Women's Lobby of Colorado



Legislative Scorecard

The Women's Lobby of Colorado is pleased to present our ninth annual legislative scorecard. We hope this scorecard will guide Colorado voters on important issues in our communities and allow us all to hold our elected officials accountable for their work on behalf of women and families.

We Need the Women's Lobby Because Women in Colorado:

Leave the workplace to care for family and pay for additional care expenses

Colorado is one of the least affordable states for full-time childcare.³

Rent more often than own a home¹

Median rent of a two-bedroom apartment in Denver is \$1,770.2

Receive lower pay throughout their lives

Women over 75 are three times more likely to be impovershed than men over 75.5

Experience greater health concerns

Women carry primary reproductive responsibility and are more likely to be survivors of sexual assault and partner violence.⁴ For every \$1.00 paid to white male full-time employees:6

Asian women are paid 90¢

White women are paid 78¢

African American women are paid 64¢

Latinas are paid 54¢

Sources:

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2017 Legislative Session

Since 1993, the Women's Lobby has worked hard to protect and create legislation that promotes gender equity and justice. This year served as a wake-up call for many women across Colorado and the nation. From Grand Junction to Durango and Fort Collins to Pueblo, Colorado's women have made it clear that we will fight for our cities, state and nation.

Legislative Wins for Colorado Women



Housing: Survivors of sexual assault and stalking can now break leases for their safety and without penalty (HB1035). Renters, most of whom are women, are now given at least 21 days' notice for lease termination or rate increases (SB245).



Reproductive Healthcare and Rights: At last, women may purchase up to 12 months of birth control at once, after a three-month trial period (HB1186). Women seeking abortion care will not suffer through junk science or preposterous waiting periods for services guaranteed under the U.S. Constitution (SB284).



Financial Security: Employees can now access the information they need to prove they have been victims of wage theft (HB1021), commonly found among hourly workers made up predominantly of women.



Families: The child care expenses income tax credit was extended to benefit Colorado's poorest working families (HB1002). As the cost of living climbs in Colorado, ensuring all families have access to high quality and affordable child care is key.

Achievements of the Women's Lobby in 2017

- Grew organizational membership by nearly 20% and nearly doubled individual membership
- Hired policy and advocacy consultant to coordinate efforts with our new lobbyist
- Testified for or against six different bills
- Delivered more than 35 hand-written notes to representatives
- Emailed dozens of messages urging lawmakers to support working families
- Trained more than 20 citizen lobbyists for Women and Families Wednesdays
- Hosted evening events to expand our reach and better serve our membership

Looking Forward

The Women's Lobby of Colorado won't be deterred. We will fight for all Colorado's women and their needs including fair pay, freedom from discrimination, and the ability to care for their loved ones.



Bills Important for Colorado Women

The Women's Lobby supported:



HB1001: Employee Leave to Attend Child's Academic Activities - Postponed indefinitely by the Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee on a 3-2 party line vote. In its third attempt, this bill would have reauthorized a law allowing parents to take unpaid leave to attend their children's academic activities.



HB1002: Child Care Expenses Income Tax Credit Extension - Passed both chambers; sent to the governor. The child care tax credit used by 32,000 Colorado families earning less than \$25,000 per year will be extended another three years.



<u>HB1021: Wage Theft Transparency Act</u> - Passed both chambers; sent to the governor. Employees who have been victims of wage theft can now obtain important documents for their cases. The bill will help many women wronged by unscrupulous employers.



<u>HB1035: Sex Assault and Stalking Victims May Break Leases</u> - Passed both chambers; sent to the governor. Survivors of sexual assault and stalking may legally break a lease without agreement penalties. Women can now protect themselves with no financial risk.



<u>HB1186: Health Coverage Prescription Contraceptives Supply</u> - Passed both chambers; sent to the governor. Insurance companies are now required to give women up to their full annual supply of birth control pills, after a three-month trial-period, in one trip to the pharmacy.



<u>HB1290: Colorado Secure Savings Plan</u> - Postponed indefinitely by the Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee on a 3-2 party line vote. Under this bill, Colorado workers would have been automatically enrolled in a state-administered workplace retirement plan, funded by employee payroll deductions.



HB1307: Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program Wage Replacement - Postponed indefinitely by the Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee on a 3-2 party line vote. Colorado workers would have been guaranteed up to 12 weeks of paid leave to care for immediate family members. The program would have been funded and sustained through workplace contributions, allowing employees to care for family without sacrificing employment or financial security.



HB1322: Domestic Violence Reports by Medical Professionals - Passed both chambers; sent to the governor. Survivors of domestic violence will no longer be concerned about mandatory reporting by medical professionals. This will allow them to seek medical attention when needed and to prepare themselves to take action against an abuser when they are able and ready.



<u>SB245: Tenancies One Month to One Year Notice</u> - Passed both chambers; sent to the governor. Renters, the majority of whom are women, must now receive 21 days' notice in the event of a rent increase or a lease termination.



