

COLORADO  
COALITION  
FOR THE  
Homeless



# 2021 LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Colorado Coalition for the Homeless



# INTRODUCTION

## THE 2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION WAS A WATERSHED IN BOLSTERING EQUITY AND RESOURCES FOR MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES ACROSS COLORADO.

After nearly 18 months of non-stop legislative work since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the session officially wrapped up on Tuesday, June 8th, on the 116th day of the constitutionally allowable 120. Legislators embraced Governor Polis' charge to "Build Back Stronger" as they worked to allocate the substantial infusion of time-limited, pandemic-related funding and pursue permanent reforms. Of the 623 bills that were introduced, 502 passed. While Democrats maintain control of the House (41-24 majority), Senate (20-15 majority), and Governorship, 91 percent of the legislation that passed received bipartisan support. Speaker of the House, Alec Garnett, and President of the Senate, Leroy Garcia, led the work in their respective chambers.

After facing a devastating pandemic-related budget shortfall in 2020 and having to make cuts to essential programs and services, Colorado was in a much more favorable budget environment in 2021. The state received and directed substantial infusion of time-limited, pandemic-related federal funding to address the state's recovery needs. In addition to \$3.8 billion in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, the legislature was able to advance an \$800 million stimulus package from the state General Fund thanks to a surplus in income and sales tax revenue. The package targeted community revitalization, workforce development, energy assistance, behavioral health services, and housing, among other priorities. Most of this funding must be allocated by 2024 and fully expended by 2026.

As always, the Education and Advocacy (E&A) team, could not have done the work it did without the support and expertise of the entire CCH community. Despite challenges posed by the pandemic, Coalition staff and clients were able to provide written testimony or comments on seven bills and virtual or in-person testimony on eight. CCH's Advocacy Committee also participated in a virtual Lobby Day where participants had an opportunity to learn about the Coalition's priority bills, practice lobbying skills, and record statements in support of the bills that were sent to target legislators. CCH sent 23 recorded messages to legislators asking for their support.

The Coalition actively engaged on 39 bills, 38 of which were introduced. Of these, 37 resulted in favorable outcomes. In total, CCH tracked 102 bills, 90 of which passed and 12 of which were killed. E&A helped shape the policy process through drafting language, participating in stakeholder convenings, engaging in direct lobbying, giving testimony, sending action alerts to the Coalition's network of over 15,000 individuals, writing letters, and generating support on social media. Community members sent 3,204 messages to legislators in support of the organization's priorities. The Coalition is also grateful to its contract lobbyist, Danny McCarthy, with Mendez Consulting, for his tireless work, skillful negotiation, and talent for changing narratives around homelessness under the Gold Dome.



The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless (the Coalition, CCH) advocated for critical legislation related to investments in affordable housing, equitable rental assistance, services for people experiencing homelessness including bills that:



### **INCREASE STATE INVESTMENTS**

in affordable housing and homelessness resolution



### **RESPONDED TO HOUSING NEEDS**

as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic



### **FILLED GAPS**

left by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's eviction moratorium



### **CREATED A MORE EQUITABLE EVICTION PROCESS**

for tenants facing displacement and homelessness



### **IMPROVED PUBLIC SAFETY**

through the state's approach



### **INCREASED ACCESS**

to essential public benefits that support our neighbors on the path to greater stability.



# PRIORITIES

THE COALITION FOCUSED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITICAL NEEDS OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESS AND LIVING IN POVERTY FOR THE 2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

Shaping pandemic response for housing and homelessness

Refunding cuts made during the 2020 legislative session

Expanding access to homeless services funding statewide

Strengthening renters' protections

Defending the rights of unhoused Coloradans

Broadening access to essential public benefits

Expanding access to healthcare services and coverage for the most vulnerable Coloradans

Increasing access to public benefits that support people living with disabilities and low to no assets

Addressing Colorado's opioid crisis through increased resources and a harm reduction approach

Reforming the criminal justice system to reduce the jail-to-homelessness cycle.



