

VFJ Bill List – 2015

Bill number	Next scheduled	Bill sponsors	Bill title	Bill summary	Committee/ Disposition	Position
SB 15-001		Cadman	Excess State Revenues Refund Mechanism	Authorizes state revenue refund to taxpayers in accordance with TABOR limitations	Finance	Monitor
SB 15-004		Jahn, Primavera	CASA Volunteer For Youth In A Truancy Proceeding	Allows for establishment of a court-appointed special advocate (CASA) program; trained CASA volunteers can advocate for children in a truancy proceeding.	Passed 3 rd reading in Senate	Monitor
SB 15-012	Tues. 2/10, 2:00, 354, 4th bill	Kefalas, Pettersen	Colorado Works Pass-through Child Support Payment	Child support payments assigned to TANF recipients are currently paid to state DHS; bill allows payments to “pass through” to recipient and prevents benefit from being calculated as income in TANF cash assistance payment calculation. (Bill submitted by Early Childhood & School Readiness Commission.)	Passed Health & Human Services 3-2; to Finance	Active support
SB 15-020	Weds., 2/11, upon adj., (For action only)	Newell, McCann	Education To Prevent Child Sexual Abuse & Assault	Requires director of the school safety resource center to appoint a person to collect and make available materials and training regarding the awareness and prevention of child sexual abuse and assault	Laid over in Education 5-4 (not PI'd)	Monitor (esp. watch potential amendments on sex ed standards)
SB 15-030		Carroll	Prostitution Defense For Human Trafficking Victim	Creates an affirmative defense to the crime of prostitution if the person committed the act as a direct result of being a victim of human trafficking Amended in general orders	Passed Judiciary 5-0; to Cmte of Whole	Active Support
SB 15-032	Fri., 2/13 8 am, 3 rd bill	Marble	Lift Restrictions On Carrying Of Firearms	Allows a person who legally possesses a handgun under state and federal law to carry a concealed handgun	Passed Judiciary 3-2; to Appropriations	Monitor, make available
SB 15-044		Scott, Thurlow	Electric Renewable Energy Standard Reduction	Reduces the minimum percentage of renewable energy required of investor-owned utilities from 20% to 15% for 2015-2019 and from 30% to 15% for 2020 and thereafter	Passed Senate	Oppose

SB 15-045		Lundberg	Tax Credits For Nonpublic Education	Establishes a private school tuition income tax credit that allows any taxpayer to claim a credit when the he/she enrolls a child in a private school or the taxpayer provides a scholarship to a qualified child for enrollment in a private school	Passed Senate	Strongly Oppose
SB 15-063	Wed. 2/11, upon adj, 354, 1 st bill	Donovan	Alternative Energy for Schools Grant Program	Expands the existing wind for schools grant program enacted in 2007 to include other types of electricity generated from eligible energy resources.	Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Energy	Monitor
SB 15-069	Mon. 2/9, 1:30, 354, 2nd bill	Woods, Szabo	Repeal the Job Protection and Civil Rights Enforcement Act	Repeals the Job Protection and Civil Rights Enforcement Act (HB 13-1136), related to damages remedies available to persons who could prove employment discrimination	Business, Labor & Technology	Oppose?
SB 15-077		Neville T., Neville P.	Parent's Bill of Rights	Develops "Parent's Bill of Rights" pursuant to rights related to education and health care, including expanded opt-out abilities related to public school instruction on human sexuality, state vaccination requirements, and longitudinal school testing data collection	Passed Education 5-4; Sent to COW	Monitor (for religious statements)
SB 15-079		Ulibarri	Doc Recording Fee To Fund Affordable Housing	Raises to \$2 the surcharge imposed by county clerks/recorders for each document received; directs half of the money collected to a fund administered by the Colorado Housing Finance Authority for the purpose of developing and preserving affordable housing	State, Veterans & Military Affairs	Support
SB 15-086		Lambert, Joshi	Repeal Gun Transfer Bkgd Check Rqmnt & Fee	[Functionally identical to HB 15-1050]	Passed Judiciary 3-2; to Appropriations	Make available
SB 15-092		Cooke	Multi-agency Review Of State Carbon Emission Plan	Establishes requirements for DPHE for proposed state plan on reduction of carbon emissions related to pending EPA regulations, including rate impact limitations, economic impact assessments, and adoption requirements by the General Assembly	State, Veterans & Military Affairs	Monitor
SB 15-131	Wednesday 2/11, 1:30, SCR 353, 1 st bill	Newell; Pettersen	Fostering Success Collaborative for Foster Youth	Establishes a multi-agency success collaborative to align services for youth age 13+ who are/were in the state's care or who were victims of trafficking.	State, Veterans & Military Affairs; Finance	Support
SB 15-175		Holbert & Cooke/Humphrey	Ammunition magazines	The bill repeals statutory provisions prohibiting the possession of large-capacity ammunition magazines and requiring identification markings to be placed upon large-capacity ammunition magazines that are manufactured in Colorado.	Judiciary	Make available