(click on underlined bill names to read more online)

The Women's Lobby opposed:



SB284: Women's Right to Accurate Healthcare Information - Defeated in the Senate, second reading with amendments. This "Anti-Abortion Mega-Bill" included a litany of anti-choice measures. The bill sought to intimidate abortion providers and shame women for seeking abortions. The measure would have created mandatory waiting periods, required doctors to inform women of unproven abortion reversal options, created fetal personhood to make abortion illegal, allowed investigations into miscarriages, and shifted the reporting structure of abortion providers from the Department of Public Health to the attorney general.

Our Barrier to Progress: The State Budget

The state's budget challenges directly impacted HB1195 (the diaper bill). Spearheaded with our partners, the Nappie Project and COLOR, the bill proposed a state sales tax exemption for children's and adult disposable diapers, a necessity for many families.

The current sales tax disproportionately affects those who can least afford it. The tax exemption would save every family about \$30 per year, or one free day of diapers per month. For many, that savings would be significant. While the diaper bill moved quickly through the House Finance Committee, including testimony from several Women's Lobby of Colorado members, the bill was pulled by the sponsor because of the state's budget limits.



one in three low-income families struggles to afford diapers⁷

"We talk about tax breaks for companies all the time; we don't talk about tax breaks for Colorado families," said Rep. Faith Winter, the bill's sponsor. "We need to talk about how our tax policy helps and hurts working families. [The diaper bill] would have given immediate relief to thousands of families who cannot afford enough diapers for happy and healthy babies."

Until Colorado's current constitutionally-tied budget can support reforms that strengthen working families, measures like the diaper bill, the tampon tax bill (HB1127), paid family leave (HB1307), and retirement savings (HB1090) will be sidelined.

Colorado Senate					\$			\$	\$			
Name	District	Score (%)	HB1001*	HB1002	HB1021	HB1035	HB1186	HB1290*	HB1307*	HB1322	SB245	SB284**
Aguilar, Irene (D)	32	100	7	6	6	6	6	57	7	6	6	6
Baumgardner, Randy (R)	8	43	7	7		6	7	7	7		7	7
Cooke, John (R)	13	43	7	7		6	7	- 7	- 7		7	7
Coram, Don (R)	6	100	7					- 7	- 7			6
Court, Lois (D)	31	100	7					7	7			
Crowder, Larry (R)	35	86	7					- 7	7			7
Donovan, Kerry (D)	5	100	7				6	- 7	7			6
Fenberg, Stephen (D)	18	100	57					- 7	- 7		_6_	6
Fields, Rhonda (D)	29	100	- 9				4	- 7	- 7		_6_	6
Garcia, Leroy (D)	3	100	57			6	6	7	- 7			6
Gardner, Bob (R)	12	71	- 7				6	- 7	- 7	7	_6_	7
Grantham, Kevin (R)	2	71	57				7	- 7	- 7	_6_	_6_	7
Guzman, Lucia (D)	34	100						- 7	- 7		_6_	6
Hill, Owen (R)	10	43		7			7	<u> </u>	<u> </u>		7	7
Holbert, Chris (R)	30	43					7					
Jahn, Cheri (D)	20	100										
Jones, Matt (D)	17	100						- 2				
Kagan, Daniel (D)	26	100	<u> </u>					5/	5/		-	
Kefalas, John (D)	14	100						- 5/				
Kerr, Andy (D)	22	100					6	9	- 57			6
<u>Lambert, Kent (R)</u>	9	57					7		- 2		7	7
<u>Lundberg, Kevin (R)</u>	15	43					7				_7_	
Marble, Vicki (R)	23	43		7			7				7	7
Martinez Humenik, Beth (R)	24	100						5/				
Merrifield, Michael (D)	11	100										
Moreno, Dominick (D)	21	100										
Neville, Tim (R)	16	43					7					
<u>Priola, Kevin (R)</u>	25	86										7
Scott, Ray (R)	7	57					7					
Smallwood, Jim (R)	4	43		7	7	_				-	7	7
Sonnenberg, Jerry (R)	1	57	5/	7		_		5/	5/		7	
Tate, Jack (R)	27	71					7	-5/				7
Todd, Nancy (D)	28	100	2/					5/	- 5/	_	_	
Williams, Angela (D)	33	100	5/					5/				
Zenzinger, Rachel (D)	19	100	5/		6	6	6	5/	5/	6	6	

Scorecard Methodology

The Women's Lobby took positions on 39 bills during the 2017 legislative session and 10 were selected for scoring. Only votes cast by all senators or representatives while on the floor of their chamber were considered in the final score.