# housing

This was a banner year for investment in affordable housing and creative housing policy. CCH helped shape and lobby for four successful bills. One bill, SB21-242 (Senators Gonzales and Pettersen; Representatives Gonzales-Gutierrez and Woodrow), provides \$30 million for the rental, acquisition, and renovation of underutilized hotels and motels to provide shelter and affordable housing to people experiencing homelessness. It also expands eligibility for rental assistance and supportive services to include people experiencing homelessness. The Coalition's experience with using hotel and motel space for Protective Action and Activated Respite at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic for people experiencing homelessness informed the drafting of this critical bill. It passed 22 (yes)-14 (no)-1 (excused) in the Senate and 42-22-1 in the House.

HB21-1271 (Representatives McCluskie and Jodeh; Senator Gonzales) promotes innovative housing solutions by creating three new programs in the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). The new programs include local government affordable housing development incentives grant program, the local government planning grant program, and the affordable housing guided toolkit and local officials guide program. The appropriation to DOLA includes \$13 million from the General Fund and \$35 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act funds. CCH was able to provide the nonprofit housing developer perspective and help refine allowable uses. The bill passed in the Senate on a vote of 42-22-2 and in the House on a vote of 22-14-0.

A third bill, championed by Habitat for Humanity of Colorado, HB21-1134

(Representatives Ricks and Bradfield; Senator Bridges), creates a rent reporting pilot program for 10 landlords and 100 tenants to be administered by the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority. This bill will explore how reporting tenants' rent payments to credit reporting agencies impacts their credit scores and visibility. Poor credit and lack of credit are a significant barrier to homeownership, particularly for people of color. Rent is the biggest expense for most households, and tenants should get credit for paying on time and in full. If the impact among the lowest-income participants is positive, CCH hopes to help craft future legislation to build on the pilot. Thanks, in part, to powerful testimony by Amritpal Byrd, Compliance Manager with CCH's Renaissance Property Management Corporation, the bill passed on votes of 43-20-2 in the House and 20-15-0 in the Senate.

Finally, days before the legislative session concluded, HB21-1329 (Representatives Gonzales-Gutierrez and Woodrow; Senators Holbert and Gonzales) passed, creating the Affordable Housing and Home Ownership Cash Fund in the State Treasury and authorizing the appropriation of \$550M in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act. A legislative interim committee will make policy recommendations for the use of these funds, and homeless service providers and nonprofit developers are establishing their role in the conversation. The Coalition intends to work closely with committee members and community partners to ensure this once-in-a-lifetime appropriation is utilized effectively and equitably. It passed 40-23-2 and 34-0-1 in the House and Senate, respectively.



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# renters' protections

In partnership with our friends at Enterprise Community Partners, Colorado Center on Law and Policy, 9to5 Colorado, COVID-19 Eviction Defense Project, Interfaith Alliance of Colorado, and Together Colorado, the Coalition was a leader in passing landmark renters' protections. The Coalition's priority bill, SB21-173 (Senators Gonzales and Moreno; Representatives Caraveo and Gonzales-Gutierrez), has several sweeping, permanent reforms that will take effect on October 1, 2021, including:

- Limiting late fees assessed to residential tenants to the greater of \$50 or 5% of the rent owed and establishing a seven-day grace period between when rent is due and when a fee can be charged,
- Establishing tenants' right to pay back-rent at any time during the eviction process until the time of judgement,
- Enabling tenants to assert their rights under the warranty of habitability statute,
- Ensuring court summons contain information on rental and legal assistance,
- Guaranteeing seven days to prepare for trial, and
- Establishing meaningful damages for tenants illegally locked out of their home. The bill passed with votes of 19-15-1 in the Senate and 39-24-2 in the House.

Additionally, the Coalition helped to craft and advocate for a pair of bills that came out of the Division of Housing in the Department of Local Affairs. The first, HB21-1054 (Representative Jackson; Senator Gonzales),

creates, unless otherwise required by federal law, an exception to the requirement that an applicant for federal, state, or local public benefits verify lawful presence in the United States for housing assistance. This will greatly reduce the barrier to necessary housing supports for Colorado's immigrant population. The bill passed with votes of 41-24-0 and 20-14-1 in the House and Senate, respectively. The second, HB21-1121 (Representatives Jackson and Jodeh; Senator Gonzales), limits the frequency with which a landlord can increase rent to once within a continuous 12-month tenancy, guarantees 60 days' notice of a rent increase to tenants without a written lease, and prohibits a sheriff from executing a writ of restitution until at least 10 days after judgment. This will give tenants more time to find alternative housing arrangements or storage options in the event of an eviction, helping to prevent homelessness. The bill passed 40-23-2 in the House and 19-15-1 in the Senate.