HB 15-1018		Danielson	Protecting Seniors From Elder Abuse	Adds additional persons (incl. home health providers, CPAs, insurance agents, postal workers) to the list of persons required to report abuse/exploitation of a person 70 years of age or older	Passed Judiciary 7-6; to PHC&HS	Support
HB 15-1019	Tues., 2/17, 1:30, 2nd bill	Lundeen	Victims Of Human Trafficking And Prostitution	Creates an affirmative defense for minors to the crime of prostitution if the minor committed the act as a direct result of being a victim of human trafficking; establishes immunity for a minor who is charged with prostitution	Judiciary	Research (Sue)
HB 15-1022		McCann, Steadman, Cooke	Juvenile Petty Offense Contracts	Allows juveniles to avoid court charges when satisfying conditions of a petty offense contract	3 rd floor reading	Support
HB 15-1023		Lontine, Aguilar	Day Treatment Center Age Of Children Served	Changes the age limits for persons served by a day treatment center from 5-18 years of age to 3-21 years of age	3 rd floor reading	Support (Health Care)
HB 15-1024		Petterson, Kefalas, Todd	Increasing Number Of CO Preschool Program Students	Funds an additional 3,000 children as half-time or full-time preschool students. (Bill submitted by Early Childhood & School Readiness Commission.)	Passed Education 6-5; to Appropriations	Support
HB 15-1029		Buck, Ginal, Kefalas, Martinez Humenik	Health Care Delivery Via Telemedicine Statewide	Precludes a health benefit plan from requiring in-person care delivery when telemedicine is appropriate, regardless of the geographic location of the health care provider and the recipient of care	Passed HIE 13-0; to Cmte of Whole	Active Support
HB 15-1030		Landgraf	Employment Services For Veterans Pilot Program	Creates an employment services for veterans pilot program, including services for job retention, mediation, mentoring and guidance (sunset 2018)	Passed SVMA 8-3; to Appropriations	Support

