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ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD — REVISED 8/8/14

Every year the Colorado Senior Lobby selects important bills that it has followed and has taken a public position to either support or oppose.

This year we have selected 11 bills to be the basis for evaluating each legislator’s support of issues the Senior Lobby considers important. The results are shown on pages 3 through 5.

The Senior Lobby is a non-partisan organization and does not endorse candidates. It is our goal to reach out to both parties and encourage all legislators to support the matters we consider important to the well-being of seniors.

The Senior Lobby is sensitive to budget constraints, and is committed to finding cost effective solutions to the impact of the significantly increasing senior population.

Colorado has one of the fastest growing senior populations in the nation.

The legislature provided increased financing for many important programs. But the legislation continues to provide short term solutions and funding at a time when the need cries out for serious long-term planning, with very clear goals to develop solutions, and the best course of action.

This summer and fall, the Legislative Committee of the Senior Lobby is working with other organizations committed to accelerating the efforts for cost effective solutions for assistance to those seniors in need of support.

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The ultimate folly is to think that something crucial to your welfare is being taken care of for you.

—Robert Brault, American operatic tenor

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THE ANNUAL SCORECARD SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION INCLUDED

SB 014: Property Tax/Rent/Heat Fuel Grants For Low-Income - Expands the property-related expense assistance grants for low-income seniors and individuals with disabilities by increasing the maximum awards, creating a minimum award and increasing the income threshold.

SB087: Identification Card Issuance Standards - Economic Opportunity Poverty Reduction Task Force. Requires the issuance of identification cards for an applicant that is at least 70 years old or at least 50 years old and an honorably discharged or retired veteran using certain documents issued by the federal government to prove name, age and lawful presence. The Department of Revenue is required to promulgate rules to clear up minor spelling discrepancies and accept alternate documents showing lawful presence. Creates a simplified process for persons to change their name to settle discrepancies and get a name-based instead of a fingerprint-based criminal history check.

SB098: Crimes against At-risk Elders - Adds “other thing of value” to the current definition of exploitation of at-risk elders that currently includes money, assets, or property. Adds “exploitation” to the definition of “abuse.” Expands the definition of undue influence. Establishes a new crime of exploitation of an at-risk elder. Reporting requirements related to mistreatment, neglect, or exploitation of at-risk elders is modified so reports no longer have to be made to the district attorney but rather to a local law enforcement agency or county department of social services.

SB180: Transfers the Dental Assistance Program for Seniors, also known as the Old Age Pension (OAP) Dental Program, from the Department of Public Health and Environment (DPHE) to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) as of July 1, 2015. In HCPF, the program is renamed as the Colorado Den-

tal Health Care Program for Low-Income Seniors. The eligibility criteria of the dental program are modified to align with other dental benefits for seniors and to target services to economically disadvantaged seniors as defined in rule. Under the redesigned program, HCPF provides funds to qualified grantees, including area agencies on aging, community organizations, local public health agencies, federally qualified health centers, and private dental practices

HB 1017: Expand Availability of Affordable Housing - Makes modifications to statutory provisions establishing the Housing Investment Trust Fund, the Housing Development Grant Fund, and the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit. Expands the funding sources.

HB 1328: Connect Colorado Broadband Act - The bill concerns the deployment of broadband into unserved areas of Colorado through grant-making from moneys allocated from the Colorado high cost support mechanism. There are concerns this will put landlines at risk by taking the money used for landline maintenance and putting it into broadband service.

HB 1331: Regulate Basic Local Exchange Service – Would totally deregulate landline service in Colorado. In other states that have deregulated phone services, prices have increased dramatically. For example, after deregulation in California the monthly cost of measured phone service increased by 260%.

HB 1357: In-Home Support Services in Medicaid Program - Makes changes to the HCBS in-home support services delivery model. Expands in-home support services to include persons in the spinal cord injury waiver pilot program. Amends statutory provisions for the elderly, blind, and disabled waiver to reflect current law permitting persons enrolled in the waiver to receive in-home support services.

