



# Legislative Newsletter



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"Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do."

-Steve Jobs

## **Gov. Hickenlooper calls special legislative session to fix pot tax error**

*Denver Post*

Gov. John Hickenlooper on Thursday called lawmakers back to the Capitol to fix a bill-drafting error that has been costing Denver-based institutions hundreds of thousands of dollars a month in marijuana revenue.

The special session set to start Oct. 2 will be the first in five years for Hickenlooper and the General Assembly, an extraordinary step for a governor who typically has deferred to lawmakers on legislative matters during his two terms.

## **Lt. Gov. Donna Lynne officially announces run for governor**

*The Denver Channel*

Colorado Lt. Gov. Donna Lynne has officially announced her campaign for governor in 2018.

Lynne made the announcement Thursday morning, September 7th, at the Spring Café in Denver.

Lynne filed her "Lynne for Colorado" campaign committee on Aug. 1, and officially filed her candidacy for the governorship on Aug. 11 as was required after filing her committee.

She had hinted at a 2018 run for months after saying in 2016 she wouldn't try to succeed current Governor John Hickenlooper.

Lynne faces a crowded primary field. Rep. Jared Polis, ex-state Sen. Mike Johnston, Colorado's former Treasurer Cary Kennedy, and Noel Ginsburg, a Colorado businessman, have already declared their candidacy on the Democratic side.

## **State Rep. Pete Lee reveals bid for Mike Merrifield's Senate seat at Democratic forum in Colorado Springs**

*Colorado Politics*

State Rep. Pete Lee, a term-limited Colorado Springs Democrat, announced Saturday night that he's running for the Senate District 11 seat held by state Sen. Mike Merrifield in next year's election.

Lee was among several candidates for Congress, the Colorado Legislature and statewide offices at a three-hour forum sponsored by the El Paso County Democratic Party and the Colorado College Democrats at the college's Armstrong Hall. Roughly 100 students and community members showed up to hear the candidates describe their platforms and answer questions.

Merrifield didn't respond to an email inquiry from Colorado Politics, but according to Lee, Merrifield does not plan to seek a second term.

## **Business groups will ask voters for transportation help on 2018 ballot**

*Denver Business Journal*

A business-led coalition will mobilize its own effort to ask voters to increase tax revenue and allow bond sales for roads and transit in 2018.

Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Kelly Brough made the announcement Tuesday, months after the Chamber failed to get the Colorado Legislature to refer a transportation-funding measure to the statewide ballot.

While details haven't been finalized on the exact structure of the question, Brough said after the chamber's annual membership meeting that they likely will be similar to the failed House Bill 1242, which sought a roughly half-cent sales-tax hike over 20 years to put money toward major statewide highway expansions, alternatives like public transit and bike lanes and the needs of local communities.

That measure passed the Democrat-led Colorado House but died along party lines in a committee of the Republican-majority Senate.

## **CAHB announces departure of CEO Scott Smith**

The Colorado Association of Home Builders announced today that Scott Smith, CEO of the statewide association, will be transitioning to the private sector to become the CEO of ProTerra, LLC, a real estate management and development firm located in Monument. Smith will remain as CEO of the CAHB until October 9, and the association is in the process to identify a new CEO.

"Scott has been dedicated to our association's mission: Creating and maintaining a positive business environment for the Colorado housing industry to ensure the development of quality housing to meet the needs of the people of Colorado," said Bruce Rau of Oakwood Homes, the current board chairman for the CAHB. "Scott has helped re-unify the association and solidify the association's leadership on several issues, including construction-defects reform legislation, oil and gas and land-use policies, and water and environmental issues."

Smith has been the CEO of the Colorado Association of Home Builders for the past three years. He has more than 30 years of solid experience managing master planned community development in Colorado Springs. Smith was the 1995 president of the CAHB and has served on the Governmental Affairs Committee for several years. He has also been engaged in the Colorado Springs HBA as a past president and has been the chair of the Public Policy Council and Political Action Committee. He served as a Director of the National Association of Home Builders. Smith, a Colorado native, is a graduate of CU Boulder and a Certified Public Accountant.

Smith will continue to hold leadership roles in the CAHB by joining the Board of Directors and participating on the Executive, Governmental Affairs and Political committees.

"Over the past three years, the association has effectively established itself as the leading voice for our industry, our members and, most importantly, homeowners across the state," Smith said. "There remains much work to be done on

behalf of the association to educate elected officials, policy makers, community leaders and the public about the importance of a strong and diverse housing market and to ensure that our voices are heard as decisions are made that impact the affordability, location and safety of our homes. I am looking forward to remaining a part of this important dialogue."

About the Colorado Association of Home Builders:

Founded in 1974, the Colorado Association of Home Builders is the unified voice of the Colorado Home Building Industry. CAHB is an affiliate of the National Association of Home Builders and has 10 local home builders associations across Colorado. With a statewide membership of nearly 2,000, representing 40,000 jobs, the industry adds \$11.5 billion annually to the Colorado economy. The Colorado Association of Home Builders and its members play a crucial role in providing housing for Coloradans.

Colorado liquor stores seek to limit grocery sales of full-strength beer  
Denver Business Journal

Colorado grocery stores that are set to begin selling full-strength beer in 2019 under a law passed last year would be limited to selling beverages that are 6 percent alcohol by volume or weaker under a proposal that's been floated by an industry association representing Colorado liquor stores.