CCH was also a stakeholder in an effort to create a statewide eviction moratorium with a strategic phase-out approach to avoid eviction, displacement, and homelessness during the pandemic. While this bill was never introduced, legislators took action to prevent eviction by allocating \$1.5 million to the Colorado's Eviction Legal Defense Fund in addition to \$1.6 million from the General Fund and Proposition EE. The Coalition will continue to push for additional resources to prevent homelessness before it occurs during the public health emergency and beyond.



The Coalition weighed in on three key healthcare policies. First, led by the Colorado Center on Law and Policy, HB21-1198 (Representative Jodeh; Senators Buckner and Kolker) directs healthcare facilities to screen uninsured patients for eligibility for public health insurance programs and discounted care, implements transparent limits on hospital bills and monthly payments for Coloradans at or below 250 percent of the federal poverty level, and provides strong enforcement mechanisms so patients can assert their rights to fair billing practices. It passed 40-24-1 in the House and 20-15-0 in the Senate.

Second, in partnership with the Colorado Community Health Network (CCHN), CCH supported HB21-1275 (Representatives Lontine and Will; Senators Ginal and Kirkmeyer). This bill makes pharmacists eligible for reimbursement under Medicaid

for certain medically necessary services. By adding clinical services provided by a pharmacist to the Medicaid State Plan, these costs will be considered allowable costs in the Federally Qualified Health Center cost report which determines reimbursements. It passed with particularly strong bipartisan support with votes of 57-8-0 in the House and 35-0-0 in the Senate.

Third, CCH successfully advocated for the restoration of funding for the Adult Dental Benefit that was cut during the 2020 legislative session through SB21-211 (Senator Moreno; Representative Herod). Organizations like the Coalition and low- to no-income patients themselves will feel the positive impacts of these pieces of legislation. This bill also garnered a great deal of support from both sides of the aisle with votes of 33-0-2 in the Senate and 49-14-1 in the House.

# healthcare



# public safety

Public safety and criminal justice reform were important issue areas this year as the country continues to become more attune to the injustice these systems inflict on black and brown people, especially those living in poverty. CCH partnered with the Fraternal Order of Police, STAR Program administrators, Summit County's SMART team, and other advocates to advance HB21-1030 (Reps. McCluskie & McKean, Sens. Buckner & Cooke). The bill expands the Peace Officers Mental Health Support Grant Program to include a co-responder community responses model and increases funding from \$2 million to \$3 million per year. Outreach Behavioral Health Navigator, Kara

Heller, testified in support of the bill on behalf of CCH. The community partnerships fostered by this bill will encourage de-escalation in crisis situations and will help connect people to essential services including housing. The bill passed with strong bipartisan support with votes of 57-6-2 in the House and 35-0-0 in the Senate.

Note, votes are listed in the following format: yes-no-excused. Final bill language, fiscal notes, and complete vote counts can be accessed by clicking the links in the bill report below.







CCH was also active in a successful effort to continue Colorado's Necessary Documents Program through SB21-018 (Senator Moreno; Representative Esgar). Coloradans need identification documents to open bank accounts, cash checks, pick up prescriptions, board planes, and access health care, housing, employment, and public benefits.

For people experiencing homelessness, these documents are frequently at risk of being lost, stolen, and confiscated, and the average \$50 replacement cost can be prohibitive. The bill continues the Necessary Documents

Program indefinitely, providing vouchers for people to obtain identification documents without cost. It is administered by the Office of Health Equity in the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment at an annual cost of \$300,000 to the General Fund. E&A is grateful to our partners at Colorado Center on Law and Policy and Metro Caring for leading this charge, and to CCH Vocational Specialist, Brian Vander Heiden, and Vocational Services client, Glen Williams, for providing support and expert testimony. The bill passed with votes of 44-20-1 in the House and 31-3-1 in the Senate.

# essential benefits

# LOOKING FORWARD

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With 2021 legislative session in the rearview, CCH shifts its focus to influence interim committees charged with allocating stimulus dollars and make policy recommendations on housing and behavioral health. The organization pledges to effectively implement the bills that support vulnerable populations through education, regulatory work, and outcome tracking. Collaboration with partners to develop lasting solutions to homelessness and mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic remains a priority as we begin to plan for the 2022 session.

