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COLORADO SENIOR LOBBY SCORE CARD

The Colorado Senior Lobby is pleased to present its annual Score Card showing votes of Colorado House and Senate members on key issues in the 2012 legislative session.

We have selected thirteen bills followed by CSL that we believe are significant and representative, some that we supported and some that we opposed. Nine of the bills passed both houses and were enacted into law. Three of the bills passed the House but were killed in committee in the Senate. One of the bills passed the Senate but was killed in committee in the House. (We are not showing committee votes.)

Following are descriptions of each bill on the Score Card. We state the vote total in the House and Senate. The first number is the Yes votes; the second number is the No votes; and a third number may show absent and excused. We also show whether CSL supported or opposed the bill and the date and page number in the House Journal (HJ) and Senate Journal (SJ) for the vote.

House Bill 1028 (Gerou/Steadman): Enacted into law, HB 1028 extends funding from the Severance Tax Trust Fund for low income energy assistance (LEAP) through 2018-19. This provides direct bill payment assistance and home energy efficiency improvements.

Support. Passed House 49-16 (HJ 1/30, p. 103-4). Passed Senate 24-10 (SJ 3/4, p. 483).

House Bill 1075 (Beezley/Brophy): HB 1075 would have re-instated the formerly existing 6% limit on growth in general fund expenditures, commonly known as Bird-Arveschoug for its original sponsors, which was repealed in 2009. (GF expenditures continue to be limited to 5% of total personal income.) HB 1075 passed the House but was killed in committee in the Senate.

Oppose. Passed House 34-30-1 (HJ 4/24, p. 1095).

House Bill 1111 (Szabo/Mitchell): HB 1111 would have required voters to provide a photo with any identification for election-related purposes and would have eliminated several currently accepted means of identification. HB 1111 was passed in the House and subsequently killed in committee in the Senate.

Oppose. Passed House 33-31-1 (HJ 3/20, p.725).

House Bill 1150 (Priola/Lambert): HB 1150 was one of a series of bills which would have made significant changes in the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) plan. All of the bills died in the legislative session. HB 1150 was the only one to reach a floor vote. It would have significantly altered (reduced in many cases) the Highest Annual Salary (HAS) formula for determining retirement levels. HB 1140 passed the House but was killed in committee in the Senate.

Oppose. Passed House 33-32 (HJ 3/15, pp. 657-8).

House Bill 1226 (Barker/Aguilar): Enacted into law, HB 1226 provides for a surcharge to persons convicted of statutorily defined crimes against at-risk adults and juveniles. The funds received from the surcharge will be distributed to non-profit organizations for programs operating within standards and guidelines to provide respite services for caregivers.

Support. Passed House 48-17 (HJ 5/8, pp.1313-14). Passed Senate 21-14 (SJ 5/2, p.1038)

House Bill 1267 (Coram/Grantham): As introduced and passed in the House, House Bill 1267 made several changes, some non-controversial, in election procedures, including reducing the number of days for early voting prior to Election Day. The Senate amended the bill specifically transferring voters who had been listed as "inactive" to an active voter status. The House then failed to take up the amended bill and allowed it to die.

Oppose in House. Passed House 38-26-1 (HJ 3/27, p.760). Supported in Senate. Passed Senate 20-15 (SJ 5/7, p. 1119).

House Bill 1281 (Young/Steadman); Enacted into law, HB 1281 creates a process for the submission of pilot projects for consideration as new methodologies in the payment of Medicaid claims. The review of proposals for the pilot project, which must meet specific criteria, must be completed by April 1, 2013. The awarded projects must run for at least two years, but not beyond June 30, 2016.

Support. Passed House 51-14 (HJ 4/18, p. 1035). Passed Senate 28-7 (SJ 5/9, p. 1235).