Under that proposal, grocers also would have to apply for a new license to offer those beverages.

The idea is one of many being considered by a group of industry and law-enforcement leaders working to implement a bill passed late in the 2016 legislative session that represents the biggest change to alcohol-sales law in Colorado since the end of Prohibition in 1933.

### **Rep. Dan Thurlow, a Republican, wants to tinker with TABOR next session**

*Colorado Politics*

Rep. Dan Thurlow has a couple of ideas on the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights he wants to present during next year's session of the Colorado Legislature, the Grand Junction Republican told people at a town hall meeting on state tax issues Thursday.

First, Thurlow wants to try again to change how the Legislature calculates how much the state's annual spending plan can grow each year.

Second, he wants to freeze the state's property assessment rate for residential homes at the current 7.1 percent.

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Group files to put redistricting reform on Colorado's 2018 ballot in a bid to end gerrymandering

Denver Post

A bipartisan coalition backed by two former governors on Wednesday took the first step toward putting redistricting reform on the 2018 ballot, filing three initiatives that the group hopes will lead to more competitive elections in Colorado.

The three ballot initiatives seek to dilute the influence of the two major political parties in the state's redistricting process by putting more unaffiliated voters on the commissions tasked with drawing the lines for state legislative and congressional districts.

**Cory Gardner says tax reform could jump-start infrastructure spending - possibly for I-70 - during Summit County visit**

*Denver Post*

A decade ago, a study commissioned by the Denver Chamber of Commerce found that congestion on Interstate 70 was costing Colorado more than \$830 billion in lost economic activity every year.

Since then, things have only gotten worse, particularly in the mountain corridor, where narrow, steep and winding terrain forms a choke point. Highway closures are common here, particularly in the winter, and each hour that cars aren't moving costs about \$1 million in stalled commerce. For the people who live here, however, these numbers are just abstractions.

"If you live in Summit County, it's a road you use to go to church or to take your kids to school or to the soccer game - it's like our Main Street," Summit County Commissioner Dan Gibbs said on Friday during a visit by U.S. Sen. Cory Gardner.

## **Passport Program with Access to Twenty-Two Colorado Ski Resorts Now Open - The 5th and 6th Grade Passports Offer up to 88 Days of Free and Discounted Skiing**

*Colorado Ski Country*

Colorado Ski Country USA (CSCUSA), the trade association and global voice of skiing and snowboarding in Colorado, announced today that registration is open for the 5th and 6th Grade Passport Program and the Colorado Gems Card. The popular Passport Program offers unmatched access to 22 ski resorts across the state by giving fifth graders three days of free skiing or snowboarding at each resort and sixth graders 88 days on the slopes for less than \$1.20 per day.

The Colorado Gems Card provides discounted skiing and riding with affordable prices at ten of Colorado's most authentic ski resorts. Echo Mountain, located in Idaho Springs, will join the Passport and Gems programs for the 2017-18 ski season.

"The opening of Colorado Ski Country USA's pass products signals the start of another ski season here in Colorado," said Melanie Mills, President and CEO of Colorado Ski Country USA. "With more participating resorts, the 5th and 6th Grade Passport Program and the Colorado Gems Card provide affordable access to ski resorts all across Colorado."

### **CSCUSA 5th and 6th Grade Passport Program**

The 5th Grade Passport provides fifth graders three days of free skiing at 22 CSCUSA member resorts. The 6th Grade Passport allows sixth graders four days of skiing at the same 22 resorts for \$105 if participants register before November 30, 2017. After November 30, 2017, registration for the 6th Grade Passport will be \$125 until January 31, 2018. Additionally, CSCUSA's First Class lesson program complements the 5th Grade Passport Program and provides fifth graders who have never skied or snowboarded one free ski or snowboard lesson and equipment rental.

To register for the Passport Program and for more information about First Class Lessons, parents can visit [www.ColoradoSki.com/Passport](http://www.ColoradoSki.com/Passport). The CSCUSA Passport Program enjoys the support of presenting sponsor Christy Sports, and program partners Credit Union of Colorado and HEAD Skis.

Participating resorts in the 2017-18 Passport program include: Arapahoe Basin, Aspen Highlands, Aspen Mountain, Buttermilk, Cooper, Copper Mountain, Crested Butte, Echo Mountain, Eldora, Granby Ranch, Howelsen Hill, Hesperus, Loveland, Monarch, Powderhorn, Purgatory, Snowmass, Steamboat, Sunlight, Telluride, Winter Park and Wolf Creek.

### **Colorado Gems Card**

Appropriately named, the Gems resorts are among Colorado's best hidden treasures. With affordable prices, and world-class terrain, the Colorado Gems resorts offer an authentic Colorado skiing and snowboarding experience. For just \$25, the Colorado Gems Card provides either two 2-for-1 adult lift tickets or two 30 percent off adult lift tickets at each of the ten Colorado Gems Resorts, providing up to 20 days of discounted skiing or riding at Colorado's hidden gems.

For more information or to purchase a Colorado Gems Card, visit [www.ColoradoSki.com/Gems](http://www.ColoradoSki.com/Gems).

Participating resorts in the 2017-18 Gems Card program include: Arapahoe Basin, Cooper, Echo Mountain, Eldora, Granby Ranch, Hesperus, Loveland, Monarch, Powderhorn and Sunlight.