## SPECIAL THANKS

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- 9to5 Colorado
- All Families Deserve a Chance Coalition, Executive Team Member
- Colorado Center on Law and Policy
- Colorado Children's Campaign
- Colorado Coalition for the Homeless Advocacy Committee
- Colorado Coalition for the Homeless Advocacy Network
- Colorado Community Health Network Public Affairs Committee
- Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Division of Housing
- Colorado Health Policy Coalition
- Colorado Social Legislation Committee, Vice-Chair
- Colorado Women's Legislative Breakfast Planning Committee
- COVID-19 Eviction Defense Project
- Denver Homeless Leadership Council
- Enterprise Community Partners
- Enterprise Community Partners Housing Policy Stakeholder Group
- Habitat for Humanity of Colorado
- Healthier Colorado
- Housing Colorado Policy Committee
- Interfaith Alliance of Colorado
- Metro Caring
- Neighborhood Development Collaborative
- Renters Roundtable, Chair
- Together Colorado



# PRIORITY BILL LIST

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Title	Discription	Position	Outcome
Housing					
HB21-1009	Rep. Bernett (D), Sens. Bridges (D) & Coram (R)	Update Division Housing Function & Local Development	The bill updates the functions of the Division of Housing to facilitate housing that promotes state goals for local development and enabling the agency to leverage state housing funding to promote the state's affordable housing and energy performance objectives.	Passed	Passed
HB21-1019	Rep. Hooton (D), Sens. Ginal (D) & Woodward (R)	Modification To Regulations of Factory-built Structures	The bill makes modifications to the regulations of factory-built structures, manufactured housing, and installers and sellers of manufactured housing, including giving the Division of Housing enforcement powers.	Support	Passed
HB21-1117	Reps. Lontine (D) & Gonzales-Gutierrez (D), Sens. Gonzales (D) & Rodriguez (D)	Local Government Authority Promote Affordable Housing Units	The bill clarifies that the existing authority of cities and counties to plan for and regulate the use of land includes the authority to regulate development or redevelopment in order to promote the construction of new affordable housing units.	Support	Passed
HB21-1134	Reps. Ricks (D) & Bradfield (R), Sen. Bridges (D)	Report Tenant Rent Payment Information To Credit Agencies	The bill creates a rent reporting for credit pilot program.	Support	Passed
HB21-1271	Reps. McCluskie (D) & Jodeh (D), Sen. Gonzales (D)	Department Of Local Affairs Innovative Affordable Housing Strategies	The bill creates 3 different programs in the Department of Local Affairs for the purpose of offering grant money and other forms of state assistance to local governments to promote innovative solutions to the development of affordable housing across the state.	Support	Passed

HB21-1329	Reps. Gonzales-Gutierrez (D) & Woodrow (D), Sens. Holbert (R) & Gonzales (D)	American Rescue Plan Act Money To Invest Affordable Housing	The bill creates the Affordable Housing and Home Ownership Cash Fund in the State Treasury and authorizes appropriation of \$500M in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act.	Support	Passed
SB21-242	Sens. Gonzales (D) & Pettersen (D), Reps. Gonzales-Gutierrez (D) & Woodrow (D)	Housing Development Grants Hotels Tenancy Support Program	The bill provides funding for the acquisition of underutilized hotels and motels to provide shelter and affordable housing to people experiencing homelessness.	Support	Passed
<b>Renters Protections</b>					
HB21-1054	Rep. Jackson (D), Sen. Gonzales (D)	Housing Public Benefit Verification Requirement	The bill creates, unless otherwise required by federal law, a public or assisted housing benefit exception to the requirement that an applicant for federal, state, or local public benefits verify lawful presence in the United States.	Support	Passed
HB21-1121	Reps. Jackson (D) & Jodeh (D), Sen. Gonzales (D)	Residential Tenancy Procedures	The bill limits the frequency with which residential landlord can increase rent and prohibits a sheriff from executing a writ of restitution until at least 10 days after judgment.	Support	Passed
SB21-173	Sens. Gonzales (D) & Moreno (D), Reps. Caraveo (D) & Gonzales-Gutierrez (D)	Rights In Residential Lease Agreements	The bill limits late fees charged to residential tenants, establishes that tenants may pay back-rent at any time during the eviction process until the time of judgement, and creates additional protections for tenants facing eviction.	Support	Passed
N/A	Reps. Woodrow (D) & Gonzales-Gutierrez (D), Sen. Gonzales (D)	COVID-19 Eviction Prevention	The bill would have created a statewide eviction moratorium with an off-ramp during the COVID-19 pandemic.	Support	N/A
<b>Healthcare</b>					
HB21-1068	Reps. Michaelson Jenet (D) & Titone (D), Sens. Moreno (D) & Smallwood (R)	Insurance Coverage Mental Health Wellness Exam	The bill adds a requirement, as part of mandatory health insurance coverage of preventive health care services, that health plans cover an annual mental health wellness examination.	Support	Passed