House Bill 1294 (Liston/Tochtrop): Enacted into law, HB 1294 dealt with modifications to the regulation of health care facilities currently regulated by the Dept. of Health Care and the Environment (DPHCE). This complex bill, which makes numerous regulatory modifications, originally shifted much of the authority to the Dept. of Human Services (DHS) with more limited authority. Colorado Senior Lobby initially was concerned that the bill did not adequately protect residents of long-term care facilities. The bill was significantly amended in the Senate and gained our support. The House subsequently adopted the bill as amended in the Senate.

Support Passed Senate 35-0 (SJ 5/2, p. 1037). Re-adopted in House 61-4 (HJ 5/8, pp. 1315-16).

House Bill 1326 (Acree/Nicholson): Enacted into law, HB 1326, as introduced raises the standard allowance for the Old Age Pension program from \$699 to \$725 per month, provides dental assistance to seniors over 60 whose income is below 135% of the federal poverty level, and provides funding for both programs. In addition, the bill was amended in the Senate to provide that any funding appropriated to the Senior Homestead Exemption Program that was not actually claimed would be transferred to the Older Coloradans Fund for senior services.

Support. Passed Senate 23-12 (SJ 5/9, p.1249). Re-adopted in House 45-20 (HJ 5/9, pp. 1368-9).

Senate Bill 78 (Hudak, Schafer S.): Enacted into law, SB 78 clarifies definitions and modifies requirements regarding abuse and exploitation of at-risk adults: it expands the definition of at-risk to include persons over 70: it requires persons within specified professions or occupations to report observed abuse; it urges such persons to report observed or suspected financial exploitation; it requires a fingerprint background check on each protective service employee, among other provisions. In particular, the bill creates a 17 member Elder Abuse Task Force to meet during the 2012 legislative interim with the charge to study and make recommendations on related issues including how to fund and implement a mandatory reporting system.
Support. Passed House 59-6 (HJ 5/8, p.1293) Re-adopted Senate 24-11 (SJ 5/9, p. 1260).

Senate Bill 93 (Carroll/Duran): SB 93 would have required hospitals to provide notice of all services that the hospital refuses to provide because of religious beliefs or moral convictions. It would have required the hospital to provide notice prior to or at the time of admission or as soon after admission as practical, including the right of the patient to obtain these services from another hospital. SB 93 passed the Senate, but was killed in committee in the House.
Support Passed Senate 20-14-1 (SJ 2/29, p. 336).

Senate Bill 128 (Roberts/Summers): SB 128, which passed both houses and was enacted into law, would achieve efficiencies in the Medicaid long-term care program through greater utilization of alternative care facilities. The bill allows the Dept. of Health Care Policy and Financing (DHCPF) to create an enhanced reimbursement program in which an alternative care facility will receive a temporary increase in the per diem reimbursement rate for a client discharged from a nursing home facility. DHCPF may also identify Medicaid clients who are at risk of nursing home placement and re-direct them to an alternative care facility.
Support. Passed Senate 34-0-1 (SJ 3/12, p. 463). Passed House 65-0 (HJ 4/18, pp. 1024-5).

Senate Bill 134 (Aguilar/Acree) Enacted into law, SB 134 requires hospitals to provide information, in a clear understandable way in an appropriate language, to all patients concerning the hospital's financial assistance, charity care, and payment plan policies. Also, hospitals are required to screen uninsured patients for financial aid eligibility and to offer financial assistance to qualified patients. Hospitals are limited to charging persons eligible for financial assistance the lowest negotiated rate from a private payer for emergency and other medically necessary care.
Support. Passed Senate 28-6-1 (SJ 3/20, p. 531). Passed House 45-20 (HJ 4/18, pp. 1026-7).