HB 15-1033	Tues., 2/17, 1:30, 2 nd bill	Primavera, Crowder	Strategic Planning Group On Aging	Establishes a strategic planning group to develop a statewide action plan on aging	Public Health Care & Human Services	Support (Deb)
HB 15-1037	Monday, 2/9, 1:30, 112, 1 st bill	Priola, Neville T.	Religious Freedom Student Groups Higher Ed	Prohibits a state institution of higher education from denying benefits to religious student groups when those groups require leaders to adhere to the group's religious beliefs or standards of conduct; benefits include recognition, registration, use of facilities, use of institutional communication tools, and accessing institutional funding sources	Education	Monitor
HB 15-1041		Humphrey, Ransom, Lundberg	Protect Human Life At Conception	Prohibits abortion and makes a violation a class-3 felony; exception in case of physician performing a procedure designed to save life of the mother	Judiciary; Appropriations	Monitor, Make available
HB 15-1042		Foote, Cooke	Presentence Reports By Probation Officers	Requires probation officer's presentencing report to include statement concerning the estimated amount of time a defendant is expected to actually spend in incarceration	Judiciary	Monitor
HB 15-1062		Melton, Lebsock, Balmer, Sonnenberg	Increase Penalties For Animal Fighting	The bill would increase and make mandatory the existing potential fines for those found guilty of animal fighting. Fines would go from a maximum of \$1,000 to at least \$1000 for a first offense; and from a maximum of \$5,000 to at least \$5,000 for those found guilty of a second offense.	Passed ALNR 11-2; to Cmte of Whole	Support (a Becky Bill)
HB 15-1078	Mon., 2/9, 2 nd reading	Nordberg, McCann	Reporting Missing Youth in State's Legal Custody	Requires the state department of human services or a county department of human or social services that has legal custody of a child or youth to report the child's or youth's disappearance to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and to law enforcement	Passed PHC&HS 13-0; to Cmte of Whole	Monitor
HB 15-1094	Tuesday 2/10, 1:30, 112, 3 rd bill	Lee, Cooke, Newell	Restorative Justice Council and Pilot Changes	Adds members to the restorative justice coordinating council; expands types of convictions that may be included in the pilot program	Judiciary	Support
HB 15-1100	Weds., 2/11, 1:30, 1 st bill	Lebsock, Roupe, Crowder, Ulibarri	Sales Tax Revenue to Older Coloradans Cash Fund	Would increase the amount of sales tax money credited to the old age pension fund from \$10 million to \$14 million every year.	Finance	Support
HB 15-1111		McCann, Crowder	Maternal Mortality Prevention	Creates a review committee to identify causes of maternal mortality and develop recommendations to prevent it.	Passed PHC&HS 7-6; to Appropriations	Monitor

HB 15-1128	Thursday, 2/12, 1:30, 107, 2nd bill	Neville T., Neville P.	Women's Health Protection Act	Would require all abortion clinics to be licensed by the state health department, and such clinics must meet certain requirements as to physical facilities, personnel, procedures followed, minimum recovery room standards and follow-up care.	Public Health Care & Human Services	Make available
HB 15-1133		Danielson	Continue Colorado Pay Equity Commission	Extends the Colorado Pay Equity Commission indefinitely and requires it to monitor pay equity issues in the state.	Passed BAL 7-6; to Appropriations	Support
HB 15-1135		Court, Ginal, Guzman	Terminally Ill Individuals End-of-Life Decisions	Enacts the "Colorado Death with Dignity Act" and establishes parameters for patients and doctors related to end-of-life care for terminally ill persons.	Public Health Care & Human Services	Monitor
HB 15-1140	Wednesday, 2/18, LSB-A, upon adj., 1st bill	Coram, Sonnenberg, Baumgardner	Same Day Voter Registration with Photo ID	Requires voters who register on the same day of an election to provide a photo ID [would be referred to CO voters by ballot measure for approval in 2016].	State, Veterans & Military Affairs	Oppose
HB 15-1152		Nordberg, Van Winkle, Holbert	Concealed Handgun Carry No Permit	Allows a person who legally possesses a handgun under state/federal law to carry a concealed handgun in Colorado without additional permitting.	State, Veterans & Military Affairs	Monitor
HB 15-1168		Neville P., Neville T.	Concealed Handgun Carry Public Schools	Repeals the statute prohibiting persons with valid concealed-carry permits to carry concealed handguns on public school grounds.	State, Veterans & Military Affairs	Monitor
HB 15-1172		DelGrosso	Repeal Punitive Damage Employment Discrimination	Repeals statute allowing a plaintiff filing an employment discrimination claim under state law to obtain a punitive damage award.	Judiciary	Oppose
HB 15-1174	Thursday, 2/12, 1:30, 112, 3rd bill	Carver, Woods	Information Protection Domestic Violence Victims	Extends confidentiality of personal information protection to victims of domestic violence of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.	Judiciary	Support
HB 15-1177		Willet, Becker, Donovan	Rural Economic Development Initiative Grant Prog	Creates a rural economic emergency assistance grant program based on determined economic indicators; allows local gov'ts and private employers to apply for grants for programs to attract jobs, if applicants put up matching funds	Business Affairs & Labor; Appropriations	
HB 15-1183		Fields	Child's Statements of Attempted Sexual Crimes	Requires out of court statements by child who is witness to or victim of attempted sexual offenses to be admitted into evidence.	Judiciary	Support

