

HOUSE JOURNAL
SEVENTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
STATE OF COLORADO
Second Regular Session

First Legislative Day

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

1 Prayer by Pastor Kate Davidson, Lord of the Mountains Lutheran Church,
2 Dillon.

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4 The Speaker called the House to order at 10:00 a.m.

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6 Colors were presented by Cadet Captain Yurel Villa, Cadet Second
7 Lieutenant Danika Matuska, Cadet Second Lietenant James Strachan, and
8 Cadet Senior Master Sergeant Tristan Biber; Civil Air Patrol.

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10 The National Anthem was performed by Stanley Howard Curtis,
11 Adam Michael Smith, John Patrick McGuire, Drew Clifton Leslie,
12 Brian Conor Sugrue, John Robert Lindsay.

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14 Pledge of Allegiance led by Remy and Roman Hamlin, Jackson Willford,
15 Blake and Madilyn Slaugh, Jaxon and Colton Caldwell.

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17 Speaker McCluskie announced that pursuant to House Rule 2,
18 Vanessa Reilly would be appointed Chief Clerk.

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20 The roll was called with the following result:

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22 Present--63.

23 Vacant--2.

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25 The Speaker declared a quorum present.

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RESIGNATION

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31 Friends and loyal supporters,

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33 If you know me, you know that my faith is very important to me,
34 and after a contentious Special Session, I prayed harder than I ever had
35 for peace in that moment. Meditation in church was certainly what was
36 needed. The homily on the Sunday after Special Session was - if you
37 wanted peace, you had to follow God's path. I want more than anything
38 to follow God's path. I needed to understand what that path was for me
39 in this time of my life.

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1 The last day of Special Session was sad and disappointing for me.
2 I had no other choice but to bear witness to the collapse of integrity in the
3 Colorado State House of Representative. The lies and hypocrisies the
4 Majority spewed were beyond what I had ever expected, even in Colorado
5 politics. It has been degraded, and the one word that is at the top of my
6 mind is toxic.

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8 This week was heartbreaking and challenging for all of us. The
9 school shooting in Evergreen and the assassination of conservative
10 Charlie Kirk, along with remembering those we have lost on September
11 11th. The week simply put, overwhelmed us all with emotion.

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13 I have spent the months reflecting on my life choices, especially
14 in relation to my children. As a single mom, I raise my two children on
15 my own. I am all that they have. There is nothing more important in my
16 life than them. They have made so many sacrifices for me to be able to
17 represent you. But they also need their mom right now, and I need to keep
18 them safe. So, we have made the decision to return to Mesa County. I
19 believe the three of us need some time at "home" right now.

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21 After much prayer and self-reflection, I am announcing my
22 resignation as the Representative for House District 14, effective
23 September 15, 2025. This was one of the hardest decisions I have ever
24 had to make. When you are called to service, as I have been, it is difficult
25 to walk away at a time when so many things need attention. It has been
26 my honor to represent the good people of House District 14 in El Paso
27 County. Your faith and confidence in me have meant so much to me, and
28 I am forever thankful.

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30 I am proud of the legislation that I was able to run and pass to help
31 my constituents and hardworking Coloradans throughout this great State.
32 I have worked tirelessly to successfully lower your property taxes, fight
33 for the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR) and protect our children and
34 families. There have been so many successful and impactful pieces of
35 legislation, and to have the opportunity to change lives with good policy
36 was and is a dream come true.

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38 I cannot express how grateful I am for each one of you. Thank you
39 for your continued support and prayers for me and my family. I am truly
40 blessed to have you in my life.

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42 My thoughts and prayers are with the hardworking legislators that
43 I call colleagues, friends, and some, family. I pray they can find a path
44 forward that places policy over personalities, and my hope is that truth
45 and honor prevail for the Institution and those they have been elected to
46 serve.

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48 Best,
49 Rose

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53 **COMMUNICATIONS**
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STATE OF COLORADO

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA } Ss. **CERTIFICATE**
STATE OF COLORADO }

I, Jena Griswold, Secretary of State, certify that the attached is a true and exact copy of the Nomination by Vacancy Committee as filed in this office on September 16, 2025 by the Republican 64th House District Vacancy Committee, appointing Scott Slaugh to fill the vacancy in the office of Colorado State House of Representatives, District 64, caused by the resignation of the honorable Ryan Armagost.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Colorado, at the City of Denver this 18th day of September 2025.

/signed/
Jena Griswold
Secretary of State

COMMUNICATIONS**STATE OF COLORADO**

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA } Ss. **CERTIFICATE**
STATE OF COLORADO }

I, Jena Griswold, Secretary of State, certify that the attached is a true and exact copy of the Acceptance of Nomination by Vacancy Committee as filed in this office on September 16, 2025 by Scott Slaugh, accepting the appointment of the Republican 64th House District Vacancy Committee to fill the vacancy in the office of Colorado State House of Representatives, District 64, caused by the resignation of the honorable Ryan Armagost.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Colorado, at the City of Denver this 18th day of September 2025.

/signed/
Jena Griswold
Secretary of State

(Note: On Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 10:06 a.m., Scott Slaugh, was sworn in as Representative for District 64. Speaker Julie McCluskie administered the oath of office in the Chamber of the House of Representatives.)

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA } Ss. CERTIFICATE
STATE OF COLORADO }

I, Jena Griswold, Secretary of State, certify that the attached is a true and exact copy of the Nomination by Vacancy Committee as filed in this office on October 11, 2025 by the Republican 14th House District Vacancy Committee, appointing Ava Flanell to fill the vacancy in the office of Colorado State House of Representatives, District 14, caused by the resignation of the honorable Rose Pugliese.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Colorado, at the City of Denver this 15th day of October 2025.

/signed/
Jena Griswold
Secretary of State

COMMUNICATIONS**STATE OF COLORADO**

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA } Ss. CERTIFICATE
STATE OF COLORADO }

I, Jena Griswold, Secretary of State, certify that the attached is a true and exact copy of the Acceptance of Nomination by Vacancy Committee as filed in this office on October 11, 2025 by the Republican 14th House District Vacancy Committee, appointing Ava Flanell to fill the vacancy in the office of Colorado State House of Representatives, District 14, caused by the resignation of the honorable Rose Pugliese.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Colorado, at the City of Denver this 15th day of October 2025.

/signed/
Jena Griswold
Secretary of State

(Note: On Thursday, October 29, 2025, at 8:36 a.m., Ava Flanell, was sworn in as Representative for District 14. Speaker Julie McCluskie administered the oath of office in the Chamber of the House of Representatives.)

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

November 3, 2025

Natalie Castle
Director, Legislative Council Staff
200 E Colfax Ave,
Denver, CO 80203

Director Castle,

Please be advised of the following changes to committee appointments for the remainder of the 75th General Assembly:

- Representative Kyle Brown to serve on the Joint Budget Committee, filling the vacancy created by Representative Shannon Bird's resignation from the Joint Budget Committee on October 31, 2025.
- Representative Kyle Brown to serve on the House Appropriations Committee.
 - The House Appropriations Committee will now have 11 members; 8 from the Majority Caucus and 3 from the Minority Caucus.
- Representative Kyle Brown will no longer serve on the House Health and Human Services Committee or the House Energy and Environment Committee.
- Representative Lindsay Gilchrist to serve as the Chair of the House Health and Human Services Committee.

These changes are effective immediately.

Sincerely,

/signed/

Julie McCluskie

Speaker of the Colorado House of Representatives

CC: The Honorable Monica Duran, House Majority Leader
The Honorable Jarvis Caldwell, House Minority Leader
The Honorable James Coleman, Senate President
The Honorable Robert Rodriguez, Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable Cleave Simpson, Senate Minority Leader
The Honorable Kyle Brown
The Honorable Lindsay Gilchrist
Vanessa Reilly, Chief Clerk – Colorado House of Representatives
Darren Thornberry, Assistant Chief Clerk – Colorado House of Representatives
Ed DeCecco, Director – Office of Legislative Legal Services
Craig Harper, Director – Joint Budget Committee Staff
Rachel Kurtz-Phelan, Legislative Council Staff

1 December 1, 2025

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3 Natalie Castle

4 Director, Legislative Council Staff

5 200 E Colfax Ave

6 Denver, CO 80203

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8 Director Castle,

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10 Please be advised of the following changes to House Committees of
11 Reference for the remainder of the 75th General Assembly:

12

13 ● Representative Lesley Smith to serve on the House Energy &
14 Environment Committee, filling Representative Brown's vacancy.
15 She will no longer serve on the House Education Committee.

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17 ● Representative Katie Stewart to serve on the House Education
18 Committee, filling Representative Smith's vacancy.

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20 ● The House Health and Human Services committee will now have
21 13 members; 8 from the Majority and 5 from the Minority.

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23 These appointments are effective immediately.

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25 Sincerely,

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27 /signed/

28 Julie McCluskie

29 Speaker of the CO House of Representatives

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31 CC: The Honorable Monica Duran, House Majority Leader

32 The Honorable Jarvis Caldwell, House Minority Leader

33 The Honorable James Coleman, Senate President

34 The Honorable Robert Rodriguez, Senate Majority Leader

35 The Honorable Cleave Simpson, Senate Minority Leader

36 The Honorable Lesley Smith

37 The Honorable Katie Stewart

38 Vanessa Reilly, Chief Clerk – Colorado House of Representatives

39 Darren Thornberry, Assistant Chief Clerk – Colorado House of
40 Representatives

41 Ed DeCecco, Director – Office of Legislative Legal Services

42 Rachel Kurtz-Phelan, Legislative Council Staff

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RESIGNATION

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48 December 7, 2025

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50 Dear Madam Speaker and Madam Clerk:

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52 I am writing to inform you that I am resigning as State Representative for
53 House District 29, effective January 5, 2026. It has been an honor to work
54 with you.