New in Colorado Ski Country for Winter 2017-18

Colorado Ski Country

Colorado Ski Country USA (CSCUSA) member resorts will open for the 2017-18 ski season with new events, offerings, investments and capital improvements to continue providing a world-class skiing and riding experience for in-state, out-of-state and international guests.

"Ski resorts in Colorado ski country are dedicated to continuing to improve the guest experience, adding new facilities large and small and upgrading behind the scenes infrastructure for the 2017-18 winter season," said Melanie Mills, President and CEO of Colorado Ski Country USA.

Visitors to CSCUSA resorts will experience new chairlifts, new terrain, new lodging and dining options among other improvements across the state. Below is a summary of the many upgrades and events at CSCUSA resorts that guests will enjoy during the 2017-18 ski season.

Arapahoe Basin Ski Area

With one of the only terrain expansions in the country, Arapahoe Basin is adding 468 new acres over two years with the expansion into the Beavers and Steep Gullies. For the 2017-18 season, 371 acres of most difficult and extreme terrain will be open; guests will need to hike back to the Pallavicini chair. In summer 2018, a four-person lift will be installed for the 2018-19 season, and two more intermediate trails will be added in the Beavers.

The rental shop is undergoing a remodel this summer to help guests get out on the slopes quicker during busy days. The resort will also launch a new website in October 2017, free device charging stations and free public wifi throughout the base area and at Black Mountain Lodge at mid-mountain. For more information, visit [www.arapahoebasin.com](http://www.arapahoebasin.com).

Aspen Snowmass

Aspen Snowmass will host Olympic qualifying events when the U.S. Grand Prix stops in Snowmass January 10-January 14, 2018. U.S. Snowboard Team and U.S. Freeski Team athletes will be competing to punch their tickets to February's Pyeongchang Winter Olympic Games.

Snowmass will celebrate its 50th Anniversary all season long including \$6.50 lift tickets on December 15, 2017. This was the original price for a lift ticket on opening day in 1967. Celebrations will also include a 50th Anniversary Golden Gala, monthly firework displays and other festive events.

The Breathtaker mountain coaster will open at Snowmass Mountain in December 2017. The mountain coaster will drop guests more than 400 vertical feet on a mile of turning track and be open year-round. For more information, visit [www.aspensnowmass.com](http://www.aspensnowmass.com).

Cooper

Cooper's new mountaintop yurt lodge will be open all season. With delicious food, drinks and a large deck with stunning panoramic views, it's a great spot to stop for a bite to eat. Cooper will also host four Moonlight Mountaintop Yurt Dinners on the first Saturday of each month from January through April 2018.

The resort will celebrate its 75th Anniversary with a birthday party on New Year's Eve with cake, balloons, a torchlight parade & more. For more information, visit [www.skicooper.com](http://www.skicooper.com).

Copper Mountain

Copper Mountain will host Olympic qualifying events December 6-10, 2017 when U.S. athletes compete in the halfpipe and big air events during the U.S. Grand Prix. Visitors can enjoy a new lift and lodge, the Kokomo Express Lift and Koko's

Hut. The lift will serve beginner terrain in the West Village, while the lodge will offer seating, casual dining and more, complete with a large outdoor deck and sweeping panoramas of Copper Mountain and Tenmile Range.

Copper will also debut the Rocky Mountain Coaster in fall 2017. With an overall length of 5,800 feet and a vertical drop of 430 feet, the mountain coaster will be a thrilling year-round experience for guests. Throughout the season, visitors will be able to leave their passes in their pockets as Copper is adding RFID technology to eight mountain access lifts.

The Center Village will welcome three new restaurants: Toast & Co., a laid-back space for savory breakfast, brunch or evening libations, Downhill Dukes, where the menu features dog friendly items, and Ten Mile Tavern, an inviting restaurant and taproom featuring rustic modern interior décor, an indoor/outdoor fireplace, walk-up bar and elevated patio space for guests to gather. For more information, visit [www.coppercolorado.com](http://www.coppercolorado.com).

#### Crested Butte Mountain Resort

For the 2017-18 season Crested Butte is enhancing the guest experience for beginners by re-grading the teaching terrain and introducing a new adult beginner area. Guests looking for a break from the slopes can enjoy a slice from the new pizza oven at Paradise on Crested Butte.

A new program, CB North Face Guides, will help expert skiers and riders navigate the extreme terrain of the resort including the famed North Face. Crested Butte will host its annual Christmas Eve celebration, an evening complete with a torchlight parade and Santa Claus coming down the mountain in a sleigh pulled by a snowcat. For more information, visit [www.skicb.com](http://www.skicb.com).

#### Echo Mountain Resort

New to Colorado Ski Country USA, Echo Mountain will open for the 2017-18 season with improved access to tree skiing areas at the resort. There will be wider trails to accommodate beginner skiers and riders and a new magic carpet in the beginner area to aid with lessons and those just learning how to ski or snowboard. For more information, visit [www.echomountainresort.com](http://www.echomountainresort.com).

#### Eldora Mountain Resort

Eldora is introducing the brand-new Alpenglow Express six-person high speed detachable lift. This lift will cut a 15-minute ride down to four minutes, making it easier to ski more vertical each day and helping powder hounds catch early morning turns before heading back to the office. The Indian Peaks Lodge will also have free wifi and a new snowcat will provide a better grooming experience. For more information, visit [www.eldora.com](http://www.eldora.com).