- Legislator voted with the position of the Women's Lobby
- Legislator voted against the position of the Women's Lobby
- Legislator was absent and did not vote
- Bill was postponed indefinitely by the Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee

Legislators who scored 100% are in bold

(click on underlined names for contact information online)

bills scored

bills where the lobby took positions



bills postponed indefinitely

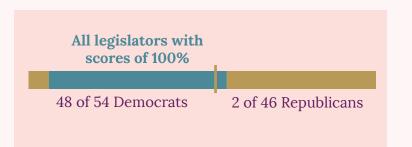


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Colorado House of Representatives

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Name	District	Score (%)	HB1001*	HB1002	HB1021	HB1035	HB1186	HB1290*	HB1307*	HB1322	SB245	SB284**
Arndt, Jeni James (D)	53	100	4	4	4	6	4	6	4	4	4	57
Becker, Jon (R)	65	33	7	4	7	4	7	7	7	4	7	9
Becker, KC (D)	13	100	6	4	6	4	6	6	6	4	6	57
Beckman, Susan (R)	38	33	7	4	7	4	4	7	7	7	7	57
Benavidez, Adrienne (D)	32	89	6	4	6	6	6	6	6	7	6	57
Bridges, Jeff (D)	3	100	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7
Buck, Perry (R)	49	22	7	7	7	6	7	7	7	6	7	9
Buckner, Janet (D)	40	100	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7
Carver, Terri (R)	20	44	7	7	6	6	6	7	7	6	7	7
Catlin, Marc (R)	58	56	7	6	6	6	6	7	7	6	7	7
Coleman, James (D)	7	100	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7
Covarrubias, Phil (R)	56	67	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	6	7	7
Danielson, Jessie (D)	24	100	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7
Duran, Crisanta (D)	5	100	6	4	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7
Esgar, Daneya (D)	46	100	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7
Everett, Justin (R)	22	11	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	6	7	7
Exum, Tony (D)	17	100	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	9
Foote, Mike (D)	12	89								7	_6_	7
Garnett, Alec (D)	2	100					6					7
Ginal, Joann (D)	52	100	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7
Gray, Matt (D)	33	100	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7
Hamner, Millie (D)	61	100	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7
Hansen, Chris (D)	6	100	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7
Herod, Leslie (D)	8	100	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	57
Hooton, Edie (D)	10	100	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7
Humphrey, Stephen (R)	48	22	7	7	7	6	7	7	7	6	7	7
Jackson, Dominique (D)	42	100	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7
Kennedy, Chris (D)	23	100	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7
Kraft-Tharp, Tracy (D)	29	100	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7
Landgraf, Lois (R)	21	44	7	6	7	6	6	7	7	6	7	7
Lawrence, Polly (R)	39	56	7	6	6	6	6	7	7	6	7	57
Lebsock, Steve (D)	34	100	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7
Lee, Pete (D)	18	100	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7
Leonard, Timothy (R)	25	11	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	6	7	7







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Lewis, Kimmi (R)	64	22	7	7	7	6	7	7	7	6	7	7
Liston, Larry (R)	16	25	7	7	7	7	6	7	4	6	7	7
Lontine, Susan (D)	1	100	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7
Lundeen, Paul (R)	19	22	7	7	6	6	7	7	7	6	7	7
McKean, Hugh (R)	51	44	7	7	6	6	6	7	7	6	7	7
McLachlan, Barbara (D)	59	89	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7	6	7
Melton, Jovan (D)	41	100	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7
Michaelson Jenet, Dafna (D)	30	100	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7
Mitsch Bush, Diane (D)	26	100	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7
Navarro, Clarice (R)	47	33	7	7	6	6	7	7	7	6	7	57
Neville, Patrick (R)	45	33	7	7	6	6	7	7	7	6	7	7
Nordberg, Dan (R)	14	22	7	7	7		7	7	7	6	7	7
Pabon, Dan (D)	4	100	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7
Pettersen, Brittany (D)	28	100	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7
Rankin, Bob (R)	57	44	7	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	7	7
Ransom, Kim (R)	44	33	7	7	6	6	7	7	7	6	7	7
Rosenthal, Paul (D)	9	100	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7
<u>Saine, Lori (R)</u>	63	22	7	7	7		7	7	7	_6	7	7
Salazar, Joseph (D)	31	100	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7
Sias, Lang (R)	27	50	7	6	6	6	4	7	7	6	7	7
Singer, Jonathan (D)	11	100	4	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7
Thurlow, Dan (R)	55	67	7	6	6	6	6	7	7	6	6	7
Valdez, Donald (D)	62	100	6	6			6	6	6	6	6	57
Van Winkle, Kevin (R)	43	22	7	7	7		7	7	7	6	7	5
Weissman, Mike (D)	36	100	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7
Willett, Yeulin (R)	54	44	7					7	7	7	7	7
Williams, Dave (R)	15	22	7	7	7		7	7	7	6	7	7
Wilson, James (R)	60	56	7	6	7	6	6	7	7	6	6	5
Winter, Faith (D)	35	100	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	5
Wist, Cole (R)	37	38	7	4	6	6	6	7	7	7	7	57
Young, Dave (D)	50	100	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	57

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