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1 With gratitude,
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3 Shannon Bird
4 Colorado State Representative
5 House District 29
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9 **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

10
11 December 17, 2025
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13 Natalie Castle
14 Director, Legislative Council Staff
15 Colorado State Capitol
16 200 E. Colfax Avenue
17 Denver, CO 80203
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19 Dear Director Castle,
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21 I am pleased to make the following appointments to House Committees
22 of Reference for the 75th General Assembly. The following appointments
23 are effective immediately:
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- 25 ● The House Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources Committee
26 will have 13 members; 4 from the Minority Caucus. My
27 appointees to the committee are:
 - 28 ○ Representative Ty Winter, Ranking Member
 - 29 ○ Representative Lori Garcia Sander
 - 30 ○ Representative Dusty Johnson
 - 31 ○ Representative Larry Don Suckla
- 32
33 ● The House Appropriations Committee will have 11 members; 3
34 from the Minority Caucus. My appointees to the committee are:
 - 35 ○ Representative Rick Taggart, Ranking Member
 - 36 ○ Representative Scott Bottoms
 - 37 ○ Representative Matt Soper
- 38
39 ● The House Business Affairs & Labor Committee will have 13
40 members; 5 from the Minority Caucus. My appointees to the
41 committee are:
 - 42 ○ Representative Chris Richardson, Ranking Member
 - 43 ○ Representative Max Brooks
 - 44 ○ Representative Ryan Gonzalez
 - 45 ○ Representative Rebecca Keltie
 - 46 ○ Representative Larry Don Suckla
- 47
48 ● The House Education Committee will have 13 members; 5 from
49 the Minority Caucus. My appointees to the committee are:
 - 50 ○ Representative Lori Garcia Sander, Ranking Member
 - 51 ○ Representative Mary Bradfield
 - 52 ○ Representative Ava Flanell
 - 53 ○ Representative Anthony Hartsook
 - 54 ○ Representative Dusty Johnson

- 1 ● The House Energy & Environment Committee will have 12
2 members; 4 from the Minority Caucus. My appointees to the
3 committee are:
4 ○ Representative Dan Woog, Ranking Member
5 ○ Representative Carlos Barron
6 ○ Representative Ken DeGraaf
7 ○ Representative Scott Slauch
8
- 9 ● The House Finance Committee will have 13 members; 5 from the
10 Minority Caucus. My appointees to the committee are:
11 ○ Representative Anthony Hartsook, Ranking Member
12 ○ Representative Max Brooks
13 ○ Representative Ken DeGraaf
14 ○ Representative Ryan Gonzalez
15 ○ Representative Ron Weinberg
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- 17 ● The House Health & Human Services Committee will have 13
18 members; 5 from the Minority Caucus. My appointees to the
19 committee are:
20 ○ Representative Mary Bradfield, Ranking Member
21 ○ Representative Carlos Barron
22 ○ Representative Brandi Bradley
23 ○ Representative Dusty Johnson
24 ○ Representative Dan Woog
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- 26 ● The House Judiciary Committee will have 11 members; 4 from the
27 Minority Caucus. My appointees to the committee are:
28 ○ Representative Matt Soper, Ranking Member
29 ○ Representative Ava Flanell
30 ○ Representative Rebecca Keltie
31 ○ Representative Scott Slauch
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- 33 ● The House State, Civic, Military & Veterans Affairs will have 11
34 members; 3 from the Minority Caucus. My appointees to the
35 committee are:
36 ○ Representative Stephanie Luck, Ranking Member
37 ○ Representative Scott Bottoms
38 ○ Representative Brandi Bradley
39
- 40 ● The House Transportation, Housing & Local Government will
41 have 13 members; 4 from the Minority Caucus. My appointees to
42 the committee are:
43 ○ Representative Larry Don Suckla, Ranking Member
44 ○ Representative Max Brooks
45 ○ Representative Chris Richardson
46 ○ Representative Ron Weinberg
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- 48 ● The Joint Budget Committee appointment from the Minority
49 Caucus. My appointee to the committee is:
50 ○ Representative Rick Taggart
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52 Respectfully,

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54 /signed/

55 Jarvis Caldwell

56 House Minority Leader

1 CC: The Honorable Julie McCluskie, Speaker of the House
2 The Honorable Monica Duran, House Majority Leader
3 The Honorable Ty Winter, Assistant House Minority Leader
4 The Honorable James Coleman, President-Designate of the Senate
5 The Honorable Robert Rodriguez, Senate Majority Leader
6 The Honorable Cleave Simpson, Senate Minority Leader
7 Vanessa Reilly, Chief Clerk of the House
8 Esther Van Mourik, Secretary of the Senate
9 Ed Dececco, Director of OLLS
10 Rachel Kurtz-Phelan, Legislative Council Staff

RESIGNATION

16 Chief Clerk Reilly,

18 I hope you are having a wonderful holiday season.

20 This email serves as my official notice of intent to resign my position as
21 State Representative for House District 33, effective upon my swearing
22 in as a member of the Colorado State Senate on the afternoon of
23 January 5, 2026.

25 William Lindstedt

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

31 January 8, 2026

33 Natalie Castle
34 Director, Legislative Council Staff
35 200 E Colfax Ave.
36 Denver, CO 80203

38 Dear Director Castle,

40 Please be advised of the following appointments to House committees of
41 reference for the Second Regular Session of the 75th General Assembly.

- 43 ● The House Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources Committee
44 will have 13 members; 9 from the Majority Caucus and 4 from the
45 Minority Caucus. My appointees to the committee are:
- 46 ○ Representative McCormick, Chair
 - 47 ○ Representative Mauro, Vice Chair
 - 48 ○ Representative Lindsay
 - 49 ○ Representative Lukens
 - 50 ○ Representative Martinez
 - 51 ○ Representative Smith
 - 52 ○ Representative K. Stewart
 - 53 ○ Representative Story
 - 54 ○ Representative Velasco

- 1 ● The House Appropriations Committee will have 11 members; 8
2 from the Majority
3 Caucus and 3 from the Minority Caucus. My appointees to the
4 committee are:
5 ○ Representative Brown, Chair
6 ○ Representative Sirota, Vice Chair
7 ○ Representative Boesenecker
8 ○ Representative Joseph
9 ○ Representative McCormick
10 ○ Representative Titone
11 ○ Representative Velasco
12 ○ Representative Zokaie
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- 14 ● The House Business Affairs & Labor Committee will have 13
15 members; 8 from the Majority Caucus and 5 from the Minority
16 Caucus. My appointees to the committee are:
17 ○ Representative Ricks, Chair
18 ○ Representative Camacho, Vice Chair
19 ○ Representative English
20 ○ Representative Lieder
21 ○ Representative Mabrey
22 ○ Representative Marshall
23 ○ Representative Mauro
24 ○ Representative Rydin
25
- 26 ● The House Education Committee will have 13 members; 8 from
27 the Majority Caucus and 5 from the Minority Caucus. My
28 appointees to the committee are:
29 ○ Representative Lukens, Chair
30 ○ Representative Martinez, Vice Chair
31 ○ Representative Bacon
32 ○ Representative Gilchrist
33 ○ Representative Hamrick
34 ○ Representative Phillips
35 ○ Representative K. Stewart
36 ○ Representative Story
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- 38 ● The House Energy & Environment Committee will have 13
39 members; 9 from the Majority Caucus and 4 from the Minority
40 Caucus. My appointees to the committee are:
41 ○ Representative Valdez, Chair
42 ○ Representative Velasco, Vice Chair
43 ○ Representative Jackson
44 ○ Representative Joseph
45 ○ Representative Paschal
46 ○ Representative Smith
47 ○ Representative Rutinel
48 ○ Representative Willford
49 ○ One vacancy
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- 51 ● The House Finance Committee will have 13 members; 8 from the
52 Majority Caucus and 5 from the Minority Caucus. My appointees
53 to the committee are:
54 ○ Representative Woodrow, Chair
55 ○ Representative Titone, Vice Chair
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- 1 ○ Representative Camacho
- 2 ○ Representative Garcia
- 3 ○ Representative Joseph
- 4 ○ Representative Marshall
- 5 ○ Representative R. Stewart
- 6 ○ Representative Zokaie
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- 8 ● The House Health & Human Services Committee will have 13
- 9 members; 8 from the Majority Caucus and 5 from the Minority
- 10 Caucus. My appointees to the committee are:
- 11 ○ Representative Gilchrist, Chair
- 12 ○ Representative Lieder, Vice Chair
- 13 ○ Representative English
- 14 ○ Representative Feret
- 15 ○ Representative Hamrick
- 16 ○ Representative McCormick
- 17 ○ Representative Rydin
- 18 ○ Representative K. Stewart
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- 20 ● The House Judiciary Committee will have 11 members; 7 from the
- 21 Majority Caucus and 4 from the Minority Caucus. My appointees
- 22 to the committee are:
- 23 ○ Representative Mabrey, Chair
- 24 ○ Representative Carter, Vice Chair
- 25 ○ Representative Bacon
- 26 ○ Representative Clifford
- 27 ○ Representative Espenoza
- 28 ○ Representative Garcia
- 29 ○ Representative Zokaie
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- 31 ● The House State, Civic, Military & Veterans Affairs will have 11
- 32 members; 8 from the Majority Caucus and 3 from the Minority
- 33 Caucus. My appointees to the committee are:
- 34 ○ Representative Willford, Chair
- 35 ○ Representative Clifford, Vice Chair
- 36 ○ Representative Carter
- 37 ○ Representative Espenoza
- 38 ○ Representative Feret
- 39 ○ Representative Froelich
- 40 ○ Representative Ricks
- 41 ○ One vacancy
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- 43 ● The House Transportation, Housing & Local Government will
- 44 have 13 members; 9 from the Majority Caucus and 4 from the
- 45 Minority Caucus. My appointees to the committee are:
- 46 ○ Representative Froelich, Chair
- 47 ○ Representative R. Stewart, Vice Chair
- 48 ○ Representative Boesenecker
- 49 ○ Representative Jackson
- 50 ○ Representative Lindsay
- 51 ○ Representative Paschal
- 52 ○ Representative Phillips
- 53 ○ Two vacancies
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1 Sincerely,

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3 /signed/

4 Julie McCluskie

5 Speaker of the Colorado House of Representatives

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7 CC: The Honorable Monica Duran, House Majority Leader

8 The Honorable Jarvis Caldwell, House Minority Leader

9 The Honorable James Coleman, Senate President

10 The Honorable Robert Rodriguez, Senate Majority Leader

11 The Honorable Cleave Simpson, Senate Minority Leader

12 Vanessa Reilly, Chief Clerk – Colorado House of Representatives

13 Ed DeCecco, Director – Office of Legislative Legal Services

14 Craig Harper, Director – Joint Budget Committee Staff

15 Rachel Kurtz-Phelan, Legislative Council Staff

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20 **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

21
22 January 13, 2026

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24 Natalie Castle

25 Director, Legislative Council Staff

26 200 E Colfax Ave.