HB 1360: Implements recommendations of Department of Regulatory Agencies' sunset report on regulation of home care agencies and home care placement agencies and modifications by the House PHC&HS committee. Continues home care agency licensure until 2019. Requires criminal history record checks. Specifies only PACE providers that furnish PACE home care services are regulated under the bill.

HB 1362: Great-grandparent Visitation Of Grandchildren - The bill amends the statutory provisions concerning visitation rights of grandparents and disputes concerning grandparent visitation to include great-grandparents, without changing the eligibility requirements or process outlined in the existing statutes. The bill adds the definition for great-grandparent.

HB 1377: Colorado Retirement Security Task Force - Creates the Colorado Retirement Security Task Force to develop recommendations for increasing the percentage of state residents who have adequate retirement security.

COLORADO SENIOR LOBBY 2014 LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD – HOUSE

HOUSE	SB 014	SB 087	SB 098	SB 180	HB 1017	HB 1328	HB 1331	HB 1357	HB 1360	HB 1362	HB 1377	Total	Pro CSL	Anti CSL	%
CSL Position	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Oppose	Oppose	Support	Support	Support	Support	Notes	CSL	CSL	
Becker	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
Buck	O	O	O	O	O	S	S	O	O	S	O	11	3	8	27%
Buckner	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
Conti	O	O	S	S	O	S	O	S	S	S	O	11	6	5	55%
Coram	O	O	E	S	O	O	O	O	O	S	O	10	2	8	20%
Court	S	E	S	S	S	O	S	S	S	S	S	10	9	1	90%
DeGrosso	O	O	S	S	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	11	5	6	45%
Dore	O	S	S	S	O	O	O	O	S	S	O	11	5	6	45%
Duran	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	E	S	S	S	10	8	2	80%
Everett	O	O	O	O	O	S	O	O	O	S	O	11	3	8	27%
Exum	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
Ferrandino	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
Fields	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
Fischer	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
Foote	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
Garcia	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
Gardner	O	O	S	S	O	S	O	S	S	S	O	11	6	5	55%
Gerou	O	O	S	S	O	O	O	S	S	S	O	11	5	6	45%
Ginal	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
Hamner	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
Holbert	O	O	S	O	O	S	S	O	O	S	O	11	4	7	36%
Hullinghorst	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
Humphrey	O	O	O	O	O	S	O	O	O	S	O	11	3	8	27%
Joshi	O	O	O	S	O	S	O	O	O	S	O	11	4	7	36%
Kagan	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
Kraft-Tharp	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
Labuda	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
Landgraf	O	O	S	S	O	S	O	O	O	S	O	11	4	7	36%
Lawrence	O	S	S	S	O	S	O	S	S	S	O	11	7	4	64%
Lebsock	S	S	S	S	S	O	S	S	S	S	S	11	10	1	91%
Lee	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
May	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
McCann	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
McLachlan	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
McNulty	O	O	S	S	O	E	E	S	S	O	O	9	5	4	56%
Melton	S	S	S	S	S	O	S	S	S	S	S	11	10	1	91%
Mitsch Bush	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%

