You can determine who your state senator and state representative are by visiting votesmart.org.

SCORING METHODOLOGY

Fourteen bills were selected, eleven were voted on by the whole Senate and eleven by the whole House. They represent a range of women's issues. The bills were either priority bills for the Women's Lobby of Colorado, or for our member organizations, or for our partners in coalition efforts. The scorecard was compiled from 3rd reading votes recorded in the official state legislative journals.

A green circle indicates the legislator voted consistently with the position of the Women's Lobby of Colorado. A red square indicates the legislator voted against the position of the Women's Lobby. "E" means they were excused and did not vote. An excused legislator might have planned to vote a certain way on particular bills, but our ratings are based on actually casting a vote consistent with the Women's Lobby of Colorado position, so

legislators were penalized for absences in our scoring.

We also discuss important bills which did not make it out of committee in the second house, and note how the committee members voted. Votes cast in these committees are not counted in a legislator's score. Only the floor votes taken by all senators or representatives are considered in the final score.

SUMMARY OF BILLS ON SCORECARD

✓ = bill Women's Lobby supported ✗ = bill Women's Lobby opposed

- ✓ **SB11-8** **Aligning Medicaid Eligibility for Kids** *Signed into law.*
 Sen. Boyd Passed Senate 23-11, 1 excused
 Rep. Summers Passed House 61-4
 Increases the Medicaid income eligibility threshold of 100% of the Federal Poverty level for children 6-19 to 133% of FPL—which matches the income level for pregnant women and younger children.
- ✓ **SB11-88** **Sunset Review Direct Entry Midwives** *Signed into law.*
 Sens. Carroll and Lundberg Passed Senate 32-3
 Rep. Acree Passed House 63-0; 2 Excused
 Implements recommendations from the 2010 Sunset Review of Direct Entry Midwives. Allows such midwives to obtain and administer vitamin K, eye drops and antihemorrhagic drugs. With training, allows them to give IVs. .
- ✓ **SB11-177** **Sunset Teen Pregnancy & Dropout Program** *Signed into law.*
 Sen. Nicholson Passed Senate 25-9, 1 Excused
 Rep. Coram Passed House 41-23, 1 excused
 Extends the repeal date for the teen pregnancy and dropout prevention program by 5 years. Bill calls for evaluation of effectiveness and greater collaboration between this medically based program and the educational system.

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- ✓ **SB11-184 Tax Reporting** *Signed into law.*
Sen. Steadman Passed Senate 25-10
Rep. Ferrandino Passed House 52-13
Creates Tax Expenditure report, tracking the revenue and purpose of various tax policies. Paid for by part of the proceeds of a tax amnesty program. Owed back taxes could be paid for amount owed and ½ normal interest, waiving fines and civil or criminal penalties.
- ✗ **SB11-213 Child Health Plan Assess Monthly Enrollment Fee** *Vetoed.*
Sen. Hodge, Steadman, Lambert Passed Senate 22-13
Reps. Gerou, Becker, Ferrandino Passed House 34-30, 1 Excused
Creates a monthly premium for children enrolled in the Child Health Plan, whose families earn between 205% and 250% of the Federal Poverty level. Fee would be \$20/mon for first child, \$10 for each additional; \$50 total family cap.
- ✓ **HB11-1014 Child Care Contribution Income Tax Credit** *Signed into law.*
Rep. DelGrosso Passed House 61-4
Sens. Roberts and Hudak Passed Senate 23-12
Under current law, the credit is not available for any tax year when General Fund Revenue doesn't grow by 6 percent. This bill would make the credit available for income tax years 2014 through 2019, regardless of tax revenues. Contributions made before 2014 could be carried forward until 2014-15 .
- ✓ **HB11-1019 Waiver of Copayments and Deductibles by School-Based Health Centers** *Signed into law.*
Rep. Kagan Passed House 64-0, 1 excused
Sen. Boyd Passed Senate 33-2
Allows school based health centers to waive a patient's required deductible or copayment. This was previously prohibited.
- ✓ **HB11-1080 Address Confidentiality Program** *Signed into law.*
Rep. Todd Passed House 64-0;1 Excused
Sen. King, S. Passed Senate 33-0; 2 Excused
Streamlines the Address Confidentiality Program renewal process for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. Eliminates the requirement that a renewal application be signed by an application assistant.
- ✓ **SB11- 72 Job Protection and Civil Rights** *Killed in House State Affairs.*
Sen. Carroll Passed Senate 20-15
Rep. Levy Voted to support: Court, Levy, Miklosi, Todd
Votes to oppose: Baumgardner, Liston, Waller, Coram, Kerr J
Adds "teeth" to Colorado Civil Rights laws. Increases penalties for employers found to have discriminated, including payment of attorney's fees and punitive damages.
- ✓ **SB11-126 Unsubsidized In-state Tuition** *Killed in House Education*
Sen. Giron and Johnston Passed Senate 20-15
Reps. Miklosi & Williams, A. Voted to support: Hamner, Kerr A., Peniston, Schafer S., Solano, Todd
Voted to oppose: Holbert, Joshi, Murray, Ramirez, Summers, Beezley, Massey
Allows students who attended high school in Colorado for 3 years and graduated or got a GED, but who lack citizenship and documentation of lawful immigration, to attend Colorado colleges at the in-state rate, but without the College Opportunity Fund subsidy of about \$1860 that other instate students would get.