27 Denver, CO 80203

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29 Dear Director Castle,

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31 Please be advised of the following appointments to House committees of
32 reference for the Second Regular Session of the 75th General Assembly:

- 33
- 34 ● Representative Elizabeth Velasco to serve on the Transportation,
35 Housing & Local Government committee. She will no longer
36 serve on the Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources committee.
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 - 38 ● Representative-elect Lori Goldstein to serve on the Agriculture,
39 Water & Natural Resources committee and the Energy &
40 Environment committee.
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 - 42 ● Representative-elect Kenny Nguyen to serve on the
43 Transportation, Housing & Local Government committee and the
44 State, Civic, Military & Veterans Affairs committee.
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 - 46 ● The House Finance committee will now have 11 members, 7 from
47 the majority and 4 from the minority. At her request,
48 Representative Junie Joseph will no longer serve on the
49 committee.
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51 Sincerely,

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53 /signed/

54 Julie McCluskie

55 Speaker of the CO House of Representatives

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1 CC: The Honorable Monica Duran, House Majority Leader
2 The Honorable Jarvis Caldwell, House Minority Leader
3 The Honorable James Coleman, Senate President
4 The Honorable Robert Rodriguez, Senate Majority Leader
5 The Honorable Cleave Simpson, Senate Minority Leader
6 Representative-elect Lori Goldstein
7 Representative-elect Kenny Nguyen
8 Vanessa Reilly, Chief Clerk – Colorado House of Representatives
9 Ed DeCecco, Director – Office of Legislative Legal Services
10 Rachel Kurtz-Phelan, Legislative Council Staff
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14 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

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16 January 14th, 2026
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18 Natalie Castle
19 Director, Legislative Council Staff
20 Colorado State Capitol
21 200 E. Colfax Avenue
22 Denver, CO 80218
23

24 Dear Director Castle,
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26 Please be advised of the following appointments to House committees of
27 reference for the Second Regular Session of the 75th General Assembly:
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- 29 ● Representative Ron Weinberg will no longer serve on the House
30 Finance Committee.

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32 Respectfully,
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34 /signed/
35 Jarvis Caldwell
36 House Minority Leader
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38 CC: The Honorable Julie McCluskie, Speaker of the House
39 The Honorable Monica Duran, House Majority
40 Leader
41 The Honorable Ty Winter, Assistant House Minority Leader
42 The Honorable James Coleman, President-Designate of the Senate
43 The Honorable Robert Rodriguez, Senate Majority Leader
44 The Honorable Cleave Simpson, Senate Minority Leader
45 Vanessa Reilly, Chief Clerk of the House
46 Esther Van Mourik, Secretary of the Senate
47 Ed Dececco, Director of OLLS
48 Rachel Kurtz-Phelan, Legislative Council Staff
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51 COMMUNICATIONS

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54 STATE OF COLORADO
55 DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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1 **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**)**Ss.** **CERTIFICATE**
2 **STATE OF COLORADO**

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4 I, Jena Griswold, Secretary of State, certify that the attached is a true and
5 exact copy of the Nomination by Vacancy Committee as filed in this
6 office on January 11, 2026 by the Democratic 29th House District
7 Vacancy Committee, appointing Lori Goldstein to fill the vacancy in the
8 office of Colorado State House of Representatives, District 29, caused by
9 the resignation of the honorable Shannon Bird.

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11 In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of
12 the State of Colorado, at the City of Denver this 13th day of January
13 2026.

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15 /signed/
16 Jena Griswold
17 Secretary of State

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21 **COMMUNICATIONS**

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23 **STATE OF COLORADO**
24 **DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

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26 **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**)**Ss.** **CERTIFICATE**
27 **STATE OF COLORADO**

28
29 I, Jena Griswold, Secretary of State, certify that the attached is a true and
30 exact copy of the Acceptance of Nomination by Vacancy Committee as
31 filed in this office on January 11, 2026 by Lori Goldstein, accepting the
32 appointment of the Democratic 29th House District Vacancy Committee
33 to fill the vacancy in the office of Colorado State House or
34 Representatives, District 29, caused by the resignation of the honorable
35 Shannon Bird.

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37 In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of
38 the State of Colorado, at the City of Denver this 13th day of January
39 2026.

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41 /signed/
42 Jena Griswold
43 Secretary of State

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47 **COMMUNICATIONS**

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49 **STATE OF COLORADO**
50 **DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

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52 **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**)**Ss.** **CERTIFICATE**
53 **STATE OF COLORADO**

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1 I, Jena Griswold, Secretary of State, certify that the attached is a true and
2 exact copy of the Nomination by Vacancy Committee as filed in this
3 office on January 12, 2026 by the Democratic 33rd House District
4 Vacancy Committee, appointing Kenny Van Nguyen to fill the vacancy
5 in the office of Colorado State House of Representatives, District 33,
6 caused by the resignation of the honorable William Lindstedt.

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8 In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of
9 the State of Colorado, at the City of Denver this 14th day of January
10 2026.

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12 /signed/
13 Jena Griswold
14 Secretary of State

18 COMMUNICATIONS

20 STATE OF COLORADO 21 DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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23 **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA } Ss. **CERTIFICATE****
24 **STATE OF COLORADO**

25
26 I, Jena Griswold, Secretary of State, certify that the attached is a true and
27 exact copy of the Acceptance of Nomination by Vacancy Committee as
28 filed in this office on January 12, 2026 by Kenny Van Nguyen, accepting
29 the appointment of the Democratic 33rd House District Vacancy
30 Committee to fill the vacancy in the office of Colorado State House or
31 Representatives, District 33, caused by the resignation of the honorable
32 William Lindstedt.

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34 In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of
35 the State of Colorado, at the City of Denver this 11th day of January
36 2026.

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38 /signed/
39 Jena Griswold
40 Secretary of State

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44 Majority Leader Duran, moved that the Speaker appoint a Committee of
45 three to serve as the Committee on Credentials. Without objection,
46 Speaker McCluskie appointed Representatives Duran, Chair, Bacon, and
47 Caldwell as the Committee on Credentials.

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52 On request of Majority Leader Duran, the following report was read at
53 length:
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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The Committee on Credentials has made an examination and finds that the certificate of the Democratic Vacancy Committee for the 29th Representative District, State of Colorado, naming Lori Goldstien as certified by the Secretary of State of the state of Colorado, is a true, complete, and authentic certificate. Lori Goldstien is entitled to membership in this body pursuant to law in such case made and provided.

The Committee on Credentials has made an examination and finds that the certificate of the Democratic Vacancy Committee for the 33rd Representative District, State of Colorado, naming Kenny Van Nguyen certified by the Secretary of State of the State of Colorado, is a true, complete and authentic certificate. Kenny Van Nguyen is entitled to membership in this body pursuant to law in such case made and provided.

/signed/

Majority Leader Duran, Chair

Assistant Majority Leader Bacon

Minority Leader Caldwell

Majority Leader Duran moved to adopt the report of the Committee on Credentials.

The report of the Committee on Credentials was **adopted by viva voce**.

(Note: On Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 10:25 a.m., Lori Goldstein, was sworn in as Representative for District 29. Speaker Julie McCluskie administered the oath of office in the Chamber of the House of Representatives.)

(Note: On Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 10:26 a.m., Kenny Nguyen, was sworn in as Representative for District 33. Speaker Julie McCluskie administered the oath of office in the Chamber of the House of Representatives.)

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3 House in recess.
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7 The Speaker recognized a committee from the Senate. Senators Wallace,
8 Chair, Lindstedt, and Liston reported that the Senate was organized and
9 ready for business.

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12 House reconvened.
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16 Representative Feret, Chair of the Committee to Notify the Seante,
17 reported that the Senate had been notified that the House was organized
18 and ready for business.

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21 Representative Stewart R., Chair of the Committee to Notify the
22 Governor, reported that the Governor had been notified that the House
23 was organized and ready for business.

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27 The following appointments were read:
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29 **AGRICULTURE, WATER, & NATURAL RESOURCES**

30 13 members: Representatives Karen McCormick, Chair; Tisha Mauro,
31 Vice-Chair; Lori Garcia Sander, Lori Goldstien, Dusty Johnson,
32 Mandy Lindsay, Meghan Lukens, Matthew Martinez, Lesley Smith,
33 Katie Stewart, Tammy Story, Larry Don Suckla, Ty Winter
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35 **APPROPRIATIONS**

36 11 members: Representatives Kyle Brown, Chair; Emily Sirota,
37 Vice-Chair; Andrew Boesenecker, Scott Bottoms, Junie Joseph,
38 Karen McCormick, Matt Soper, Rick Taggart, Brianna Titone,
39 Elizabeth Velasco, Yara Zokaie
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41 **BUSINESS AFFAIRS & LABOR**

42 13 members: Representatives Naquetta Ricks, Chair; Sean Camacho,
43 Vice-Chair; Max Brooks, Regina English, Ryan Gonzalez,
44 Rebecca Keltie, Sheila Lieder, Javier Mabrey, Bob Marshall,
45 Tisha Mauro, Chris Richardson, Gretchen Rydin, Larry Don Suckla
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47 **EDUCATION**

48 13 members: Representatives Meghan Lukens, Chair; Matthew Martinez,
49 Vice-Chair; Jennifer Bacon, Mary Bradfield, Ava Flanell,
50 Lori Garcia Sander, Lindsay Gilchrist, Eliza Hamrick, Anthony Hartsook,
51 Dusty Johnson, Jacque Phillips, Katie Stewart, Tammy Story
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1 **ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT**

2 13 members: Representatives Alex Valdez, Chair; Elizabeth Velasco,
3 Vice-Chair; Carlos Barron, Ken DeGraaf, Lori Goldstien, Jamie Jackson,
4 Junie Joseph, Amy Paschal, Manny Rutinel, Scott Slaugh, Lesley Smith,
5 Jenny Willford, Dan Woog

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7 **FINANCE**

8 11 members: Representatives Steven Woodrow, Chair; Brianna Titone,
9 Vice-Chair; Max Brooks, Sean Camacho, Ken DeGraaf, Lorena Garcia,
10 Ryan Gonzalez, Anthony Hartsook, Bob Marshall, Rebekah Stewart,
11 Yara Zokaie

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13 **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

14 13 members: Representatives Lindsay Gilchrist, Chair; Sheila Lieder,
15 Vice-Chair; Carlos Barron, Mary Bradfield, Brandi Bradley,
16 Regina English, Lisa Feret, Eliza Hamrick, Dusty Johnson,
17 Karen McCormick, Gretchen Rydin, Katie Stewart, Dan Woog

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19 **JUDICIARY**

20 11 members: Representatives Javier Mabrey, Chair; Michael Carter,
21 Vice-Chair; Jennifer Bacon, Chad Clifford, Cecelia Espenoza,
22 Ava Flanell, Lorena Garcia, Rebecca Keltie, Scott Slaugh, Matt Soper,
23 Yara Zokaie

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25 **STATE, CIVIC, MILITARY, & VETERANS AFFAIRS**

26 11 members: Representatives Jenny Willford, Chair; Chad Clifford,
27 Vice-Chair; Scott Bottoms, Brandi Bradley, Michael Carter,
28 Cecelia Espenoza, Lisa Feret, Meg Froelich, Stephanie Luck,
29 Kenny Nguyen, Naquetta Ricks

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31 **TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, & LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

32 13 members: Representatives Meg Froelich, Chair; Rebekah Stewart,
33 Vice-Chair; Andrew Boesenecker, Max Brooks, Jamie Jackson,
34 Mandy Lindsay, Kenny Nguyen, Amy Paschal, Jacque Phillips,
35 Chris Richardson, Larry Don Suckla, Elizabeth Velasco, Ron Weinberg

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37 **JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE**

38 3 members: Emily Sirota, Chair; Kyle Brown, Rick Taggart

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42 **Speaker McCluskie addressed the Members of the House of**
43 **Representatives:**

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45 Good morning members!