#### Granby Ranch

This winter Granby Ranch is expanding its cross-country skiing trails and adding to its programming, including new snow school lessons with Chris Anthony, an international competitor in both alpine racing and big mountain skiing. For more information, visit [www.granbyranch.com](http://www.granbyranch.com).

#### Hesperus Ski Area

Hesperus will install additional lights to increase night skiing terrain for the 2017-18 season. The ski area will re-open the rope tow and install a new yurt, to provide additional indoor space for guests. The rental shop will be expanded and reconfigured for a more customer-friendly experience. For more information, visit [www.ski-hesperus.com](http://www.ski-hesperus.com).

#### Loveland Ski Area

To celebrate its 80th year of operations, Loveland will offer snowcat skiing in Dry Gulch for the first time this season. Loveland will also continue the popular Mountaintop Matrimony event on Valentine's Day. For more information, visit [www.skiloveland.com](http://www.skiloveland.com).

#### Monarch Mountain

This winter Monarch will launch a new and improved website and feature improved cellular service at the mountain. For more information, visit [www.skimonarch.com](http://www.skimonarch.com).

## Powderhorn

Powderhorn's mountain operations team has been working hard this summer to increase and improve glade skiing acreage at the resort. Powderhorn will also host its annual New Year's Eve fireworks and torch light parade to welcome in the New Year. For more information, visit [www.powderhorn.com](http://www.powderhorn.com).

## Purgatory

Brand new for the 2017-18 season, Purgatory Resort will have a mountain coaster, which will be accessible from the base area and operate year-round. The coaster will be 4,000 feet in length with a 300 foot-vertical drop, and will feature eight switchbacks and one loop, giving guests another fun activity snow or shine.

Purgatory is also expanding its terrain with new intermediate and expert trails on the back- and front-sides of the mountain, and will add new gladed tree skiing. The triple chairlift, Needles Lift 6, will offer a new mid-way loading zone to provide an easier way to access terrain for ski teams, terrain park users, and skiers or riders who want to take laps on the frontside of the mountain.

The resort will feature new snowmaking infrastructure including increased pumping capacity and more energy efficient snow guns. For more information, visit [www.skipurg.com](http://www.skipurg.com).

## Silverton

Guests at Silverton will be able to celebrate powder days of 50 inches or more with ski area provided snorkels throughout the season. Silverton has also revamped its season pass offerings to include an Unguided Spring Pass with 10 new partner mountains for only \$149. For more information, visit [www.silvertonmountain.com](http://www.silvertonmountain.com).

## Steamboat

Steamboat has made significant improvements to its gondola for the 2017-18 season, installing new grips, hangers, terminal equipment, electronic controls and other infrastructure to the resort's main access point. These renovations will provide a faster, smoother and more efficient experience for guests.

The Outlaw Mountain Coaster, which will operate year-round, opened September 8, 2017. The mountain coaster will descend more than 400 vertical feet with a riding length of more than 6,000 linear feet, making it the longest mountain coaster in North America. For more information, visit [www.steamboat.com](http://www.steamboat.com).

## Sunlight Mountain Resort

New for the 2017-18 season, Sunlight is building on its popular Ski, Swim, Stay Package by adding two new lodging partners in nearby Carbondale, Colorado.

Sunlight is also holding elections for its Mini-Mayor, adding to its snow grooming equipment and continuing the Slope & Soak 4-pack package. Also returning for the 2017-18 season, Sunlight is relaunching the acclaimed Sunny 700 with new handcrafted Sunny 700 skis made by Meier Skis. For more information, visit [www.sunlightmtn.com](http://www.sunlightmtn.com).

## Telluride Ski Resort

Celebrating its 45th Anniversary, Telluride is continuing an ongoing multi-year, multi-million-dollar investment in snowmaking upgrades and technology. In 2017-18 this will include expanding the grooming fleet and investing in a new dual-purpose project that serves as a golf course practice facility in the summer months and a 15-acre terrain-based learning area during the winter ski season.

Telluride will also continue refurbishing the Peaks Hotel, the resort's largest hotel, including upgrades and refinements to the hotel's spa. For more information, visit [www.tellurideskiresort.com](http://www.tellurideskiresort.com).

## Winter Park Resort

This winter, Winter Park will expand and improve the Winter Park Express, the train service between Denver's Union Station and Winter Park Resort that was reintroduced last year. The addition of three First Friday trips will give guests a

total of 27 round-trips to choose from. Prices on select departures have been lowered to \$29 one-way, providing additional cost savings for those looking to travel to the slopes by train.

The Winter Park Village will feature a renovated rental shop and a new retail location, reducing wait times on busy rental days. There are two new snowcats to increase grooming efficiency, 4,500 new feet of snowmaking pipe and 15 new snow guns to improve early season snowmaking.

A new trail from the top of the Zephyr Express Lift to the Mary Jane Trail will allow easier access from the Winter Park side of the mountain to the Mary Jane side. For more information, visit [www.winterparkresort.com](http://www.winterparkresort.com).

#### Wolf Creek Ski Area

Wolf Creek will open the 2017-18 season with the Lynx Lift, a new covered, conveyor lift that will service beginner terrain, but also help intermediate and advanced skiers access the Elma and Alberta lifts. The Lynx Lift will include an interpretive center featuring the endangered Lynx that has been reintroduced to the area.