HB21-1097	Reps. Young (D) & Pelton (R), Sens. Fields (D) & Gardner (R)	Establish Behavioral Health Administration	The bill addresses recommendations from the Colorado Behavioral Health Task Force, created in 2019, related to the creation of a Behavioral Health Administration, a single state agency to lead, promote, and administer the state's behavioral health priorities.	Support	Passed
HB21-1119	Reps. Rich (R) & Daugherty (D), Sens. Donovan (D) & Coram (R)	Suicide Prevention, Intervention, & Postvention	The bill broadens the state's priorities and focus on suicide and suicide attempts and the after-effects of those actions on attempt survivors, family, friends, health care providers, first and last responders, educators, and students in schools where a suicide or suicide attempt has occurred.	Support	Passed
HB21-1184	Reps. Lontine (D) & Will (R), Sen. Winter (D)	Physician Assistant Collaboration and Reimbursement	The bill establishes requirements for health benefit plans related to health-care services provided by physician assistants and reimbursement for such services and modifies the relationship between a physician assistant and a physician by removing the supervision requirement and replacing it with a requirement that a physician assistant collaborate with a physician.	Support	Passed
HB21-1198	Rep. Jodeh (D), Sens. Buckner (D) & Kolker (D)	Health-care Billing Requirements for Indigent Patients	The bill directs health-care facilities to screen each uninsured patient for eligibility for public health insurance programs and discounted care, including through the Colorado Indigent Care Program.	Support	Passed
HB21-1275	Reps. Lontine (D) & Will (R), Sens. Ginal (D) & Kirkmeyer (R)	Reimbursement for Pharmacy Services Under Medical Assistance Act	The bill makes pharmacists eligible for reimbursement under Medicaid for certain medically necessary pharmacist services.	Support	Passed
HB21-1276	Reps. Kennedy (D) & Herod (D), Sens. Pettersen (D) & Priola (R)	Prevention of Substance Use Disorders	The bill increases access to opioid alternatives.	Support	Passed
SB21-211	Sen. Moreno (D), Rep. Herod (D)	Adult Dental Benefit	The bill restores a previous reduction in the Adult Dental Benefit.		Passed

## Economic Justice and Public Benefits

HB21-1048	Rep. Valdez (D), Sen. Rodriguez (D)	Retail Business Must Accept Cash	The bill requires retail establishments that offer goods or services to accept cash in most cases.	Support	Passed
HB21-1105	Rep. Kennedy (D), Sens. Hansen (D) and Priola (R)	Low-income Utility Payment Assistance Contributions	The bill authorizes the Department of Human Services to make fuel assistance payments to supplemental nutrition assistance program recipients to maximize their federal heating and cooling standard utility allowance.	Support	Passed
HB21-1311	Reps. Sirota (D) & Weissman (D), Sens. Hansen (D) & Moreno (D)	Income Tax	The bill closes tax loopholes and puts money in low-income Coloradans' pockets.	Support	Passed
HB21-1312	Reps. Sirota (D) & Weissman (D), Sens. Hansen (D) & Moreno (D)	Insurance Premium Property Sales Severance Tax	The bill narrows the scope of the home office insurance premium tax rate reduction and the annuities consideration exemption for the insurance premium tax.	Support	Passed
SB21-018	Sen. Moreno (D), Rep. Esgar (D)	Continuation of Necessary Document Program	The bill continues the necessary document program indefinitely, providing vouchers for people to obtain identification documents without cost.	Support	Passed
SB21-027	Sens. Pettersen (D) & Danielson (D), Reps. Gonzales-Gutierrez (D) & Tipper (D)	Emergency Supplies for Colorado Babies And Families	Establishes and funds the Diaper Distribution Program to provide diapering essentials to Colorado families in need.	Support	Passed
SB21-039	Sens. Zenzinger (D) & Hisey (R), Reps. Caraveo (D) & Pelton (R)	Elimination of Subminimum Wage Employment	The bill phases out subminimum wage employment for individuals whose earning capacity is impaired by age, physical or mental disability, or injury.	Support	Passed