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CSL Position	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Oppose	Oppose	Support	Support	Support	Support	Notes	CSL	CSL	%
Moreno	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
Murray	O	S	S	S	O	O	O	S	S	S	O	11	6	5	55%
Navarro	O	S	S	S	O	O	O	O	E	S	O	10	4	6	40%
Nordberg	O	O	O	O	O	S	S	O	O	S	O	11	3	8	27%
Pabon	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
Peniston	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
Petterson	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
Primavera	S	S	S	S	S	O	S	S	S	S	S	11	10	1	91%
Priola	O	O	S	O	O	S	O	O	O	S	O	11	3	8	27%
Rankin	O	O	S	S	O	O	O	S	S	S	O	11	5	6	45%
Rosenthal	S	S	S	S	S	O	S	S	S	S	S	11	10	1	91%
Ryden	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
Saine	O	O	S	O	O	S	S	O	O	S	O	11	4	7	36%
Salazar	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
Schafer	S	S	S	S	E	O	O	S	S	S	S	10	8	2	80%
Scott	O	E	E	S	E	O	O	S	O	S	O	8	3	5	38%
Singer	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
Sonnenberg	O	O	S	O	E	O	O	O	O	S	O	10	2	8	20%
Stephens	O	O	E	S	E	O	O	E	S	S	A	7	3	4	43%
Swalm	O	O	S	S	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	11	5	6	45%
Szabo	O	O	S	S	E	S	O	S	O	S	O	10	5	5	50%
Tyler	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
Vigil	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
Waller	O	E	E	S	O	S	O	S	S	S	O	9	5	4	56%
Williams	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	E	S	S	S	10	8	2	80%
Wilson	O	O	S	S	O	O	S	O	S	S	O	11	5	6	45%
Wright	O	O	S	S	O	S	S	S	O	S	S	11	6	5	55%
Young	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
SUPPORTED	37	40	55	57	36	17	14	48	48	65	38				
OPPOSED	28	22	6	8	24	47	50	14	16	0	26				
Excused	3	4	0	0	5	1	1	3	1	0	0				
Absent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				

S = Supported CSL Position
O = Opposed CSL position

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SENATE	SB 014	SB 087	SB 098	SB 180	HB 1017	HB 1328	HB 1331	HB 1357	HB 1360	HB 1362	HB 1377	Total	Pro CSL	Anti CSL	%
CSL Position	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Oppose	Oppose	Support	Support	Support	Support	Votes			
Aguilar	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
Balmer	O	S	S	S	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	11	6	5	55%
Baumgardner	O	O	S	O	O	E	E	O	O	S	O	9	2	7	22%
Brophy	O	S	S	O	O	O	O	O	O	S	O	11	3	8	27%
Cadman	O	S	S	O	O	O	O	S	O	S	O	11	4	7	36%
Carroll	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
Crowder	S	S	S	S	O	O	O	S	O	S	O	11	6	5	55%
Grantham	O	S	S	O	O	O	O	S	O	S	O	11	4	7	36%
Guzman	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
Harvey	O	S	S	O	S	S	O	O	O	S	O	11	5	6	45%
Heath	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
Herpin	O	S	S	S	O	O	O	S	S	S	O	11	6	5	55%
Hill	O	S	S	S	S	S	O	S	O	S	O	11	7	4	64%
Hodge	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
Jahn	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
Johnston	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
Jones	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
Kefalas	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
Kerr	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
King	O	S	E	S	O	O	O	S	S	S	O	10	5	5	50%
Lambert	O	O	S	O	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	11	4	7	36%
Lundberg	O	S	S	O	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	11	5	6	45%
Marble	O	O	S	O	S	S	O	O	S	O	O	11	4	7	36%
Newell	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
Nicholson	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
Renfroe	O	S	S	O	O	O	O	O	O	S	O	11	3	8	27%
Rivera	S	S	S	O	O	O	O	S	O	S	O	11	5	6	45%
Roberts	S	S	S	S	O	O	O	S	S	S	O	11	7	4	64%
Scheffel	O	S	S	O	O	O	O	O	O	S	O	11	3	8	27%
Schwartz	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	O	11	8	3	73%
Steadman	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
Tochtrop	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
Todd	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
Ulibarri	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
Zenzinger	S	S	S	S	S	O	O	S	S	S	S	11	9	2	82%
SUPPORTED	21	32	34	24	20	6	1	29	21	35	17				
OPPOSED	14	3	0	11	15	28	33	6	14	0	18				
Excused	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0				
Absent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				

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SENIOR LOBBY

ANNUAL MEETING

AUGUST 16, 2014

Breakfast and conversation from 8 to 9AM

Program and business meeting from 9AM to noon

LOCATION

Castle Rock Recreation & Senior Center

2323 Woodlands Blvd
Castle Rock, Co 80104

There will be a short business meeting. Most of the meeting will consist of a program featuring legislators and people serving the senior community.

You do not have to be a member to attend — just have an interest in matters affecting seniors.

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— Winston Churchill

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