The ski area will expand its snow making capacity with new high-efficiency fan guns and add a new snowcat for grooming operations. A new point-of-sale ticketing system will make the ticketing and lesson purchasing process quicker for guests and allow season pass holders to go direct to lift. For more information, visit [www.wolfcreekski.com](http://www.wolfcreekski.com).

### **Gov. Hickenlooper Announces Boards and Commission Appointments**

#### *Office of the Governor*

Monday, Aug. 21, 2017 - Gov. John Hickenlooper today announced Boards and Commissions appointments to the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund and State Board of Social Work Examiners.

The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund uses a portion of Colorado Lottery proceeds to help preserve and enhance the State's parks, trails, wildlife, rivers and open spaces. The Board awards competitive grants to local governments and land trusts, and makes investments through Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

For terms expiring April 15, 2021:

- Jason B. Brinkley of **Aurora**, a Republican and resident of the 6th Congressional District, reappointed;
- Warren Hall Dean of Colorado Springs, a Democrat and resident of the 5th Congressional District, appointed;
- Karma Giulianelli of Golden, a Democrat and resident of the 7th Congressional District, reappointed;
- Natalie Jo Rogers of Yuma, an Unaffiliated and resident of the 4th Congressional District, reappointed;
- Linda Jean Strand of Aurora, a Democrat and resident of the 6th Congressional District, reappointed;
- Hollie Jean Velasquez Horvath of Denver, a Democrat and resident of the 1st Congressional District, reappointed.

The State Board of Social Work Examiners licenses social workers in Colorado and conducts hearings concerning complaints against licensed social workers.

For a term expiring June 30, 2018:

- Tiffany Nicole Sponaugle, LCSW of Northglenn, to serve as a professional member, and occasioned by the resignation of Jaime Christine Peterson, LCSW of Fort Collins, appointed;

For terms expiring June 30, 2021:

- Jennifer Silva of Alamosa, to serve as a member of the public, appointed;
- Brian Reed Smith, LCSW of Denver, to serve as a professional member, appointed.

Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2017 - Gov. John Hickenlooper today announced Boards and Commissions appointments to the Charter School Institute Board, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Council, State Rehabilitation Council and Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education.

The Charter School Institute Board fosters high-quality public school choices offered through institute charter schools, including schools for at-risk students.

For terms expiring July 1, 2020:

- Elizabeth Dina Aybar Conti of Denver, a Democrat who has experience as a public school teacher and as a public school administrator working with charter schools, reappointed;
- Eric Sedric Lerum of Denver, to serve as a member with board or public service experience and as a Democrat, appointed;
- Kristine Annette Pollard of Grand Junction, to serve as a member with board or public service experience and as a Republican, appointed.

The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Council advises the Division of Criminal Justice and the Governor on matters pertaining to juvenile justice in Colorado. They also assist, review and approve the annual Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Plan.

For a term expiring July 31, 2020:

- Edward James Rodgers, JD of Canon City, to serve as a representative of the Office of Child's Representative and occasioned by the resignation of Dorothy Marie Macias, JD of Highlands Ranch, appointed;

For terms expiring July 31, 2021:

- Andre Adeli of Boulder, to serve as a member of the public, appointed;
- Paula Ann Ramaekers-Mattas of Grand Junction, to serve as a representative of private/nonprofit organizations, appointed;
- Jack Anthony Storti of Parker, to serve as a youth member, reappointed;
- Dana Wilks of Denver, to serve as a representative of probation agencies, reappointed.

The State Rehabilitation Council advises State Rehabilitation Services on the provision of appropriate and quality services to its customers. A majority of its members must be persons with disabilities. The Council in the State of Colorado operates under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and C.R.S. 26-8-101-106.

For terms expiring Aug. 1, 2018:

- Dora Maria Lopez Hernandez of Greeley, to serve as a current or former recipient of vocational rehabilitation services, appointed;
- Robert A. Lawhead of Boulder, to serve as a representative of the Colorado Disabilities Council and occasioned by a change in designation as a representative of business, industry and labor, reappointed;
- Nathan Lee Wheeler-Berliner of Edgewater, to serve as a representative of the Colorado Workforce Development Council and occasioned by the resignation of Stephanie J. Steffens Veck, appointed;

For terms expiring Aug. 1, 2019:

- Marilee Carol Boylan of Fort Collins, to serve as a representative of business, labor and industry, appointed;
- Barbara E. Buswell of Colorado Springs, to serve as a representative of a parent training and information center for individuals with disabilities, appointed;
- Stephen Alan Heidenreich of Breckenridge, to serve as a representative of the Statewide Independent Living Council, and occasioned by the resignation of Melissa Sue Fishburn of Golden, appointed;

For terms expiring Aug. 1, 2020:

- Anna S. French of Denver, to serve as a representative of client assistance programs, reappointed;
- Susan Joan Richardson of Centennial, to serve as a representative of community rehabilitation program services, and occasioned by a change in her designation serving as a representative of business, labor and industry, reappointed;
- Josef Michael Scarantino of Denver, to serve as a representative of business, industry and labor, and occasioned by the change in designation of Robert A. Lawhead of Boulder, appointed.

The Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education is composed of three members from each of the thirteen western states. The Commission studies the needs of professional and graduate educational facilities in this region, the resources for meeting such needs and the long-range effects of the commission's findings on higher education. Each state's commissioners submit a report to their Governor and General Assembly.

For a term expiring March 28, 2021:

- Antwan Jefferson, PhD of Denver, appointed.

Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2017 - Gov. John Hickenlooper today announced Boards and Commissions appointments to the Task Force on the Collection and Security of Digital Images of Child Abuse or Neglect, Hazardous Waste Commission, Parks and Wildlife Commission, Office of Public Guardianship and Youth Seclusion Working Group.

The Task Force on the Collection and Security of Digital Images of Child Abuse or Neglect studies current laws, rules and practices followed in the state and best practices in other states regarding the documentation of evidence or the absence of evidence of suspected child abuse through the collection and security of digital images by government employees. The Task Force also considers whether the statutes and practices concerning the collection of evidence of suspected abuse or neglect and the use of digital images are consistent with existing technologies and emerging technologies, and recommends the best practices to be used in the collection and security of digital imagery evidence of child abuse or neglect.

For a term expiring Sept. 1, 2019:

- Linda J. Nolte, PhD of Steamboat Springs, to serve as a licensed psychiatrist or psychologist who works with children who have been abused or neglected, and occasioned by the resignation of William Betts, PhD of Aurora, appointed.

The Hazardous Waste Commission makes rules and regulations for the handling, storage and transportation of hazardous wastes in the State of Colorado.

For terms expiring Aug. 1, 2020:

- Charles R. Adams of Lakewood, to serve as a representative from the regulated community and as an Unaffiliated, appointed;
- Garrett Clemons of Denver, to serve as a representative from the public at large and as a Republican, reappointed;
- James Michael Wilson of Superior, to serve as a representative from the regulated community and as a Unaffiliated, reappointed.

The Parks and Wildlife Commission perpetuates the wildlife resources of the state, provides a quality state parks system, as well as enjoyable and sustainable outdoor recreational opportunities that educate and inspire current and future generations to serve as active stewards of Colorado's natural resources.

For a term expiring July 1, 2019:

- Carrie Besnette Hauser of Glenwood Springs, to serve as a representative of outdoor recreation and utilization of parks resources, and occasioned by the resignation of Christopher James Castilian of Denver, appointed;
- James George Spehar of Grand Junction, to serve as a representative of outdoor recreation and utilization of parks resources, and occasioned by the resignation of William G. Kane of Basalt, appointed;

For terms expiring July 1, 2021:

- Marie E. Haskett of Meeker, as a representative of sports persons and outfitters and west of the Continental Divide, appointed;
- Marvin Edward McDaniel of Sedalia, as a member at large, appointed.

The Office of Public Guardianship provides guardianship services to indigent and incapacitated adults who: have no responsible family members or friends who are available and appropriate to serve as a guardian; lack adequate resources to compensate a private guardian and pay the costs associated with an appointment proceeding; are not subject to a petition for appointment or guardian filed by a county adult protective services unit or otherwise authorized by law.

The Office also gathers data to help the General Assembly determine the feasibility of a statewide office of Public Guardianship.

For a term expiring Nov. 1, 2019:

- Karen K. Kelley of La Junta, to serve as a citizen of Colorado not admitted to the practice of law, appointed;

For a term expiring Nov. 1, 2021:

- Marco Damian Chayet, JD of Denver, to serve as an attorney admitted to the practice of law, appointed.

The Youth Seclusion Working Group monitors the Department of Human Services Division of Youth Corrections' use of confinement for administrative purposes, and advises the Division on policies, procedures and best practices related to seclusion and alternatives to such seclusion.

For a term expiring Aug. 1, 2019:

- Joseph E. Thome of Denver, to serve as an employee of the Division of Youth Corrections who is a representative of an organization in Colorado that exists for the purpose of dealing with the state as an employer concerning issues of mutual concern between employees and the State, and occasioned by the resignation of Danielle Nicole Torrez of Colorado Springs, appointed.

Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2017 - Gov. John Hickenlooper today announced Boards and Commissions appointments to the Auraria Higher Education Center Board of Directors and State Board of Health.

The Auraria Higher Education Center Board of Directors manages the operational affairs of the three-school Auraria campus.

For a term expiring July 13, 2020:

- Veronica Elizabeth Barela of Denver, appointed.

The State Board of Health advises the executive director of the department on all matters relating to public health and determines policies for the department to follow in administering and enforcing the public health laws of the state.

For a term expiring March 1, 2019:

- Nadeen Muaatasem Ibrahim of Wiggins, a resident of the Fourth Congressional District, a Democrat, appointed;

For a term expiring March 1, 2021:

- Daniel Michael Pastula, MD, MHS of Denver, to serve as an at-large member and as an Unaffiliated, and occasioned by the change in designation of Nadeen Muaatasem Ibrahim of Wiggins, appointed.

Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2017 - Gov. John Hickenlooper today announced Boards and Commissions appointments to the Behavioral Health Transformation Council, State Board of Equalization, Peace Officers Standards and Training Board, Private Activity Bond Allocations Committee, Skilled Worker Outreach, Recruitment and Key Training Grant Review Committee and Uninsured Employer Board.

The Behavioral Health Transformation Council reduces the economic and social costs of untreated behavioral health disorders through the systemic transformation of the behavioral health system from one that is fragmented and siloed into one that is streamlined, efficient and effective for Colorado citizens.

For terms expiring Aug. 30, 2021:

- Joy E. Hart of Colorado Springs, to serve as a representative of the Colorado Department of Corrections, appointed;
- Katherine Helgerson of Denver, to serve as a representative of the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, appointed;
- Deanna Renee Towne of Castle Rock, to serve as a representative of the Governor's Office of Information Technology, appointed.

