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](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
- **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
- **HB23-1272** incentivizes decarbonization through the implementation of a package of clean energy tax credits for residents and businesses
- **SB23-016** updates Colorado’s emissions reduction goals and creates a new state income tax credit to incentivize electrification
  - Sen. Hansen, Reps. McCormick & Sirota
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
- **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
- **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 assistors 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

RISEING 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.