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47 A warm welcome to the guests and dignitaries who have joined us, thank you for being
48 here on opening day!

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50 First off, I want to take a moment to recognize the veterans here today, and those
51 currently in our armed services - both in the chamber and in the gallery. Please stand
52 or wave. We thank you for your service.

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1 I also want to be sure to give a huge thanks to the many people who keep this building
2 and the legislature running: our aides and caucus staff, nonpartisan staff and clerks,
3 our facility workers, and of course our sergeants.
4
5 And let's not forget our Chief Clerk's new Chief Responsibility – Baby Trevor!
6 Congratulations to the Reilly family on your newest addition!
7
8 More good news - Love is in the air! Not only did Rep. Lukens receive a big diamond
9 ring atop the cliffs of Ireland...
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11 We also have some good news, from the press table for once – Seth, congratulations
12 on your wedding! We all know that Hawaii can't possibly beat opening day at the
13 Colorado State Capitol, so I'm sure it wasn't all that hard to get back on the plane.
14
15 A lot has happened since we last gathered here. Every year changes, some changes and
16 some years can feel harder than others.
17
18 We are missing a colleague in our halls today. Senator Faith Winter served Colorado
19 for twelve years before her tragic passing. I mourn her, as I miss her smile and warmth
20 and her unwavering, steely dedication to fighting for what's right.
21
22 And last June, I saw with horror and a deep sadness that my friend, former Speaker
23 Melissa Hortman and her husband Mark, had been shot and killed in their home.
24 Melissa had been a support to me personally, a political force for good, and someone
25 truly dedicated to making her home state of Minnesota better every day.
26
27 Just months after Melissa's death, Charlie Kirk was shot and killed in front of a crowd
28 in Utah.
29
30 Their murders crystalized even more powerfully for me that political violence is
31 rising, and it flows downstream from the caustic rhetoric all around us. No matter how
32 bitterly we might disagree on the important issues, we have to raise the decency in our
33 discourse, together.
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35 I am heartened by the leaders on both sides who have had the courage to condemn
36 political violence...violence can never be the price of democracy.
37
38 Before we move on, I want to acknowledge that there are others we have lost...family
39 members, friends, and constituents who are no longer with us.
40
41 I invite everyone present to please stand if able, and take a moment of silence in
42 recognition of those who have passed. Thank you.
43
44 I love that we begin each legislative session at the start of the year. Just as our
45 calendars flip to a new page, we come back to the Capitol with novel ideas, bright
46 faces, and sometimes also a fresh blanket of snow. Fingers crossed on the last one –
47 you know we need the moisture!
48
49 I also come back to this building each year with a different perspective. In the high
50 country, we say that you never step in the same river twice. I think that's true of our
51 time at the Capitol, too.
52
53 The river keeps moving, the challenges change. Though the last year has been hard in
54 so many ways, as I look at all of you today, I see resilience.

1 I see 65 representatives and dozens more staff who have faced real hardship – and
2 have still shown up ready to work. That commitment renews my sense of purpose
3 today.
4
5 Today is the start of a new session. It is the start of 120 brand new days where we
6 work together to make a difference. We won't ignore the havoc outside these walls, or
7 the gloom, or bury our heads in the sand to avoid discomfort.
8
9 But we will tune out the noise that's designed to capture attention for attention's sake.
10 Coloradans have made it clear for years now that they simply do not care about the
11 noise or performative outrage. They care about results.
12
13 And here, in our Colorado, we deliver real results. Our Colorado is a bulwark against
14 the chaos in Washington. Coloradans are looking for us to focus on what matters.
15
16 What matters is that too many children live in poverty. And because of a single policy
17 passed in this building, our Family Affordability Tax Credit, we cut child poverty by
18 nearly 41% in one year – proof that it can be done.
19
20 What matters is the \$800 million budget gap that puts safety net programs at risk and
21 we must turn over every stone to find the funding to sustain them.
22
23 What matters is protecting the rule of law and upholding justice for the dignity and
24 rights of women, immigrants, LGBTQ Coloradans and working families.
25
26 What matters is that Coloradans' costs are too damn high. That is why I am fortified
27 by the resilience in your faces today.
28
29 We've got a steep mountain to skin, but the run will be worth it.
30
31 In August, we faced the fallout from Congress's budget, which immediately blew a
32 billion dollar hole in Colorado's finances on top of new unprecedented threats to
33 Medicaid, SNAP, TANF, and other essential services.
34
35 In this moment, when the White House would hold Colorado hostage, I'm reminded
36 of a Churchill saying:
37
38 "You were given the choice between war and dishonor. You chose dishonor, and you
39 will still have war."
40
41 I fear this administration will target Colorado no matter what we do. So members, let's
42 do what's right.
43
44 It's plain that Colorado's fiscal constraints make it hard to pivot quickly when costs
45 rise unexpectedly or revenues disappear overnight.
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47 Medicaid costs are growing at twice the rate of what we are allowed to spend under
48 TABOR, driven by long-term care for seniors, behavioral health services, and
49 prescription drug costs – health care that every Coloradan might need.
50
51 To be clear, this deficit is not reckless overspending. It is time to modernize our
52 outdated fiscal structure, because our future shouldn't be bound by a 30-year-old
53 formula that doesn't account for today's realities.
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1 The math just isn't mathing for the people of our state.
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3 No one is coming to the rescue during our session. There are no easy buttons.
4 Balancing this budget will require shared sacrifice and serious leadership.
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6 To the members of the Joint Budget Committee, Representatives Sirota, Brown, and
7 Taggart: I know all of you have sleepless nights both behind you and ahead of you.
8 Thank you for taking on this weighty responsibility.
9
10 In the pain we're facing, I also see a chance to look beyond our budget, and find
11 answers to the question Coloradans have been asking: How do we unrig our economy,
12 so it works for everyone – not just the few, but the many?
13
14 The promise of America is freedom and a fair shot. And the promise of the West goes
15 further: it's progress. Progress comes from new ideas, and from the determination to
16 see them through.
17
18 We know hardworking people are struggling to stay ahead under the lingering effects
19 of inflation and global tariffs. Now skyrocketing costs are sinking all boats.
20
21 In Colorado, it's time to continue fighting for a new economy that brings back a shot
22 at success for everyone. No one should be able to pull up the ladder behind them to
23 keep other people down. That's not the Colorado way. It is not how we move forward.
24
25 That's why this session we will do three things:
26
27 lower everyday costs...
28
29 protect our successes...
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31 and sustain targeted investments in our future.
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33 When we lower costs and create good paying jobs, we can keep building an economy:
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35 where working people have a fair shot. Where entrepreneurs can take a risk and start
36 a business, where small businesses are equipped to hire, compete and succeed. Where
37 farms and ranches are passed down to the next generation, instead of being sold off
38 in pieces.
39
40 On healthcare and housing especially, we need to cut right to the heart of what is
41 making Coloradans' lives more expensive. That also includes working on childcare
42 costs, the prices of everyday goods, and putting consumers first.
43
44 When Congress let health care premiums surge, Colorado Democrats stepped up to
45 stabilize our insurance market and blunt the devastating impact of these hikes.
46
47 If Congress continues to fail to extend the enhanced premium tax credits, we'll need
48 to look at options once again to keep health insurance prices from spiraling.
49
50 Colorado is a beautiful place to call home. We're lucky to live here. But the cost of
51 renting or buying a home is making that dream almost impossible for working people.
52
53 This year we will work to unlock innovative financing mechanisms to build more
54 affordable housing, make it easier for nonprofits to build homes on land they already
55 own and continue to reduce property insurance costs.