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Acree	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12	6	6	50%
Balmer	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	12	5	7	42%
Barker	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	12	6	6	50%
Baumgardner	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	12	1	11	8%
Becker	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	12	3	9	25%
Beezly	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	12	3	9	25%
Bradford	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	12	7	5	58%
Brown	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	12	5	7	42%
Casso	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12	11	1	92%
Conti	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12	7	5	58%
Coram	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	12	6	6	50%
Court	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12	11	1	92%
DelGrosso	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	12	7	5	58%
Duran	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12	12	0	100%
Ferrandino	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12	12	0	100%
Fields	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12	12	0	100%
Fischer	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12	12	0	100%
Gardner, B	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	12	5	7	42%
Gerou	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12	8	4	67%
Hamner	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12	12	0	100%
Holbert	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	12	3	9	25%
Hullinghorst	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12	12	0	100%
Jones	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12	12	0	100%
Joshi	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	12	2	10	17%
Kagan	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12	12	0	100%
Kefalas	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12	12	0	100%
Kerr, A.	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12	12	0	100%
Kerr, J.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	12	7	5	58%
Labuda	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12	11	1	92%
Lee	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12	12	0	100%
Levy	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12	11	1	92%
Liston	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	12	4	8	33%
Looper	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	12	2	10	17%
Massey	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12	8	4	67%
McCann	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12	12	0	100%
McKinley	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12	11	1	92%
Mikloski	Y	N	E	N	Y	E	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	10	9	1	90%
Murray	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	12	5	7	42%
Nikkel	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	12	4	8	33%
Pabon	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12	12	0	100%

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Pace	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12	12	0	100%
Peniston	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12	12	0	100%
Priola	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	12	4	8	33%
Ramirez	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	12	6	6	50%
Ryden	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12	12	0	100%
Schafer, S.	Y	E	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	11	11	0	100%
Scott	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	12	5	7	42%
Singer	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12	12	0	100%
Solano	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12	12	0	100%
Sonnenberg	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	12	1	11	8%
Soper	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12	12	0	100%
Stephens	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	12	7	5	58%
Summers	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	12	7	5	58%
Swalm	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	12	5	7	42%
Swerdfeger	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12	8	4	67%
Szabo	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	12	4	8	33%
Todd	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12	12	0	100%
Tyler	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12	12	0	100%
Vaad	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	12	6	6	50%
Vigil	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12	11	1	92%
Waller	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	12	5	7	42%
Williams, A.	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12	11	1	92%
Wilson	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12	11	1	92%
Young	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12	12	0	100%
McNulty	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12	8	4	67%
Yes	49	34	33	33	48	38	51	61	45	58	65	45				
No	16	30	31	32	17	26	14	4	20	6	0	20				
Excused		1	1			1										
Absent																

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Aguilar	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	10	10	0	100%
Bacon	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	10	10	0	100%
Boyd	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	10	10	0	100%
Brophy	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	9	3	7	30%
Cadman	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	10	2	8	20%
Carroll	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	10	10	0	100%
Foster	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	10	10	0	100%
Giron	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	10	10	0	100%
Grantham	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	10	4	6	40%

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Guzman	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	10	10	0	100%
Harvey	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	10	3	7	30%
Heath	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	10	10	0	100%
Hodge	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	10	10	0	100%
Hudak	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	10	10	0	100%
Jahn	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	9	9	0	100%
Johnston	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	10	10	0	100%
King, K	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	10	3	7	30%
King, S	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	10	8	2	80%
Lambert	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	10	2	8	20%
Lundberg	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	10	3	7	30%
Mitchell	E	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	E	Y	8	3	5	38%
Morse	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	10	10	0	100%
Neville	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	10	2	8	20%
Newell	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	10	10	0	100%
Nicholson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	10	10	0	100%
Renfro	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	E	Y	Y	9	3	6	33%
Roberts	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	10	6	4	60%
Scheffel	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	10	2	8	20%
Schwartz	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	10	10	0	100%
Spence	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	10	7	3	70%
Steadman	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	10	10	0	100%
Tochtrop	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	10	10	0	100%
White	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	10	6	4	60%
Williams, S.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	10	10	0	100%
Shaffer, B.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	10	10	0	100%
YES	24	21	20	28	35	23	24	20	34	28				
NO	10	14	15	7	0	12	11	14	0	6				
Excused	1							1	1	1				
Absent														

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