



# Women's Lobby of Colorado

## 2010 Legislative Scorecard

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We are pleased to present our second annual legislative scorecard reflecting women's priorities in the state of Colorado. Provided in this scorecard are the voting records of each member of the Colorado State Legislature on women-focused priority bills considered in the 2010 session.

The Women's Lobby of Colorado seeks to provide better opportunities for women in

our state by ensuring that public policies reflect gender equity and justice. By consistently maintaining a daily lobbying presence at Colorado's Capitol, our all volunteer organization has kept the needs of women front and center in our state's public policy debates for more than a decade.

This scorecard serves as a guide to Coloradans on issues that are important to women. We hope that you will carefully examine the scores of legislators and write or call elected officials to let them know you reviewed their votes. You can determine who your state senators and state representatives are by visiting [www.votesmart.org](http://www.votesmart.org).

### SCORING METHODOLOGY

Thirteen bills were selected, representing a range of women's issues. The bills were either priority bills for the Women's Lobby of Colorado, our member organizations, or our coalition partners. The scorecard was compiled from 3rd reading votes recorded in the official state legislative journals, with the exception of the votes on HB 1269-Workplace Fairness Civil Remedies, which reflect the second reading voice vote. The bill died on the second reading.

A "green dot" (●) indicates the legislator

voted to support the bill. A "red square" (■) means the legislator voted against the bill. The Women's Lobby supported all the rated bills, with the exception of HB 1384 – Non-Citizen Eligibility Old Age Pension- which we opposed. Therefore, a "green dot" vote is consistent with the Women's Lobby position for all bills. "E" means the legislator was excused; "A" means the legislator was absent. An excused legislator may have planned to vote a certain way on particular bills, but our ratings are based on actual votes

cast, which are consistent with the Women's Lobby of Colorado's position.

We also discuss four important bills that did not make it out of their first committee. Votes cast in these committees are not counted in a legislator's score.

For the full text of any bill, visit Colorado General Assembly's website: <http://www.leg.state.co.us> The Women's Lobby of Colorado is represented at the State Capitol by lobbyist Jennifer Miles.

### SUMMARY OF BILLS ON SCORECARD

<p><b>SB10-6</b></p>	<p><b>Identification Documents Help Reduce Poverty</b>                  Sen. Betty Boyd                  Rep. Ken Summers                  Allows State Departments (including Department of Human Services and Corrections) to waive fees for births certificates and driver's licenses for certain clients who are unable to pay. Allows judges to permit felons to change their names if needed to get identity documents. The Women's Lobby supported this bill because lack of ID documents is a barrier to accessing state services such as food stamps and Medicaid that can help women and their families become more self-sufficient.</p>	<p><i>Signed into law.</i>                  Passed Senate 22-12, 1 excused                  Passed House 48-16, 1 excused</p>
<p><b>SB10-28</b></p>	<p><b>Work Share Program</b>                  Sen. Rollie Heath                  Rep. Sal Pace                  The program will give employers an alternative to laying off their employees by allowing them to reduce the overall work hours of a group of employees. The employees can then access a pro-rated share of unemployment benefits. Businesses get to keep experienced workers and the workers get to keep their jobs and benefits.</p>	<p><i>Signed into law.</i>                  Passed Senate 23-12                  Passed House 38-27</p>



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- SB10-193 Restraints Used On Pregnant Inmates** *Signed into law.*  
 Sen. Evie Hudak Passed Senate 35 – 0  
 Rep. Claire Levy Passed House 62 -0, 3 excused  
 Prohibits the use of restraints/shackles when a woman who is incarcerated is giving birth. If restraints are used (on either men or women) during incarceration, documentation is required as to why the inmate was restrained.
- HB10-1002 Fund the Earned Income Tax Credit for Working Families** *Signed into law.*  
 Rep. John Kefalas Passed House 37-27, 1 excused  
 Sen. Paula Sandoval Passed Senate 22-12, 1 excused  
 Speeds up the day when working families can receive the state Earned Income Tax Credit again, putting money back into the pockets of hard working families who earn less than \$ 42,000/year. When the economy bounces back, this proven tool for fighting poverty will be funded sooner.
- HB10-1008 End Discrimination Against Women in Setting Health Insurance Rates** *Signed into law.*  
 Reps. Sue Schafer, Beth McCann Passed House 59-2, 4 excused  
 Sens. Morgan Carroll, Gail Schwartz Passed Senate 20-13, 1 excused, 1 absent  
 Insurance companies will no longer be allowed to charge women more than men for the same insurance policy. Being a woman can no longer be considered a pre-existing condition. This policy will affect over 130,000 Colorado women. As employers continue to lay-off workers, more women are forced to purchase insurance in the individual market.
- HB10-1021 Mandatory Coverage for Maternity Care** *Signed into law.*  
 Reps. Jerry Frangas and Beth McCann Passed House 37-27, 1 excused  
 Sen. Joyce Foster Passed Senate 20-14, 1 excused  
 Requires private health insurance plans to cover maternity and contraceptive services for women. Pregnancy at the time of an initial insurance application can still be considered a pre-existing condition.
- HB 1035 Eligibility for Child Care Assistance Program** *Signed into law.*  
 Reps Tom Massey, Judy Solano Passed House 64-1  
 Sen. Pat Steadman Passed Senate 22-11, 2 excused  
 Allows 12 month continuous eligibility for Colorado Child Care Assistance Program. Children receive the continuity of care. Parents and employers don't need to deal with sudden changes and losses of child care. Lessen paperwork and administrative burden.
- HB10-1252 Mammography Coverage** *Signed into law.*  
 Rep. Dianne Primavera Passed House 64-0, 1 excused  
 Sens. Betty Boyd and Gail Schwartz Passed Senate 33-2  
 Ensures that decisions about frequency of mammograms will be made between a woman and her doctor, not the government. Specifically, the bill allows for anyone to have their mammogram covered by their insurance if they are over 40 or at-risk as determined by a doctor.
- HB10-1269 Workplace Fairness Civil Rights** *Killed on second reading in House. Therefore not included in Senators' scorecard.*  
 Rep. Claire Levy Lost in House 31-32, 2 excused  
 Sen. Morgan Carroll  
 Would have added "teeth" to Colorado Civil Rights laws. Increases penalties, including payment of attorney's fees and punitive damages, for employers found guilty of discrimination.