HB 15-1195		Kagan	Commencement of the Earned Income Tax Credit	Permits eligible taxpayers to claim permanent EITC beginning with 2015 income tax year. Repeals current refund mechanism.	Finance; Appropriations	Support
HB 15-1210	Mon., 2/23, 1:30, 3 rd bill	Dore	GA Review Env'tl Rules Required in Lieu Fed Law	Requires environmental commissions to submit an annual report to the general assembly regarding all new/amended rules required by EPA regulations.	State, Veterans & Military Affairs	
Completed bills						
SB 15-009		Jones, Hamner	Public Building Woody Biomass Energy Grant Program	Promotes use of woody biomass as fuel source for public buildings by creating a grant program	PI by Agriculture	Listen, reserve judgment
SB 15-033		Kerr	Increasing Funding For Public Pre-K-12 Education	Authorizes state to keep revenue above TABOR-imposed limit for purposes of funding full-day kindergarten and the state education fund, subject to a voter-approved ballot measure	PI by State, Veterans & Military Affairs	Support
SB 15-034		Ulibarri, Lebsack	Reduce Finance Charge Limit For Credit Cards	Reduces the maximum permissible finance charge that a lender or seller may impose from 21% to 12.5% per year on the unpaid balance of the amount financed for a credit card	PI by Business, Labor & Technology	Monitor
SB 15-036		Donovan	Rural Economic Emergency Assistance Grant Program	Creates a rural economic emergency assistance grant program for grants to rural communities experiencing significant economic crises	PI by State, Veterans & Military Affairs	Support
SB 15-037		Garcia, Navarro	Youthful Offenders In Corrections	Youthful offenders sentenced to the DOC may be transferred into and out of the youthful offender system at the discretion of the executive director of the state DOC	PI by Judiciary	Support
SB 15-054		Donovan, Moreno	Free or Reduced-cost Lunch Five Days All Schools	Requires school food authorities that operate on a 4-day school week schedule to provide those students with a box lunch for the day of the week that the school is closed	PI by State, Veterans & Military Affairs	Support

SB 15-066		Ulibarri	Noncitizen Resident Identification Documents	Expands the types of government documents that are legally sufficient as basis for issuance of ID documents to persons not lawfully present in U.S.	PI by State, Veterans & Military Affairs	Monitor
HB 15-1009		Humphrey, Holbert	Repeal Large Ammo Magazine Ban	Repeals prohibition of the possession of large-capacity ammo magazines and requirement for ID markings on large-capacity magazines manufactured in Colorado	PI by State, Veterans & Military Affairs	Monitor, make available
HB 15-1050		Joshi, Woods	Repeal Gun Transfer Background Check Requirement & Fee	Repeals requirement that before any unlicensed gun dealer transfers possession of a firearm, he/she must have a criminal background check conducted of the prospective transferee and obtain approval of the transfer from the Colorado Bureau of Investigation	PI by State, Veterans & Military Affairs	Monitor
HB 15-1066		Joshi, Lundberg	Repeal of the Colorado Health Benefits Exchange	Would repeal the state's health benefits exchange	PI by Health Insurance & Environment	Actively Oppose
HB 15-1080		Joshi, Hill	School Participation in Breakfast After the Bell	Changes requirement for school with 70% of students eligible for free lunch to 80%.	PI by Education	Oppose
HB 15-1084		Tate	Collection of Mail Ballots	Reduces the number of voter service and polling centers (VSPC) and deletes a requirement in the requiring the return envelope for a mail ballot packet to have a flap covering the signature.	PI by State, Veterans & Military Affairs	Monitor
HB 15-1127		Klingenschmitt, Garcia	No Liability for Permitting Concealed Carry	Specifies that business owners who adopt a policy of allowing concealed weapons by those with permits are NOT liable for damages if someone gets shot because of it.	PI by State, Veterans & Military Affairs	Make available