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- ✓ **SB11-172** **Civil Unions** *Killed in House Judiciary.*
Sen. Steadman
Rep. Ferrandino
Passed Senate 23-12
Voted to support: Duran, Kagan, Lee, Levy, Ryden
Voted to oppose: DelGrosso, Nikkel, Sonnenberg, Waller, Barker, Gardner B.
Would create Civil Unions for same sex couples, with rights and responsibilities under State law similar to those of married couples.
Would not alter federal marriage rights and responsibilities.
- ✗ **HB11-1058** **No Public Assistance at Strip Clubs** *Killed in Senate Health & Human Services.*
Rep. Pabon
Sen. Jahn
Passed House 48-17
Voted to oppose: Aguilar, Lundberg, Mitchell, Roberts, Boyd
Voted to support: Carroll, Foster, White, Newell
Prohibits recipients of public assistance from accessing cash benefits from ATMs located in adult entertainment facilities. Current law (not enforceable) already bars use of ATMs for accessing benefits in casinos, racetracks, bingo facilities, gun stores and liquor stores.
- ✗ **HB11-1140** **Strengthen Illegal Alien Law** *Killed in Senate State Affairs.*
Rep. Balmer
Sen. Harvey
Passed House 36-29
Voted to support: Cadman, Grantham
Voted to oppose: Boyd, Bacon, Heath
Prohibits local governments that refuse to participate in the "Secure Communities" Initiative of the Department of Homeland Security from receiving certain state funds.
- ✗ **HB11-1290** **Deferred Deposit Loans Nonrefundable Origination Fee** *Killed in Senate Local Government.*
Reps. Liston and Riesberg
Sen. Heath
Passed House 36-27, 2 Excused
Voted to support: Cadman, Roberts
Voted to oppose: Aguilar, Nicholson, Foster
Changes one of the three fees on Pay Day Loans from a prorated finance fee to a nonrefundable origination fee. The fee is \$20 per \$100 for the first \$300, and up to \$75 for a \$500 loan. This change would dramatic increase the cost of Pay Day Loans which are repaid within the month from 86% APR to 289% APR.

PRIORITY BILL DIED PRIOR TO FLOOR VOTE

(Not included in scorecard)

- ✗ **HB11-1149** **ID Verification of Lawful Presence** *Passed House State Affairs*
Rep. Acree
Sen. Harvey
Votes to support: Baumgardner, Liston, Waller, Coram, Kerr J.
Votes to oppose: Court, Levy, Miklosi, Todd
Current law requires government benefit programs to confirm the lawful presence and identity of those applying for help. This bill adds the requirement to submit a social security card for inspection (instead of just provide a social security number for verification).

This year, the Women's Lobby priority bills were:

- ✓ SB 72 – Job Protection and Civil Rights: died
✓ SB 88 – Direct Entry Midwives: signed into law
✗ HB 1149 – ID Verification of Lawful Presence: died
✗ HB 1290 – Deferred Deposit Loans Origination Fee: died

Priority bills are actively lobbied by our professional lobbyist. The Women's Lobby of Colorado is represented at the State Capitol by Jennifer Miles.

