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2023 Legislative Session Update

This is just a small selection of key bills, but there are hundreds of others that are being considered this year. For a full list and details on their status, please visit <http://leg.colorado.gov>



WILDFIRE PREVENTION & DISASTER RESPONSE

- [HB23-1240](#) implements a tax exemption for construction and building materials for structures damaged by a wildfire
 - **Reps. Brown & Amabile, Sen. Fenberg**, House Appropriations
- [SB23-166](#) establishes a wildfire resiliency code board to ensure community safety and resiliency to wildfires
 - **Sens. Cutter & Exum, Reps. Froelich & Velasco**, Senate Appropriations
- [SB23-161](#) provides approval for Colorado to finance the purchase of a Firehawk helicopter to be used for firefighting and fire prevention
 - **Sens. Fenberg & Will, Reps. Lynch & McCluskie**, Senate Appropriations



HOUSING:

- [HB23-1254](#) expands conditions covered under the warranty of habitability
 - **Reps. Brown & Mabrey**, House Housing Committee
- [HB23-1266](#) suspends reverse mortgage payments when a property is uninhabitable
 - **Reps. Brown & Ricks**, House Housing Committee
- [HB23-1171](#) prohibits a landlord from evicting a tenant unless they have just cause
 - **Reps. Mabrey & Gonzales-Gutierrez, Sen. Gonzales**, House Housing Committee
- [SB23-213](#) alters existing land use and zoning laws to allow for building of more multi-family housing and discourage urban sprawl
 - **Sen. Moreno, Reps. Jodeh & Woodrow**, Senate Housing Committee
- [HB23-1115](#) allows local governments to enact rent control provisions on certain housing units
 - **Reps. Mabrey & Velasco, Sen. Rodriguez**, Senate Housing



CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT:

- [HB23-1234](#) implements a software program for local communities to use to streamline solar permitting and reduce installation times
 - **Reps. Brown & Soper, Sen. Roberts**, House Appropriations
- [HB23-1272](#) incentivizes decarbonization through the implementation of a package of clean energy tax credits for residents and businesses
 - **Sen. Fenberg & Reps. Weissman & Joseph**, House Energy & Environment Committee
- [SB23-016](#) updates Colorado's emissions reduction goals and creates a new state income tax credit to incentivize electrification
 - **Sen. Hansen, Reps. McCormick & Sirota**



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GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION:

- **[SB23-168](#)** removes overly-broad legal protections for the firearm industry and allows gun violence survivors to access legal justice
 - **Sens. Jaquez Lewis & Kolker, Reps. Mabrey & Parenti**, Senate considering House amendments
- **[SB23-169](#)** increases the minimum age to purchase a firearm from 18 to 21
 - **Sens. Mullica & Danielson, Reps. Duran & Hamrick**, Senate considering House amendments
- **[SB23-170](#)** expands the list of professionals who can file for an extreme risk protection order to include medical care providers, licensed mental health providers, educators, and District Attorneys
 - **Sens. Fenberg & Sullivan, Reps. Bacon & Weissman**, Senate considering House amendments
- **[HB23-1219](#)** establishes a minimum 3-day waiting period of a firearm purchase
 - **Reps. Froelich & Amabile, Sens. Sullivan & Hansen**, House considering Senate amendments

ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

- **[HB23-1218](#)** requires healthcare facilities to inform patients of specific services- like reproductive health and gender-affirming care - they do not provide for nonmedical reasons
 - **Reps. Brown & Titone, Sen. Jaquez Lewis**, House Appropriations
- **[HB23-1071](#)** allows psychologists who hold a prescription certificate to prescribe certain mental health medication
 - **Reps. Amabile & Bradfield, Sens. Fenberg & Simpson**, Signed into Law
- **[SB23-188](#)** shields patients, providers, and assistants of politically targeted healthcare services- like abortion or gender-affirming care - from criminal prosecution, de-licensing, or other discrimination
 - **Sens. Gonzales & Jaquez Lewis, Reps. Froelich & Titone**, House Floor
- **[SB23-189](#)** closes access gaps by eliminating co-pays for all STI treatment, vasectomies, and abortion care
 - **Sens. Moreno & Cutter, Reps. Michaelson Jenet & Garcia**, House Floor
- **[SB23-190](#)** prohibits the use of deceptive advertising by AACs and cracks down on “medical abortion reversal”, an unproven and unethical medical practice that claims to halt a medication abortion
 - **Sens. Winter & Marchman, Reps. McCormick & Epps**, House Floor

RISING UTILITY RATES

- The Joint Select Committee on Rising Utility Rates was formed to gain a better understanding of how the regulated monopoly utility system works and why Coloradans are bearing the brunt of inflated energy costs
- As a Committee, we are currently evaluating what we can do to create a more equitable and affordable path forward. Stay tuned for that legislation to be introduced.