1 We know that health care and housing represent the biggest squeezes on working
2 people's budgets. That is why we keep coming back to these policy issues, with the
3 fortitude to both make big changes and get it right.
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5 We're not just bringing back a fair shot for working people to thrive – we will also
6 make sure our kids have more possibilities too.
7
8 We have a lot to be proud of where our children are concerned. When I first entered
9 the legislature in 2019, school finance was dire. Since then, we have raised the
10 per-pupil funding for K-12 schools by 46%, brought total program funding up by \$3
11 billion, and eliminated the budget stabilization factor.
12
13 We didn't stop there. We secured free full-day kindergarten and launched universal
14 pre-K. Universal preschool is not just saving thousands of families over \$6,000 each
15 year in child care, it's giving kids a head start on school readiness and social
16 connection at a critical stage.
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18 Our next task is to unify education and opportunity, by bringing higher education,
19 apprenticeships, and workforce pathways under one roof. Everyone must be equipped
20 to start the career of their dreams.
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22 Our kids don't just deserve a top-notch education, and the skills to confront a changing
23 world. We owe our kids, and our kids' kids, a liveable future by protecting Colorado's
24 pristine environments, land, air and water.
25
26 And we owe it to rural communities and urban centers alike to invest in our renewable
27 energy future.
28
29 We must hold our ground on all the protections we've put in place, and fight the
30 Trump administration's attempts to claw away our 8 million acres of public lands and
31 auction them off. Coloradans agree, and we all agreed in this very chamber last year:
32 our public lands are not for sale.
33
34 And it's not just Coloradans who love their public lands: Katy Perry may have been
35 our first pop star in space, but when those 11 minutes were up, she kissed the earth and
36 she liked it.
37
38 I'm immensely proud that Western Slope Democrats and Republicans have a tradition
39 of bipartisan collaboration, especially on water rights and land protection – one I hope
40 we continue.
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42 Together we can balance a clean, healthy environment with the needs of a growing
43 state.
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45 This session we're going to protect our progress.
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47 But we will not forget about the other crucial part of the American promise: our
48 freedoms.
49
50 Coloradans' civil rights are not to be played with. We won't shove our immigrant and
51 LGBTQ neighbors back into the shadows. We won't give up on disability access or
52 voting rights. We are a model for abortion rights in the post-Dobbs reality, and we
53 won't roll them back.
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1 We are a nation founded by immigrants and social outcasts. Diversity does make our
2 state stronger, and it is un-American for the federal government to use masked
3 vigilantes to arrest, detain, and evict people off the street on the basis of their skin
4 color, language, gender, or very identity. Colorado will continue to stand against this
5 betrayal of our values.
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7 We will remember Renee Good...and the wrongful detentions of Jeanette
8 Vizguerra-Ramirez, Fernando Jaramillo-Solano and his children, and just so many
9 others.
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11 Members: we have a lot ahead of us. Our budget situation especially will force us to
12 concentrate on what truly allows Coloradans to thrive.
13
14 The path forward is not always clear. But in Colorado we know how to trailblaze right
15 through the brush.
16
17 Our work for the year is just beginning. But as this is my final opening day speech...
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19 Thank God, says my husband.
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21 ...I have to reflect for a moment on how far we have come.
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23 I am immensely proud of what we have accomplished in the seven years. I have been
24 a part of this body. I am so proud of the results we have delivered often in partnership
25 with Republicans:
26
27 Poverty is down. Incomes are up. Tax rates are lower. School meals for free for every
28 student.
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30 Protections now abound for public health and air quality in oil and gas operations.
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32 More people have health coverage thanks to reinsurance, the Colorado Option, and
33 OmniSalud.
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35 We strengthened protections for renters, and passed breakthrough measures to build
36 more housing.
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38 We've led on pragmatic gun violence prevention.
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40 We passed first-in-the-nation protections for our waterways, streams, and wetlands.
41
42 AND: One year from now, the curtains will rise on the Sundance Film Festival in
43 Boulder.
44
45 Just like the Avalanche, and the Nuggets, and the Broncos, and someday soon, our
46 women's soccer and hopefully, women's hockey - the big green machine has been a
47 winning team.
48
49 To our new faces today: Reps. Slauch, Flanell, Goldstein, and Nguyen, welcome to
50 the Thunderdome – I mean, the Gold Dome.
51
52 Minority Leader Caldwell: Thank you for stepping up to lead your caucus. I look
53 forward to growing our partnership this session.
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1 To my colleagues in their final year: Majority Leader Duran, Representatives Froelich,
2 Sirota, Soper, Titone, Valdez, and Woodrow, thank you for your service. It's been real,
3 it's been fun...alright yeah, it's been real fun at times.

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5 On a more personal note, it is the privilege of my life to be your Speaker. Thank you
6 for your trust. I'm proud we have done the daily, nitty-gritty work to compromise and
7 find solutions together.

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9 Majority Leader Duran: I am eternally grateful to have you in my corner. You are a
10 legislator's legislator and a fearless advocate. We have traveled far together, and I
11 know we're not done yet. The Senate doesn't know what it's got coming. Thank you
12 Monica, for everything.

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14 To my dear, wonderful family: just one more session. And I really mean it this time.

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16 You have been my collective rock through this incredible ride. Thank you for just
17 being here and walking up the hill with me. And Susan, you are the bravest, toughest
18 person I know - stay strong! "Thank you" isn't enough – but thank you all.

19
20 Folks, we have big things to do this session. As we start each of the remaining 119
21 days in this building, I will keep some things in mind, and I hope you will too.

22
23 Talk to each other, kindly whenever you can. Lead with laughter. Lead with
24 compassion. Assume the best of each other, and in each other.

25
26 Each of you can find common ground with the other people who sit in these chairs, no
27 matter how strange walking that acreage together might turn out to be.

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29 Members, staff, and guests. We are present. We are organized. We are ready to take
30 care of business.

31
32 Welcome to the opening day of the Second Regular Session of the 75th General
33 Assembly.

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35 **Minority Leader Caldwell addressed the Members of the House of**
36 **Representatives:**

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38 Thank you Madam Speaker & Thank you members of the 75th General Assembly. It's
39 a beautiful thing to see you all here with your families & the People of Colorado.

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41 During the second regular session of this General Assembly - and in the year of our
42 150th anniversary - as my first address as the new House Minority Leader - I'm going
43 to do something a bit unorthodox. During the interim, we've seen our politics - here
44 and across the nation - reach a level of toxicity that is not just harmful to our discourse
45 - but dangerous.

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47 I commend the Majority Leadership on their efforts to work across the aisle - to
48 explore how we can lower the temperature - while also recognizing that there will still
49 be fierce, but respectable disagreements on policy. It's important that our sides
50 understand what we believe and why we believe it.

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52 I've maintained since I was first elected that no matter our political differences - if you
53 bring me a bill that doesn't violate the Constitution or our foundational principles - is
54 good for the People of House District 20 & the People of Colorado - I will gladly put
55 my name on it with you. That's what the people of Colorado want to see from us, and
56 that's what we owe them.

1 As 22 elected House Republicans, we represent approximately 2 million Coloradans
2 in our districts alone. In 2024, approximately 45 percent of Coloradans who cast a vote
3 for a House candidate - voted for a Republican.
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5 I bring this up as a reminder- that while we may be the Minority Party now, we
6 represent the views of a large percentage & wide range of Coloradans all across this
7 great state.
8
9 So, What does our Caucus believe and why do we believe it?
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11 We care about affordability. Coloradans are asking us; How are you going to make my
12 life more affordable? How are my children going to have the same opportunities that
13 I once had? Because right now, that's not their reality.
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15 We've noticed that the more bills we pass in the name of affordability, the less
16 affordable Colorado becomes. The Colorado State Budget has increased by nearly 50
17 percent in the last 7 years - and so I ask all of you - have our roads, our schools, our
18 safety, or our healthcare gotten 50% better? While we're facing another billion-dollar
19 budget shortfall, we'll still pass a record-setting budget. This is in large part because
20 the Taxpayer Bill of Rights is often side-stepped by new enterprises & the fees that
21 come with them.
22
23 We are going to HEAR and see a lot of finger pointing at H.R. 1 - but the reality is
24 these challenges did not begin this year - or with a single federal bill. The issues
25 Coloradans are facing have been building for years - as a result of state level decisions.
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27 Overburdensome regulations & unprecedented government growth FROM THIS
28 BUILDING - stifles economic prosperity - causes businesses to close or leave - and
29 drives up the costs for everyone.
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31 When you're living on the margins — paycheck to paycheck — legislation that adds
32 a little more to your costs through taxes, fees, or regulations - eventually adds up. And
33 we do that here, hundreds of times a session - year after year after year.
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35 That fraction of a percent - over and over again - eventually becomes the difference
36 on whether you can buy a new home - whether you can fill up your cart with food at
37 the grocery store - whether you can fill up your gas tank to go to work or to take your
38 children to school. Whether you can put money in a savings account or towards your
39 children's college fund. Whether you can pay a medical bill - fix an unreliable vehicle
40 - or survive on a fixed income like our Seniors must do. We must slow down the
41 growth of government in order to spur the growth of the People.
42
43 We fight for parental rights. We believe that parents have the right to make the best
44 decision for their kids, not the government. As parents - we know our children better
45 than any elected or unelected body ever could.
46
47 As a dad myself, of two young sons, their lives have changed my entire outlook on the
48 world.
49 When my first son was born - and I stood there in the operating room and looked into
50 his eyes - I knew from that moment - that whether I lived 50 more days or 50 more
51 years - my life would never be the same. I would never Sleep the same - Think the
52 same - Dream the same - Pray the same - or Love the same. I felt that, not the
53 government.
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1 When one of our children are hurt — and they're lying in a hospital bed — it's not the
2 government that sits next to their bed - holds their hand - asks God how this could
3 have happened - prays to God for a full recovery - or tells their child that if they could,
4 they'd take the pain away & put it upon themselves. That's what parents do, not the
5 government.

6
7 So when we see legislation from this building - telling us that the government knows
8 better than us — the parents - we get mad - and we fight for the God-given rights as
9 parents - to make those decisions without Government intrusion.

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11 We care about the environment — after all — we all breathe the same air, Many of our
12 constituents are those who depend on a healthy environment. They're farmers,
13 ranchers, hunters, guides, sportsmen, conservationists, and those just blessed enough
14 to live amongst God and His creation.

15
16 In the pursuit of a cleaner future - we are putting those most vulnerable in an untenable
17 position. I've been poor, I know what it's like to watch your parents living paycheck
18 - to paycheck. When you live on the margin - a 10% increase in your electric bill is the
19 difference between paying a bill and missing a meal.

20
21 We can work towards a cleaner environment - but we must do it pragmatically. We
22 must not do it at the expense of destroying our lower and middle-class Coloradans -
23 turning away new industries that require a reliable electrical grid - or killing
24 good-paying blue-collar jobs - many of which are trade union jobs made up of
25 pipefitters, electricians, plumbers, truck drivers, rail workers, gas workers, & coal
26 miners. We will one day have the innovation and infrastructure to have entirely clean
27 energy - but our current trajectory - is Activism on a collision course with reality.

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29 Our climate policies are leading to unaffordable utility bills - removal of affordable
30 natural gas options - base load facilities closing prematurely - and the very serious
31 potential for rolling blackouts in some of our largest cities - if we do not slow down
32 and take a little more time to transition. Let California make the mistake of rushing to
33 their own destruction, NOT Colorado.

34
35 Public safety is a top priority for the Minority Caucus. Law and order is a cornerstone
36 of any functioning society. Coloradans must feel safe to go about their daily lives - and
37 businesses must be able to operate without constant crime. And if crime does happen
38 - they all must be assured that the criminal will be punished to the full extent of the
39 law. Redemption & second chances for those committing crimes should be a part of
40 our policy — however - the innocent people not committing crimes MUST come first.
41 We must put the needs of the innocent before the wants of the criminals. And our
42 brave law enforcement officials MUST KNOW we support them.