For the full text of any bill, visit Colorado General Assembly's website: leg.state.co.us

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Senators	District	Counties	SB 8	SB 88	SB 177	SB 184	SB 213	HB 1014	HB 1019	HB 1080	SB 72	SB 126	SB 172	TOTAL
Aguilar, Irene	D 32	Denver, Jefferson	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	100%
Bacon, Bob	D 14	Larimer	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	100%
Boyd, Betty	D 21	Jefferson	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	100%
Brophy, Greg	R 1	Cheyenne, Elbert, Kiowa, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Prowers, Sedgwk, Washington, Yuma	●	●	■	■	■	■	●	●	■	■	■	36%
Cadman, Bill	R 10	El Paso	■	●	■	●	■	■	●	●	■	■	■	36%
Carroll, Morgan	D 36	Arapahoe	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	●	●	●	91%
Foster, Joyce	D 35	Denver	●	■	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	91%
Giron, Angela	D 3	Pueblo	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	100%
Grantham, Kevin	R 2	Baca, Bent, Crowley, Custer, Fremont, Huerfano, Las Animas, Otero, Pueblo	■	●	■	■	■	■	●	●	■	■	■	27%
Guzman, Lucia	D 34	Denver	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	100%
Harvey, Ted	R 30	Douglas	■	●	●	●	■	■	●	●	■	■	■	45%
Heath, Rollie	D 18	Boulder	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	100%
Hodge, Mary	D 25	Adams	E	●	●	●	■	●	●	●	●	●	●	82%
Hudak, Evie	D 19	Jefferson	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	100%
Jahn, Cheri	D 20	Jefferson	●	■	●	●	■	●	●	●	●	●	●	82%
Johnston, Michael	D 33	Adams, Denver	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	100%
King, Keith	R 12	El Paso	■	●	■	■	■	■	●	●	■	■	■	27%
King, Steve	R 7	Garfield, Mesa	■	●	●	■	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	45%
Kopp, Mike	R 22	Jefferson	■	●	■	■	■	■	E	E	■	■	■	9%
Lambert, Kent	R 9	El Paso	■	●	■	■	■	■	●	●	■	■	■	27%
Lundberg, Kevin	R 15	Larimer	■	●	■	■	■	■	●	●	■	■	■	27%
Mitchell, Shawn	R 23	Adams, Broomfield, Weld	■	●	●	■	■	■	E	●	■	■	■	27%
Morse, John	D 11	El Paso	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	●	●	●	●	91%
Newell, Linda	D 26	Arapahoe, Jefferson	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	100%
Nicholson, Jeanne	D 16	Boulder, Clear Creek, Gilpin	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	100%
Renfroe, Scott	R 13	Weld	■	●	■	■	■	■	●	●	■	■	■	27%
Roberts, Ellen	R 6	Archuleta, Dolores, LaPlata, Montezuma, Montrose, Ouray, San Juan, San	●	●	E	●	■	●	●	●	■	■	●	64%
Scheffel, Mark	R 4	Douglas, El Paso	■	●	■	■	■	■	●	●	■	■	■	27%
Schwartz, Gail	D 5	Alamosa, Chaffee, Conejos, Costilla, Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Mineral, Pitkin, Rio Grande, Saquache	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	100%
Spence, Nancy	R 27	Arapahoe	●	■	●	●	■	●	●	E	■	■	●	55%
Steadman, Pat	D 31	Adams, Denver	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	●	●	●	●	91%
Tochtrop, Lois	D 24	Adams	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	●	●	●	●	91%
White, Jean	R 8	Eagle, Garfield, Jackson	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	●	■	■	●	73%
Williams, Suzanne	D 28	Arapahoe, Denver	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	●	●	●	●	91%
Shaffer, Brandon	D 17	Boulder	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	●	●	●	●	91%