The State Board of Equalization reviews the valuations of real and personal property and, upon a majority vote, raise, lower and otherwise change such valuations so that the state's tax burden is equally and fairly distributed.

For terms expiring Sept. 2, 2021:

- Dickey Lee Hullinghorst of Longmont, to serve as a representative with knowledge of property taxation, appointed;
- David Claire Steepleton of Highlands Ranch, to serve as a representative with knowledge of property taxation, appointed.

The Peace Officers Standards and Training Board oversees the certification of training programs, training academies and instructors of police officer candidates. The Board also certifies qualified peace officers.

For a term expiring June 30, 2020:

- Steven Douglas Nowlin of Dolores, to serve as a county sheriff, appointed.

The Private Activity Bond Allocations Committee reviews requests and makes recommendations to the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Local Affairs on the distribution of industrial development bonds.

For a term expiring at the pleasure of the Governor:

- Patricia Hippe of Parker, to serve as a representative of a state issuing authority, and occasioned by the resignation of Margaret Danuser of Centennial, appointed;

For a term expiring July 1, 2019:

- Elyse Ackerman-Casselberry of Delta, to serve as a municipal or county office and west of the continental divide, and occasioned by the resignation of Karen Renee Iverson of Durango, appointed;

For a term expiring July 1, 2020:

- Terri Jeanne Wheeler of Dolores, to serve as a citizen at large and west of the continental divide, appointed.

The Skilled Worker Outreach, Recruitment and Key Training Grant Review Committee establishes criteria for ranking eligible applications for matching grants awards under the Skilled Worker Outreach, Recruitment and Key Training Grant Program. The Committee also makes recommendations to the Department of Labor and Employment, the Department of Higher Education and the Office of Economic Development and International Trade about which eligible applicants should be awarded matching grants and the amounts of the matching grants.

For terms expiring May 31, 2019:

- Todd Evans Abbott of Denver, to serve as a representative of the Workforce Development Council, and occasioned by the resignation of Lidria E. Romero of Centennial, appointed;
- Sarah Elizabeth Hamilton of Denver, to serve as a representative of labor organizations representing industries with specific workforce needs as identified in the annual Colorado Talent Report, and occasioned by the resignation of Samuel Tawney Gilchrist of Castle Rock, appointed.

The Uninsured Employer Board establishes standards and criteria for payment of benefits from the fund; sets minimum and maximum benefit rates; adjusts claims subject to the approval of the director; disseminates information regarding the fund; adopts rules as necessary to carry out the purposes of the fund to ensure the financial stability of the fund; investigates claims brought for benefits and to adjust, compromise, settle and pay covered claims to the extent permitted by statute and rule; denies payment of benefits from the fund of all other claims and to review settlements, releases, and final orders to which the uninsured employer and injured worker were parties; and determines the extent to which such settlements, releases, and orders may affect eligibility for benefits.

For a term expiring Sept. 1, 2018:

- Jason Lee Wardrip of Aurora, to serve as a representative of labor organizations, appointed;

For a term expiring Sept. 1, 2019:

- Roger Allen Hays of Aurora, to serve as a representative of employers, appointed;

For terms expiring Sept. 1, 2020:

- Amy Newton of Westminster, to serve as a representative of insurers, appointed;
- Elsa Martinez Tenreiro, JD of Elizabeth, to serve as an attorney who represents injured workers, appointed.

Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017 - Gov. John Hickenlooper today announced Boards and Commissions appointments to the Child Protection Ombudsman Board, Justice Assistance Grant Board and State Board of Optometry.

The Child Protection Ombudsman Board oversees decisions related to the Office of the Child Protection Ombudsman, including personnel decisions, accountability and consistency in operating policies and procedures, and fiscal oversight of the general operating budget.

For terms expiring Aug. 1, 2017:

- Karen Diane Beye of Conifer, to serve as a representative with previous professional experience with a rural county human or social services agency or a rural private child welfare advocacy agency, reappointed;
- Eldridge Greer, PhD of Denver, to serve as a representative with experience in primary or secondary education, appointed.

The Justice Assistance Grant Board advises the Division of Criminal Justice on issues related to federal block grant monies designated to improve the criminal justice system and reduce drug abuse and violent crimes.

For terms expiring July 31, 2020:

- Julie Christine Abril, PhD of Durango, appointed;
- Alexis Cisneros Devine of Denver, reappointed;
- Doug Erlar of Greeley, reappointed;
- Susan Michelle Colling Iverson of Lakewood, reappointed.

The State Board of Optometry sets rules and regulations for administering examinations and conducts hearings to revoke, suspend, deny or reissue licenses.

For a term expiring April 15, 2021:

- Dustin Clark Anderson, OD of Woodland Park, to serve as an optometrist reappointed.

Monday, Sept. 11, 2017 - Gov. John Hickenlooper today announced Boards and Commissions appointments to the Strategic Action Planning Group on Aging, State Electrical Board, Identity Theft and Financial Fraud Board and Board of Landscape Architects.

The Strategic Action Planning Group on Aging studies and produces a comprehensive strategic action plan on aging in Colorado through the year 2030. The Planning Group examines the impact, both positive and negative, of the aging demographic shift on the economy, workforce, businesses, market-based products and services; State and local revenue budgets and fiscal policies; Medicaid and other safety-net programs and the collateral impact on other non related State programs; family caregiving and public and private options for long-term care, services and support; federal entitlement reforms; transportation services and infrastructure.