43
44 We believe in school choice. A school that may be amazing for your children - may
45 NOT be the right choice for mine. A child should not be confined to the building they
46 just so happen to live closest to. A child who struggles in one school may flourish in
47 another. Parents should have the choice to send their children to the school that best
48 fits their needs - whether it's a district-run public school, charter school, private
49 school, or homeschool - period.

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51 We believe in protecting Life. Whether that's the life of our vulnerable children while
52 they attend school - or the life of the innocent - still in the womb. We hear a lot about
53 life lessons & lived experiences - and how lucky are we - to have the chance to
54 experience such things.

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56 We feel so passionately about our 2' Amendment rights for that very same reason.

1 We carry our firearms to protect the lives of our families, ourselves, and those around
2 us, whether they agree with us or not. Restrictive gun laws do nothing to stop the
3 criminals committing the crimes — instead - they make it more difficult for the
4 law-abiding to exercise their God-given right to defend themselves and their families.
5
6 And lastly - but most importantly - our faith in God guides not only how we raise our
7 families and live our lives - it also guides our foundational principles when
8 representing our constituents. These very same principles are those shared by virtually
9 all of the original signers - of the Declaration of Independence & of those who ratified
10 the US Constitution - which laid the foundation to create the greatest country to ever
11 exist in the history of the world. We cannot legislate morality. And the further we
12 stray away from those founding principles - the further we should expect our society
13 to decay with broken homes, substance abuse, crime, and suicide.
14
15 And so you can imagine our shock and horror - during the interim - when we watched
16 someone many of us admired - a young father, husband & Christian - Charlie Kirk -
17 be murdered in front of the entire world - simply for his willingness to debate those
18 biblical values on a college campus. It was troubling - watching so many in the public
19 - many in positions of trust - mock the murder of a young man that left a wife
20 husbandless & two children fatherless. As many of us share those same Christian
21 beliefs with Charlie - we viewed the celebration and mocking of his murder as a
22 justification for our own deaths.
23
24 We find solace in scripture like Isaiah 41:10: "Fear not, for I am with you."
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26 To Charlie, I say this: May we all be so persuasive in our arguments, so just in our
27 actions, and so righteous in our convictions, that the devil dances on our graves when
28 we die.
29 So... how now shall we live?
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31 Do we accept Colorado being ranked nationally as the r most expensive state to live
32 in?
33 Do we accept being ranked 48th in housing affordability - or 48th in Cost of Living
34 - or a D+ grade for our roads?
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36 Do we accept being the 6th most regulated state for business, with approximately 45%
37 of our regulations being excessive or duplicative?
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39 Do we accept being ranked 49th out of 50 for public safety? Or 7th overall in Violent
40 Crime?
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42 Do we accept being ranked #2 nationally for property crime? Or 4th in auto theft - and
43 the top 10 for retail theft? Do we accept being ranked in the top 10 for human
44 trafficking? Or one of the worst states for fentanyl - a poison that has robbed so many
45 families of loved ones - many of them children.
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47 I don't believe that anyone in this chamber feels this is acceptable. And our caucus has
48 warned for many years that this would be the outcome of misguided policies. So - let
49 this session of our 150th anniversary as a state - be a turning point where we come
50 together - as Coloradans ask us to do - and change the course.
51
52 In 2026, we have a very unique — OPPORTUNITY - to improve the lives of our
53 constituents - and ensure a prosperous future in Colorado - for another 150 years.
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55 God Bless you all. God Bless Colorado. And May God Bless America.
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On motion of Majority Leader Duran, Speaker McCluskie and Minority Leader Caldwell's remarks were printed in the House Journal.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE SENATE

The Senate has adopted and transmits herewith: **SJR26-002**, and **SJR26-003**.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION

On motion of Majority Leader Duran, the rules were suspended and the following resolution was given immediate consideration:

(Requires a two-third vote.)

YES	55	NO	10	EXCUSED	0	ABSENT	0
Bacon	Y	Feret	Y	Luck	N	Smith	Y
Barron	Y	Flanell	N	Lukens	Y	Soper	Y
Boesenecker	Y	Froelich	Y	Mabrey	Y	Stewart K.	Y
Bottoms	N	Garcia	Y	Marshall	Y	Stewart R.	Y
Bradfield	Y	Garcia Sander	Y	Martinez	Y	Story	Y
Bradley	Y	Gilchrist	Y	Mauro	Y	Suckla	Y
Brooks	N	Goldstein	Y	McCormick	Y	Taggart	Y
Brown	Y	Gonzalez R.	Y	Nguyen	Y	Titone	Y
Caldwell	Y	Hamrick	Y	Paschal	Y	Valdez	Y
Camacho	Y	Hartsook	Y	Phillips	Y	Velasco	Y
Carter	Y	Jackson	Y	Richardson	N	Weinberg	N
Clifford	Y	Johnson	N	Ricks	Y	Willford	Y
DeGraaf	N	Joseph	Y	Rutinel	Y	Winter T.	Y
Duran	Y	Keltie	N	Rydin	Y	Woodrow	Y
English	Y	Lieder	Y	Sirota	Y	Woog	Y
Espenosa	Y	Lindsay	Y	Slaugh	N	Zokaie	Y
						Speaker	Y

House in recess. House reconvened.

SJR26-002 by Senator(s) Rodriguez, Coleman, Simpson; also Representative(s) Duran, McCluskie, Caldwell-- Concerning a Joint Session of the Senate and the House of Representatives for the purpose of hearing a message from His Excellency, Governor Jared Polis, and appointing a committee to escort the Governor.

(Printed and placed in members' files.)

Amendment No. 1, by Representative DeGraaf:

1 Amend engrossed joint resolution, page 1, line 7, strike "His Excellency,"
2 and substitute "The Honorable".

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4 Page 1, line 103, strike "**HIS EXCELLENCY**," and substitute "**THE**
5 **HONORABLE**".

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7 Representative DeGraaf moved for adoption of the amendment. The
8 amendment was declared **passed** by the following roll call vote:

YES	53	NO	12	EXCUSED	0	ABSENT	0
Bacon	N	Feret	Y	Luck	Y	Smith	Y
Barron	Y	Flanell	Y	Lukens	Y	Soper	Y
Boesenecker	N	Froelich	Y	Mabrey	Y	Stewart K.	Y
Bottoms	Y	Garcia	Y	Marshall	Y	Stewart R.	N
Bradfield	Y	Garcia Sander	Y	Martinez	Y	Story	Y
Bradley	Y	Gilchrist	N	Mauro	N	Suckla	Y
Brooks	Y	Goldstein	Y	McCormick	Y	Taggart	Y
Brown	Y	Gonzalez R.	Y	Nguyen	Y	Titone	Y
Caldwell	Y	Hamrick	Y	Paschal	Y	Valdez	N
Camacho	Y	Hartsook	Y	Phillips	Y	Velasco	Y
Carter	Y	Jackson	Y	Richardson	Y	Weinberg	Y
Clifford	Y	Johnson	Y	Ricks	N	Willford	Y
DeGraaf	Y	Joseph	Y	Rutinel	Y	Winter T.	Y
Duran	N	Keltie	Y	Rydin	Y	Woodrow	N
English	Y	Lieder	Y	Sirota	N	Woog	Y
Espenosa	Y	Lindsay	N	Slaugh	Y	Zokaie	Y
						Speaker	N

29 On motion of Majority Leader Duran, the resolution was **adopted**, as
30 amended, by the following roll call vote:

YES	60	NO	5	EXCUSED	0	ABSENT	0
Bacon	Y	Feret	Y	Luck	Y	Smith	Y
Barron	Y	Flanell	Y	Lukens	Y	Soper	Y
Boesenecker	Y	Froelich	Y	Mabrey	Y	Stewart K.	Y
Bottoms	N	Garcia	Y	Marshall	Y	Stewart R.	Y
Bradfield	Y	Garcia Sander	Y	Martinez	Y	Story	Y
Bradley	Y	Gilchrist	Y	Mauro	Y	Suckla	Y
Brooks	Y	Goldstein	Y	McCormick	Y	Taggart	Y
Brown	Y	Gonzalez R.	Y	Nguyen	Y	Titone	Y
Caldwell	Y	Hamrick	Y	Paschal	Y	Valdez	Y
Camacho	Y	Hartsook	Y	Phillips	Y	Velasco	Y
Carter	Y	Jackson	Y	Richardson	N	Weinberg	N
Clifford	Y	Johnson	N	Ricks	Y	Willford	Y
DeGraaf	Y	Joseph	Y	Rutinel	Y	Winter T.	Y
Duran	Y	Keltie	N	Rydin	Y	Woodrow	Y
English	Y	Lieder	Y	Sirota	Y	Woog	Y
Espenosa	Y	Lindsay	Y	Slaugh	Y	Zokaie	Y
						Speaker	Y

50 Co-sponsor(s) added: Representative(s) Bacon, Clifford, Gonzalez R., Soper

52 Pursuant to the resolution, the Speaker appointed Representatives
53 Martinez, Chair, Smith, and Bottoms to escort the Governor.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION

On motion of Majority Leader Duran, the rules were suspended and the following resolution was given immediate consideration:

(Requires a two-third vote.)

YES	62	NO	3	EXCUSED	0	ABSENT	0
Bacon	Y	Feret	Y	Luck	N	Smith	Y
Barron	Y	Flanell	Y	Lukens	Y	Soper	Y
Boesenecker	Y	Froelich	Y	Mabrey	Y	Stewart K.	Y
Bottoms	Y	Garcia	Y	Marshall	Y	Stewart R.	Y
Bradfield	Y	Garcia Sander	Y	Martinez	Y	Story	Y
Bradley	Y	Gilchrist	Y	Mauro	Y	Suckla	Y
Brooks	N	Goldstein	Y	McCormick	Y	Taggart	Y
Brown	Y	Gonzalez R.	Y	Nguyen	Y	Titone	Y
Caldwell	Y	Hamrick	Y	Paschal	Y	Valdez	Y
Camacho	Y	Hartsook	Y	Phillips	Y	Velasco	Y
Carter	Y	Jackson	Y	Richardson	Y	Weinberg	Y
Clifford	Y	Johnson	Y	Ricks	Y	Willford	Y
DeGraaf	N	Joseph	Y	Rutinel	Y	Winter T.	Y
Duran	Y	Keltie	Y	Rydin	Y	Woodrow	Y
English	Y	Lieder	Y	Sirota	Y	Woog	Y
Espenosa	Y	Lindsay	Y	Slaugh	Y	Zokaie	Y
						Speaker	Y

SJR26-003 by Senator(s) Danielson and Simpson; also Representative(s) Stewart K. and Suckla--Concerning a Joint Session of the Senate and the House of Representatives for the purpose of hearing a message from Representatives of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council and the Southern Ute Tribal Council, and, in connection therewith, appointing a committee to escort the Tribal Representatives.

