

CLLARO 2017 Legislative Scorecard

While national politics dominates headlines and many of our conversations, **state politics have a far more direct impact on our lives.** From January to May of this year, Colorado’s state legislators were tirelessly crafting, debating, and voting on legislation. We know you probably didn’t have time to keep track of all 681 bills that were introduced to the legislature this session, so we made this list of the fifteen most relevant bills to Colorado’s Latino community. Keep in mind that even if a bill has already been passed it can be modified/amended. NOW is the best time to contact your legislators as they are preparing for the next legislative session. You’ll notice that legislators’ names are always followed by the districts they serve. This information can be used to get in contact with your local representation, as well as help you to track your legislator’s participation in the bill process. A big thank you to our Capital Fellows Program for giving us an inside look at what bills have had an impact on the Latino community in 2017.

On this scorecard, we included **only brief summaries** of legislation from the 2017 session that are important to Colorado’s Latino community. Since CLLARO’s policy focus areas are Health, Education, and Aging, you will find that we have selected bills which we have determined to be the top 5 most relevant bills in each of those categories. If you’re interested in something on this scorecard, we strongly encourage you to follow the link on each bill title below, or visit the [Colorado General Assembly Website](#). You can use this to find in depth details on each bill, find other bills legislators have worked on, and how to contact your legislator. If this information inspires you or you would like some help finding more information on these topics don’t hesitate to reach out! Email us at cllaro@cllaro.org or give us a call at 303-722-5150.

Key:

HD - House District	SD - Senate District
HB - House Bill	SB - Senate Bill

HEALTH	Bill # and Title*	House Sponsor	Senate Sponsor	Bill Summary	Bill Passed**	Bill Failed**
	HB17-1020: Mental Health in the Criminal Justice System	Jonathan Singer (HD 11)	Beth Martinez Humenik (SD 24)	This bill increases access to mental health treatment for people in the criminal justice systems.	✓	
	HB17-1134: Oppose Sanctuary Cities	Dave Williams (HD 15)	Vicki Marble (SD 23)	This bill allows the victims of crimes committed by undocumented immigrants living in sanctuary jurisdictions to sue the city and sponsoring elected official for damages.		✓
	HB17-1138: Hate Crime Reporting By Law Enforcement	Joseph Salazar (HD 31)	Angela Williams (SD 33)	This bill requires the department of public safety to include reported hate crimes in its annual hearing. This bill may help maintain the safety of communities of color.	✓	
	SB17-003: Repeal Colorado Health Benefit Exchange	Patrick Neville (HD 45)	Jim Smallwood (SD 4)	This bill would repeal Colorado's health benefit exchange, which is Colorado's implementation of the Affordable Care Act.		✓
	SB17-065: Transparency in Health Care Prices	Susan Lontine (HD 1)	Kevin Lundberg (SD 15)	This bill would require health care professionals and facilities to make health care prices for services available to the public.	✓	

EDUCATION	Bill # and Title*	House Sponsor	Senate Sponsor	Bill Summary	Bill Passed**	Bill Failed**
	HB17-1039: Enhanced Restorative Justice Options	Pete Lee (HD 18)	Daniel Kagan (SD 26)	This bill establishes restorative justice practices to be used as alternatives to stricter sentences in plea bargains.	✓	
	HB17-1160: Testing Alternatives for English Language Learners	Millie Hamner (HD 61), James Wilson (HD 60)	Rhonda Fields (SD 29), Kevin Priola (SD 25)	This bill allows for English Language Learners, grades K-3, to take standardized tests in their native languages. This bill also allows students' schools or districts to determine the appropriate language for these examinations (with parental exceptions).	✓	
	HB17-1206: Undocumented Persons' Driver's License Eligibility	Jonathan Singer (HD 11), Jeni James Arndt (HD 53)	Dominick Moreno (SD 21), Don Coram (SD 6)	Currently, an undocumented person must present a tax identification number in order to obtain a driver's license. This bill allows for undocumented persons with social security numbers to obtain driver's licenses as well.		✓
	HB17-1210: Discipline for Preschool through Second Grade Students	Susan Lontine (HD 1), Janet Buckner (HD 40)	Rhonda Fields (SD 29), Kevin Priola (SD 25)	This bill prevents preschool through second grade students from being expelled (except when expulsion is required by federal law). Additionally, it makes out-of-school suspensions harder to administer.		✓
	SB17-029: Funding for Full-Day Kindergarten	Brittany Pettersen (HD 28)	Andy Kerr (SD 22)	This bill would increase funding for public education and full-day kindergarten. Also use of any excess state revenue for education will be decided by Colorado voters.		✓

AGING	Bill # and Title*	House Sponsor	Senate Sponsor	Bill Summary	Bill Passed**	Bill Failed**
	SB17-105: Transparency in Electric Utility Charges	Daneya Esgar (HD 46), KC Becker (HD 13)	Leroy Garcia (SD 3)	This bill would require electric utility companies to provide a list of all charges on the electric bill.	✓	
	HB17-1253: Protect Seniors From Financial Abuse	Jessie Danielson (HD 24)	Larry Crowder (SD 35)	This bill requires financial advisors to report any suspected any suspected financial exploitation of elderly people.	✓	
	SB17-205: Twenty-One Days' Notice For Tenancy Termination	Dan Pabon (HD 4)	Kevin Priola (SD 25)	This bill would extend a notice for terminating one's tenancy from seven days to twenty-one days.	✓	
	HB17-1094: Telehealth Coverage Accessibility	Perry Buck (HD 49), Donald Valdez (HD 62)	Kerry Donovan (SD 5), Larry W. Crowder (SD 35)	The bill would make telehealth services more accessible and certain health care services more affordable.	✓	
	SB17-098: Concerning Mobile Home Parks	Joann Ginal (HD 52)	John Kefalas (SD 14)	This bill would promote home ownership, protect property rights, and provide incentives to local governments to preserve and develop mobile home park communities.		✓

* Some titles have been modified to reduce length and enhance clarity

** At end of 2017 legislative session