For a term expiring Aug. 1, 2019:

- Coral Cosway of Denver, to serve as a representative with extensive knowledge and expertise in long-term care, services and support and who is not a provider of such services, and occasioned by the resignation of Susan Marie Franklin of Denver, appointed;

For terms expiring Aug. 1, 2021:

- John Robert Barry, MBA, MSW of Littleton, to serve as the designee of the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Finance, and occasioned by the resignation of Bonnie Louise Silva of Aurora, appointed;
- Honorable Steve Frazier Child of Snowmass, to serve as a county commissioner, reappointed;
- Joshua R. Laipply of Lakewood, to serve as the designee of the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Transportation, reappointed;
- Muriel Jean Nofles of Aurora, to serve as a consumer, reappointed;
- David Robert Norman of Grand Junction, to serve as a representative with extensive knowledge of, or experience with state and local budgets and fiscal policy, or who is a representative from nonprofit organizations that have experience with fiscal and statewide policy issues, reappointed.

The State Electrical Board examines and licenses electricians. The Board also adopts and revises rules and regulations concerning the installation, repair and alteration of wiring apparatus and equipment for electric light, heat and power.

For terms expiring July 1, 2021:

- Gina Maria Cullen of Golden, to serve as master electrician who is not an electrical contractor, appointed;
- Richard Michael King of Larkspur, to serve as a representative of the public at large, appointed.

The Identity Theft and Financial Fraud Board assists the Attorney General, sheriffs, police, and district attorneys in investigating identity theft and financial fraud crimes and in prosecuting persons who commit those crimes. The Board also serves as an educational resource for law enforcement agencies, members of the financial industry, and the public regarding strategies for protection from and deterrence of identity theft and financial fraud crimes.

For a term expiring June 30, 2018:

- Angela Davidson of Westminster, to serve as a representative of depository institutions, at least two of whom shall be from a state or national bank, and occasioned by the resignation of Monica Claire Reger of Denver, appointed.

The Board of Landscape Architects is charged with the examination and licensing of landscape architects in the state.

For a term expiring Aug. 4, 2021:

- Jana McKenzie, FASLA, LEED AP of Fort Collins, to serve as a licensed landscape architect, or eligible to be licensed in Colorado as a landscape architect at the time of the formation of the board, with at least three years of experience in the practice of landscape architecture, and a resident of the state of Colorado reappointed.

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017 - Gov. John Hickenlooper today announced Boards and Commissions appointments to the Colorado Humanities Board of Directors, Colorado New Energy Improvement District Board, Colorado Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities and State Plumbing Board.

The Colorado Humanities Board of Directors promotes progress and scholarship in the humanities and arts in Colorado.

For terms expiring May 1, 2020:

- Steven "Sam" Anderson Meyer of Grand Junction, appointed;
- Susan E. Kirkpatrick of Fort Collins, reappointed;
- Taffy Lee of Denver, appointed.

The Colorado New Energy Improvement District Board enables and encourages the owners of eligible real property to invest in new energy improvements, including energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements. The Board also establishes, develops, finances, implements, and administers a new energy improvement program that includes both energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy improvements to assist any such owners who choose to join the district in completing new energy improvements to their property.

For terms expiring Sept. 1, 2020:

- Iain Alastair Campbell of Boulder, to serve as a representative of the energy efficiency industry, appointed;
- Ronald Kenneth Mack of Centennial, to serve as a member with executive-level experience in commercial or real estate development industry, appointed;
- Kenneth L. Myers of Denver, to serve as an executive with ten or more years executive-level experience with one or more financial institutions having total assets of less than One Billion Dollars, reappointed.

The Colorado Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities has the following powers, functions, and duties: coordinating with State boards, advisory councils, and commissions established for or related to persons with disabilities; advising the Governor and General Assembly on legislation and State policy affecting persons with disabilities; monitoring the State's implementation of Title II of the federal "Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990;" acting as an additional entry point for public grievances regarding disability issues and referring those grievances to the appropriate State agency or personnel; developing procedures relating to the Council's internal operations.

For terms expiring Oct. 7, 2018:

- Robert Lawrence Hernandez of Colorado Springs, to serve as a person with disabilities from business and industry, disability advocacy organizations and other nonprofit organizations, and occasioned by the resignation of Brian Allem of Henderson, appointed;
- Tara Nealon of Denver, to serve as a representative of the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), a state agency serving persons with disabilities, and occasioned by the resignation of Alicia Rae Melendez of Thornton, appointed;

For a term expiring Oct. 7, 2019:

- Corrine Lara DePersis of Denver, to serve as a person with disabilities from business and industry, disability advocacy organizations and other nonprofit organizations, and occasioned by the resignation of Christopher M. Hinds of Denver, appointed.

The State Plumbing Board grants licenses to plumbers, and amends and enforces rules and regulations for the examination and licensure of plumbers.

For terms expiring July 1, 2021:

- Catherine A. Duniho of Windsor, an Unaffiliated, and a journeyman plumber, appointed;
- Glen Ray Ratliff of Arvada, a Democrat, and member or employee of a local government agency conducting plumbing inspections, appointed;
- Matthew Ray Wagy of Greeley, a Republican and a master plumber, reappointed.