(Printed and placed in members' files.)

On motion of Representative Stewart K., the resolution was **adopted** by the following roll call vote:

YES	65	NO	0	EXCUSED	0	ABSENT	0
Bacon	Y	Feret	Y	Luck	Y	Smith	Y
Barron	Y	Flanell	Y	Lukens	Y	Soper	Y
Boesenecker	Y	Froelich	Y	Mabrey	Y	Stewart K.	Y
Bottoms	Y	Garcia	Y	Marshall	Y	Stewart R.	Y
Bradfield	Y	Garcia Sander	Y	Martinez	Y	Story	Y
Bradley	Y	Gilchrist	Y	Mauro	Y	Suckla	Y
Brooks	Y	Goldstein	Y	McCormick	Y	Taggart	Y
Brown	Y	Gonzalez R.	Y	Nguyen	Y	Titone	Y
Caldwell	Y	Hamrick	Y	Paschal	Y	Valdez	Y
Camacho	Y	Hartsook	Y	Phillips	Y	Velasco	Y
Carter	Y	Jackson	Y	Richardson	Y	Weinberg	Y
Clifford	Y	Johnson	Y	Ricks	Y	Willford	Y
DeGraaf	Y	Joseph	Y	Rutinel	Y	Winter T.	Y
Duran	Y	Keltie	Y	Rydin	Y	Woodrow	Y

1	English	Y	Lieder	Y	Sirota	Y	Woog	Y
2	Espenoza	Y	Lindsay	Y	Slaugh	Y	Zokaie	Y
3							Speaker	Y
4	Co-sponsor(s) added: Representative(s) Bacon, Boesenecker, Brown, Caldwell,							
5	Camacho, Carter, Clifford, Duran, English, Espenoza, Froelich, Garcia,							
6	Garcia Sander, Goldstein, Gonzalez R., Hamrick, Hartsook, Jackson, Johnson,							
7	Joseph, Lieder, Lindsay, Lukens, Mabrey, Marshall, Martinez, Mauro, Nguyen,							
8	Paschal, Phillips, Ricks, Rutinel, Rydin, Sirota, Slaugh, Smith, Soper,							
9	Stewart R., Story, Taggart, Titone, Valdez, Velasco, Weinberg, Willford,							
10	Winter T., Woodrow, Woog, Zokaie, Speaker							

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12 Pursuant to the resolution, the Speaker appointed Representatives Ricks,
13 Chair, Clifford, and Suckla to escort Tribal Council Representatives.
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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

First Reading

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20 The following bills were read by title and referred to the committee(s)
21 indicated:
22

23 **HB26-1001** by Representative(s) Boesenecker and Mabrey; also
24 Senator(s) Exum and Gonzales J.--Concerning the
25 promotion of residential developments on qualifying
26 properties.

27 Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government
28

29 **HB26-1002** by Representative(s) Brown and Gilchrist; also Senator(s)
30 Ball and Pelton B.--Concerning measures to increase
31 patient access to behavioral health providers, and, in
32 connection therewith, efforts to enhance provider
33 participation in health-care provider networks,
34 reimbursement of prelicensed providers who provide
35 mental health services under the supervision of a licensed
36 provider, and decreasing the clinical hours required to
37 become a licensed clinical social worker.

38 Committee on Health & Human Services
39

40 **HB26-1003** by Representative(s) Ricks and Camacho; also Senator(s)
41 Kolker--Concerning modifications to the small business
42 recovery and resiliency loan program.

43 Committee on Business Affairs & Labor
44

45 **HB26-1004** by Representative(s) McCluskie and Caldwell; also
46 Senator(s) Coleman and Simpson--Concerning a
47 continuation of the income tax credit for a qualifying
48 contribution to promote child care in the state.

49 Committee on Finance
50

51 **HB26-1005** by Representative(s) Mabrey and Bacon, Duran,
52 Boesenecker, Brown, Camacho, Clifford, Espenoza,
53 Froelich, Garcia, Gilchrist, Hamrick, Jackson, Lieder,
54 Lindsay, Lukens, Martinez, Mauro, McCormick, Phillips,
55 Rydin, Stewart K., Stewart R., Titone, Velasco, Woodrow,

- 1 Zokaie; also Senator(s) Danielson and Jodeh, Bridges,
2 Cutter, Exum, Gonzales J., Hinrichsen, Kipp, Kolker,
3 Lindstedt, Marchman, Sullivan, Wallace, Weissman--
4 Concerning measures to reduce barriers in the "Labor
5 Peace Act" to promote good faith collective bargaining
6 negotiations.
7 Committee on Business Affairs & Labor
8
- 9 **HB26-1006** by Representative(s) Velasco and Martinez; also
10 Senator(s) Roberts--Concerning the designation of state
11 institutions of higher education as thriving institutions.
12 Committee on Education
13
- 14 **HB26-1007** by Representative(s) Smith and Stewart R.; also Senator(s)
15 Kipp--Concerning measures to improve a customer's
16 ability to use distributed energy resources.
17 Committee on Energy & Environment
18
- 19 **HB26-1008** by Representative(s) Lukens and Taggart; also Senator(s)
20 Marchman and Rich--Concerning measures to enhance
21 outdoor recreation opportunities in the state, and, in
22 connection therewith, expanding the division of parks and
23 wildlife's capacity for outdoor recreation coordination,
24 planning, and management.
25 Committee on Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources
26
- 27 **HB26-1009** by Representative(s) Duran and Gonzalez R.; also
28 Senator(s) Michaelson Jenet and Pelton B.--Concerning
29 using a mandatory lethality assessment when responding
30 to a domestic violence incident.
31 Committee on Judiciary
32
- 33 **HB26-1010** by Representative(s) Willford and Jackson; also Senator(s)
34 Danielson--Concerning increasing support for older adults
35 in the workforce.
36 Committee on Business Affairs & Labor
37
- 38 **HB26-1011** by Representative(s) Duran and McCormick; also
39 Senator(s) Rodriguez--Concerning the transfer of certain
40 pet animals in Colorado.
41 Committee on Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources
42
- 43 **HB26-1012** by Representative(s) Zokaie and Brown; also Senator(s)
44 Lindstedt and Weissman--Concerning consumer
45 protections to promote fair market pricing practices in the
46 state.
47 Committee on Judiciary
48
- 49 **HB26-1013** by Representative(s) Sirota and Mabrey, Ricks; also
50 Senator(s) Cutter and Weissman--Concerning the use of a
51 ratio utility billing system by a landlord to allocate utility
52 charges to tenants.
53 Committee on Business Affairs & Labor
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- 1 **HB26-1014** by Representative(s) Taggart and Boesenecker; also
2 Senator(s) Frizell--Concerning an extension of the
3 Colorado job growth incentive tax credit through state
4 income tax year 2034.
5 Committee on Finance
6
- 7 **HB26-1015** by Representative(s) McCormick and Taggart; also
8 Senator(s) Michaelson Jenet and Simpson--Concerning the
9 extension of the Colorado homeless contribution tax credit
10 through income tax year 2030.
11 Committee on Finance
12
- 13 **HB26-1016** by Representative(s) Phillips--Concerning the continuation
14 of open educational resources policies.
15 Committee on Education
16
- 17 **HB26-1017** by Representative(s) Espenosa and Zokaie; also Senator(s)
18 Weissman--Concerning prohibiting an insurer from
19 receiving restitution through the criminal restitution
20 process.
21 Committee on Judiciary
22
- 23 **HB26-1018** by Representative(s) Jackson and Joseph; also Senator(s)
24 Amabile--Concerning the establishment of long-term
25 services and supports for an individual transitioning out of
26 a nursing facility.
27 Committee on Health & Human Services
28
- 29 **HB26-1019** by Representative(s) Lieder and Bacon; also Senator(s)
30 Roberts--Concerning mandatory health-care coverage for
31 preventive kidney function screening services.
32 Committee on Health & Human Services
33
- 34 **HB26-1020** by Representative(s) Gilchrist and Bacon; also Senator(s)
35 Ball--Concerning colorimetric field drug tests in cases
36 involving drug possession.
37 Committee on Judiciary
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40 House in recess. House reconvened.
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44 **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**
45 **First Reading**
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47 The following bills were read by title and referred to the committee (s)
48 indicated:
49

- 50 **HB26-1021** by Representative(s) Bradley and Brooks--Concerning
51 measures to protect second amendment rights.
52 Committee on Judiciary
53
54

- 1 **HB26-1022** by Representative(s) Barron--Concerning an opt-out from
2 jury service for people who are at least seventy-two years
3 old.
4 Committee on State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs
5
- 6 **HB26-1023** by Representative(s) Luck; also Senator(s) Baisley,
7 Zamora Wilson--Concerning clarification of a political
8 party's liability for certain accessibility requirements
9 relating to ballot access for persons with disabilities.
10 Committee on State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs
11
- 12 **HB26-1024** by Representative(s) Keltie, Rydin; also Senator(s)
13 Frizell--Concerning raising the age of a child who may be
14 voluntarily relinquished from seventy-two hours old to
15 thirty days old or younger.
16 Committee on Health & Human Services
17
- 18 **HB26-1025** by Representative(s) Caldwell and Martinez; also
19 Senator(s) Roberts--Concerning an exemption for
20 auctioneers from certain requirements of the "Colorado
21 Charitable Solicitations Act".
22 Committee on Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources
23
- 24 **HB26-1026** by Representative(s) Marshall and Hamrick; also
25 Senator(s) Kolker--Concerning an expansion of plan
26 options for the public employees' retirement association.
27 Committee on Finance
28
- 29 **HB26-1027** by Representative(s) Story; also Senator(s) Kolker--
30 Concerning boards of cooperative services, and, in
31 connection therewith, permitting a retiree to work as an
32 executive director of a board of cooperative services
33 without losing retirement benefits and clarifying board of
34 cooperative services eligibility for postsecondary and
35 workforce readiness funding.
36 Committee on Education
37
- 38 **HB26-1028** by Representative(s) Garcia and Velasco; also Senator(s)
39 Cutter--Concerning second language diploma
40 endorsements for graduating high school students.
41 Committee on Education
42
- 43 **HB26-1029** by Representative(s) Hamrick; also Senator(s) Marchman--
44 Concerning enhancing representation in higher education
45 by altering the membership of certain entities involved in
46 higher education policy development in the state.
47 Committee on Education
48
- 49 **HB26-1030** by Representative(s) Valdez and Duran; also Senator(s)
50 Mullica--Concerning facilitation of data center
51 development while supporting utility resources, and, in
52 connection therewith, creating the "Colorado Data Center
53 Workforce, Clean Energy, Grid Modernization, and
54 Consumer and Environmental Protection Act".
55 Committee on Energy & Environment
56