## Public Safety and Criminal Justice

HB21-1016	Reps. Ortiz (D) & Lynch (R), Sens. Garcia (D) & Gardner (R)	Transfer Jurisdiction To Veteran's Specialty Court	The bill increases access to a veterans treatment court for individuals suffering from a diagnosable mental health condition related to their military service.	Support	Passed
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HB21-1030	Reps. McCluskie (D) & McKean (R), Sens. Buckner (D) & Cooke (R)	Community Partnership/Co-Responder Bill	The bill expands the Peace Officers Mental Health Support Grant Program to include co-responder community responses and community-based alternative responses.	Support	Passed
HB21-1122	Reps. Froelich (D) & Larson (R), Sens. Kolker (D) & Ginal (D)	First Responder Interactions Persons With Disabilities	The bill establishes the Commission on Improving First Responder Interactions with Persons with Disabilities in the Attorney General's office.	Support	Passed
SB21-153	Sens. Coleman (D) & Cooke (R), Reps. Ortiz (D) & Tipper (D)	Department of Corrections Offender Identification Assistance Program	The bill requires the Department of Corrections to operate a program to assist offenders with acquiring state-issued identification cards and other identification documents.	Support	Passed
SB21-273	Sens. Lee (D) & Moreno (D), Reps. Benavidez (D) & Bacon (D)	Pre-Trial Reform	The bill creates the Community Response to Low-Level Offenses Working Group in the Department of Public Safety.	Support	Failed
<b>Immigration and Language Justice</b>					
HB21-1011	Rep. Caraveo (D), Sens. Gonzales (D) & Moreno (D)	Multilingual Ballot Access for Voters	The bill requires the Secretary of State and county Clerk and Recorders of certain counties to provide multilingual ballot access and requires the creation of a multilingual ballot hotline.	Support	Passed
HB21-1150	Rep. Jodeh (D), Sen. Gonzales (D)	Create the Colorado Office Of New Americans	The bill creates the Colorado Office of New Americans which is charged with implementing a statewide strategy to facilitate economic stability and promote successful economic, social, linguistic, and cultural integration for immigrants in Colorado.	Support	Passed
HB21-1194	Reps. Tipper (D) & Ricks (D), Sen. Moreno (D)	Immigration Legal Defense Fund	The bill creates the Immigration Legal Defense Fund to be administered by the Department of Labor and Employment.	Support	Passed
SB21-077	Sen. Gonzales (D), Reps. Benavidez (D) & Kipp (D)	Remove Lawful Presence Verification Credentialing	The bill eliminates the requirement that the department of education and each division, board, or agency of the department of regulatory agencies verify the lawful presence of each applicant before issuing or renewing a license.	Support	Passed

Miscellaneous					
HB21-1014	Reps. Michaelson Jenet (D) & Baisley (D), Sen. Danielson (D)	Disability Symbol Identification Document	The bill adds an option for a person with a disability to request that the Department of Revenue place a discreet disability identifier symbol on the person's driver's license or identification card.	Support	Passed
HB21-1021	Reps. Pelton (R) & Caraveo (D)	Peer Support Professionals Behavioral Health	The bill requires the Department of Human Services to establish procedures to approve recovery support services organizations for reimbursement of peer support professional services.	Support	Passed
HB21-1108	Rep. Esgar (D), Sen. Moreno (D)	Gender Identity Expression Anti-Discrimination	The bill amends the definition of "sexual orientation" and adds definitions of the terms "gender expression" and "gender identity". The bill also adds the terms "gender expression" and "gender identity" to statutes prohibiting discrimination against members of a protected class.	Support	Passed
SB21-032	Sen. Donovan (D), Rep. Ortiz (D)	Mobile Veterans-Support Unit Grant Program	The bill establishes a Mobile Veterans-Support Unit Grant Program to provide grant funding to a veteran-owned-and-focused organization to create a mobile veterans-support unit.	Support	Passed

## Signing of SB21-242







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