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Acree, Cindy	R	40	Arapahoe/Elbert	●	●	■	■	■	■	●	●	■	■	■	36%
Barker, Mark	R	1	El Paso	●	●	■	■	■	●	●	●	●	■	■	55%
Balmer, David	R	39	Arapahoe	●	●	■	●	■	●	●	●	●	■	■	64%
Baumgardner, Randy	R	57	Garfield, Grand, Jackson, Moffat, Rio Blanco, Routt	●	●	■	■	■	●	●	●	●	■	■	55%
Becker, Jon	R	63	Adams, Cheyenne, Crowley, Kiowa, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Morgan, Washington, Yuma	●	●	●	●	■	■	●	●	●	■	■	64%
Beezley, Don	R	33	Adams, Boulder, Broomfield, Weld	●	●	■	●	■	■	●	●	■	■	■	45%
Bradford, Laura	R	55	Mesa	●	●	●	●	■	●	E	●	■	■	■	55%
Brown, J Paul	R	59	Archuleta, La Plata, Montezuma, San Juan	●	●	■	●	■	●	●	●	●	■	■	64%
Casso, Edward	D	32	Adams	●	E	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	■	73%
Conti, Kathleen	R	38	Arapahoe, Jefferson	●	●	●	■	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	55%
Coram, Don	R	58	Delta, Dolores, Montezuma, Montrose, Ouray, S. Miquel	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	●	●	■	■	73%
Court, Lois	D	6	Arapahoe, Denver	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	91%
DelGrosso, Brian	R	51	Larimer	●	●	■	●	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	55%
Duran, Crisanta	D	5	Denver	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	91%
Ferrandino, Mark	D	2	Denver	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	●	■	●	●	82%
Fields, Rhonda	D	42	Arapahoe	●	●	●	●	E	●	●	E	■	●	●	73%
Fischer, Randy	D	53	Larimer	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	91%
Gardner, Bob	R	21	El Paso, Fremont	●	●	■	●	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	55%
Gardner, Deb	D	11	Boulder	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	91%
Gerou, Cheri	R	25	Jefferson	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	●	●	■	■	73%
Hamner, Millie	D	56	Eagle, Lake, Summit	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	■	●	82%
Holbert, Chris	R	44	Douglas	●	●	■	■	■	■	●	●	●	■	■	45%
Hullinghorst, Dickev Lee	D	10	Boulder	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	91%
Jones, Matt	D	12	Boulder	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	91%
Joshi, Janak	R	14	El Paso	■	●	■	■	■	●	●	●	●	■	■	45%
Kagan, Daniel	D	3	Arapahoe, Denver	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	91%
Kefalas, John	D	52	Larimer	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	100%
Kerr, Andy	D	26	Jefferson	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	91%
Kerr, James	R	28	Jefferson	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	64%
Labuda, Jeanne	D	1	Arapahoe, Denver, Jefferson	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	91%
Lee, Pete	D	18	El Paso	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	91%
Levy, Claire	D	13	Boulder, Clear Creek, Gilpin	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	100%
Liston, Larry	R	16	El Paso	■	●	■	■	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	36%
Looper, Marsha	R	19	El Paso	■	●	■	●	■	●	●	●	●	■	■	55%
Massey, Tom	R	60	Chaffee, Custer, Fremont, Park, Pueblo, Saguache	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	64%
McCann, Beth	D	8	Denver	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	91%
McKinley, Wes	D	64	Baca, Bent, Huerfano, Las Animas, Otero, Prowers	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	100%
Miklosi, Joe	D	9	Denver, Arapahoe	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	91%
Murray, Carole	R	45	Douglas, Teller	●	●	■	●	■	●	●	●	●	■	■	64%
Nikkel, B.J.	R	49	Larimer, Weld	●	●	■	●	■	●	●	●	●	■	■	64%

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Pabon, Dan	D 4	Denver	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	91%
Pace, Sal	D 46	Pueblo	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	91%
Peniston, Cheryl	D 35	Adams	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	91%
Priola, Kevin	R 30	Adams	●	●	■	■	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	45%
Ramirez, Robert	R 29	Jefferson	●	●	■	■	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	45%
Riesberg, James	D 50	Weld	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	■	82%
Ryden, Su	D 36	Arapahoe	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	■	●	82%
Shaffer, Sue	D 24	Jefferson	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	■	82%
Scott, Ray	R 54	Delta, Mesa	●	●	■	■	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	45%
Solano, Judy	D 31	Adams	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	E	82%
Sonnenberg, Jerry	R 65	Logan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Weld	●	●	■	■	■	●	●	●	●	■	■	55%
Soper, John	D 34	Adams	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	■	●	82%
Stephens, Amy	R 20	El Paso	●	●	■	●	■	●	●	●	■	■	E	55%
Summers, Ken	R 22	Jefferson	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	64%
Swalm, Spencer	R 37	Arapahoe	●	●	■	■	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	45%
Swerdfeger, Keith	R 47	Fremont, Pueblo	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	64%
Szabo, Libby	R 27	Jefferson	●	●	■	■	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	45%
Todd, Nancy	D 41	Arapahoe, Denver	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	91%
Tyler, Max	D 23	Jefferson	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	91%
Vaad, Glenn	R 48	Weld	●	●	■	●	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	55%
Vigil, Ed	D 62	Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Huerfano, Mineral Pueblo	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	91%
Waller, Mark	R 15	El Paso	●	●	■	●	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	55%
Williams, Angela	D 7	Denver	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	91%
Wilson, Roger	D 61	Eagle, Garfield, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Pitkin	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	91%
McNulty, Frank	R 43	Douglas	●	F	E	●	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	45%