- 1 **HB26-1031** by Representative(s) Soper and Martinez, McCluskie,
2 McCormick; also Senator(s) Roberts and Catlin, Bridges--
3 Concerning protections for certain agricultural products
4 grown in Colorado.
5 Committee on Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources
6
- 7 **HB26-1032** by Representative(s) Richardson and Velasco; also
8 Senator(s) Pelton B.--Concerning the creation of a fallen
9 firefighter special license plate.
10 Committee on Finance
11
- 12 **HB26-1033** by Representative(s) Gonzalez R. and Duran--Concerning
13 expanding the scope of the "Colorado Cottage Foods Act".
14 Committee on Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources
15
- 16 **HB26-1034** by Representative(s) Johnson and Lukens; also Senator(s)
17 Pelton R.--Concerning modifications to environmental
18 standards for certain irrigation equipment.
19 Committee on Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources
20
- 21 **HB26-1035** by Representative(s) Soper and Woodrow, Camacho; also
22 Senator(s) Weissman and Frizell, Roberts, Carson--
23 Concerning the enactment of the Colorado Revised
24 Statutes 2025 as the positive and statutory law of the state
25 of Colorado.
26 Committee on Judiciary
27
- 28 **HB26-1036** by Representative(s) Titone and Velasco--Concerning
29 authorization for a local government to impose taxes on
30 vacant residential properties, and, in connection therewith,
31 allowing a local government to levy an excise tax based on
32 the characteristics of a residential property, allowing a
33 local government to create a new property tax
34 classification for vacant residential properties and levy an
35 additional property tax on those properties, and allowing
36 local governments to contract to form a local housing tax
37 authority.
38 Committee on Finance
39
- 40 **HB26-1037** by Representative(s) Bacon and DeGraaf; also Senator(s)
41 Cutter--Concerning prohibiting a government entity from
42 obtaining certain personal data from a third party for use
43 by a government entity in exchange for anything of value.
44 Committee on Judiciary
45
- 46 **HB26-1038** by Representative(s) Paschal; also Senator(s) Snyder--
47 Concerning county commissioner redistricting.
48 Committee on State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs
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- 50 **HB26-1039** by Representative(s) Carter and Ricks, Richardson; also
51 Senator(s) Jodeh and Weissman--Concerning requirements
52 for municipal jails.
53 Committee on Judiciary
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- 1 **HB26-1040** by Representative(s) Froelich--Concerning the sterilization
2 rights of a person with intellectual and developmental
3 disabilities.
4 Committee on Health & Human Services
5
- 6 **HB26-1041** by Representative(s) Boesenecker and Paschal, Froelich,
7 Jackson, Lindsay, Stewart R.; also Senator(s) Pelton B.,
8 Carson, Cutter, Exum, Sullivan--Concerning the use of an
9 electronic vehicle record for a certificate of title, and, in
10 connection therewith, repealing the requirement for a
11 paper certificate of title.
12 Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government
13
- 14 **HB26-1042** by Representative(s) Feret; also Senator(s) Ball--
15 Concerning dry needling by occupational therapists.
16 Committee on Health & Human Services
17
- 18 **HB26-1043** by Representative(s) Rydin--Concerning measures to
19 address discriminatory conduct engaged in by
20 transportation network company drivers in providing
21 services to riders.
22 Committee on Business Affairs & Labor
23
- 24 **HB26-1044** by Representative(s) English and Joseph, Ricks--
25 Concerning measures to improve equity in maternal health.
26 Committee on Health & Human Services
27
- 28 **HB26-1045** by Representative(s) Clifford and Zokaie; also Senator(s)
29 Michaelson Jenet--Concerning housing protections for
30 individuals with disabilities.
31 Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government
32
- 33 **HB26-1046** by Representative(s) Camacho and Duran; also Senator(s)
34 Frizell and Mullica--Concerning the regulation of earned-
35 wage access services.
36 Committee on Finance
37
- 38 **HB26-1047** by Representative(s) Joseph--Concerning protections for
39 residential tenants, and, in connection therewith, requiring
40 a plaintiff that files a complaint regarding the unlawful
41 detention of real property to include certain information
42 with the complaint; requiring court records of certain
43 eviction actions to remain suppressed; requiring a landlord
44 to include certain information in, and to redact personal
45 identifying information from, a written demand or notice;
46 and requiring a landlord to provide a tenant at least one
47 rent payment option that does not require the tenant to
48 access an online portal or pay a transaction fee.
49 Committee on Judiciary
50
- 51 **HB26-1048** by Representative(s) Winter T.; also Senator(s) Pelton B.,
52 Carson--Concerning a sales and use tax holiday for back-
53 to-school items.
54 Committee on Finance
55

- 1 **HB26-1049** by Representative(s) Bottoms; also Senator(s) Baisley--
2 Concerning prohibiting the use of another individual's
3 personally identifying feature without permission.
4 Committee on State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs
5
- 6 **HB26-1050** by Representative(s) Garcia Sander and Hamrick; also
7 Senator(s) Frizell--Concerning making it optional for a
8 local education provider to provide an individualized
9 readiness plan to a student who satisfies minimum
10 requirements.
11 Committee on Education
12
- 13 **HB26-1051** by Representative(s) Suckla and Stewart K.; also
14 Senator(s) Roberts and Simpson--Concerning continuing
15 the microgrids for community resilience grant program.
16 Committee on Energy & Environment
17
- 18 **HB26-1052** by Representative(s) Woog and Stewart R.--Concerning
19 changes to the "Victim Rights Act".
20 Committee on Judiciary
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- 22 **HB26-1053** by Representative(s) Mauro--Concerning the
23 administration of duties related to the ownership of a
24 vehicle.
25 Committee on Finance
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- 27 **HB26-1054** by Representative(s) Rutinel and Velasco--Concerning
28 worker safety protections.
29 Committee on Business Affairs & Labor
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- 31 **HB26-1055** by Representative(s) Lindsay--Concerning the creation of
32 the my Colorado card pilot program, and, in connection
33 therewith, providing youth in grades six through twelve
34 with access to cultural, arts, recreational, or extracurricular
35 facilities throughout Colorado.
36 Committee on Education
37
- 38 **HB26-1056** by Representative(s) DeGraaf--Concerning prescription
39 drug sourcing provided pursuant to a health benefit plan.
40 Committee on Health & Human Services
41
- 42 **HB26-1057** by Representative(s) Bradfield and Marshall; also
43 Senator(s) Snyder--Concerning the registration by a
44 veteran with a disability of certain vehicles without paying
45 the required amounts.
46 Committee on Finance
47
- 48 **HB26-1058** by Representative(s) Slaugh and Lukens; also Senator(s)
49 Ball--Concerning protections for minors who are featured
50 in digital content.
51 Committee on Judiciary
52
- 53 **HB26-1059** by Representative(s) Hartsook and Stewart R.; also
54 Senator(s) Frizell and Snyder--Concerning the cash funds

- 1 created in connection with money retained by the
2 department of revenue to mitigate the administrative costs
3 incurred by the department in collecting certain charges.
4 Committee on Finance
5
6 **HB26-1060** by Representative(s) Flanell; also Senator(s) Snyder--
7 Concerning clarifying the criminal jurisdiction of
8 prosecutions to include harms committed against people
9 located in Colorado regardless of where the defendant is
10 located.
11 Committee on Judiciary
12
13 **HB26-1061** by Representative(s) Brooks--Concerning funding for
14 community integration housing, and, in connection
15 therewith, requiring ten percent of federal low-income
16 housing tax credits be set aside and priority for state
17 affordable housing tax credits be given to developments
18 that qualify as community integration housing for persons
19 with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
20 Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government
21
22 **HB26-1062** by Representative(s) Weinberg--Concerning an expansion
23 of the state income tax subtraction for retirement benefits
24 to allow an individual to subtract all such benefits from
25 federal taxable income for the purpose of calculating state
26 taxable income.
27 Committee on Finance
28
29 **HB26-1063** by Representative(s) Bradfield and Rydin, Jackson; also
30 Senator(s) Amabile and Michaelson Jenet--Concerning
31 treating individuals with a behavioral health disorder, and,
32 in connection therewith, reimbursing licensed providers
33 who administer medication-assisted treatment and
34 providing protections related to secure transportation for
35 persons experiencing a behavioral health crisis.
36 Committee on Health & Human Services
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38 **HB26-1064** by Representative(s) Jackson and Rydin; also Senator(s)
39 Amabile and Michaelson Jenet--Concerning modifications
40 to the youthful offender system.
41 Committee on Health & Human Services
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INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

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46
47 The following resolutions were read by title and laid over one day under
48 the rules:
49
50 **HJR26-1001** by Representative(s) Hamrick, Duran; also Senator(s)
51 Rodriguez, Coleman, Simpson--Concerning the officers
52 and employees of the Second Regular Session of the
53 Seventy-fifth General Assembly.
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1 **HR26-1001** by Representative(s) Hamrick, Duran--Concerning
2 employees and positions for the House of Representatives
3 convened in the Second Regular Session of the Seventy-
4 fifth General Assembly.
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8 **REMOTE PARTICIPATION**
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10 Pursuant to House Rule 53(d)(2), the following is a list of members
11 participating remotely in the proceedings of the House: Representatives
12 Bradley.
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16 On motion of Majority Leader Duran, the House adjourned until
17 9:00 a.m., Thursday, January 15, 2026.
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19 Approved:
20 Julie McCluskie,
21 Speaker

22 Attest:
23 Vanessa Reilly,
24 Chief Clerk