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- HB10-1351 Cap Interest Rates on Predatory Pay Day Loans**  
Rep. Mark Ferrandino  
Sen. Chris Romer  
This legislation reforms the predatory pay day loan industry and protects consumers. Caps interest rate at 45% for pay day lenders, and also prohibits lenders from charging a finance fee of more than \$10 for each \$100 loaned for the initial loan in a 12-month period.  
*Signed into law.*  
Passed House 33-31, 1 excused  
Passed Senate 18-17
- HB10-1384 Noncitizen Eligibility Old Age Pension**  
Rep. Kent Lambert  
Sen. Al White  
*NOTE: The Women's Lobby opposed this bill.*  
Changed the waiting period for Old Age Pension from 3 to 5 years for legal permanent residents, resulting in cutting off 2,447 Colorado residents currently receiving Old Age Pension benefits.  
Passed House 60 – 5  
Passed Senate 35 - 0
- HB10-1417 Pay Equity Commission**  
Rep. Cherylin Peniston  
Sen. Suzanne Williams  
This bill created a permanent Pay Equity Commission that focuses on educating employers about pay inequities for women and people of color in addition to encouraging employers to implement equal pay practices, and working to establish Colorado as a model employer state with regard to pay equity.  
*Signed into law.*  
Passed House 35-28, 2 excused  
Passed Senate 21-13, 1 excused

## BILLS KILLED IN COMMITTEE

(Not included in scorecard)

### Women's Lobby Supported

This year, the Women's Lobby priority bill was HB 1248, the Safe Personal Care Products bill. The FDA does not regulate the chemicals used in personal care products, prompting action to be taken at the state level. We were pleased to introduce this new issue regarding women's health to legislators.

- HB10-1248 Safe Personal Care Products**  
Rep. Dianne Primavera  
Sen. Betty Boyd  
Would have prohibited manufacturers from distributing or selling in Colorado personal care products including shampoo, deodorant and makeup that contain known or probable carcinogens or reproductive toxins.  
*Killed in House Judiciary 4-7*  
Votes to support: Reps. Levy, Miklosi, McCann, Ryden  
Votes to oppose: Court, B. Gardner, Kagan, King, Pace, Nikkel and Waller
- HB10-1397 Employee Accrued Paid Sick Time**  
Rep. Cherylin Peniston  
Sen. Morgan Carroll  
Would have required employers to offer paid sick days to all employees based on number of hours worked. Women often stay home with sick children and are forced to choose between their wages and staying home when they or their children are sick.  
*Killed unanimously in House Business upon request of sponsor.*

### Women's Lobby Opposed

- SB10-113 First Degree Murder of a Fetus**  
Rep. BJ Nikkel  
Sen. David Schultheis  
Would have made killing a fetus in certain circumstances a class one felony and would have made exceptions to a charge involving the killing of a fetus.  
*Killed in Senate State Affairs 2-3*  
Votes to support: Sens. Schultheis, Cadman  
Votes to oppose: Sens. Boyd, Bacon and Heath
- HB10-1261 Unborn Victims of Violence Act**  
Reps. Bradford and Summer  
Addresses violent crimes against fetuses such as murder and voluntary manslaughter.  
*Killed in House Judiciary 5-6*  
Votes to support: Reps. B Gardner, S. King, Nikkel, Pace, Waller  
Votes to oppose: Reps. Court, Kagan, Miklosi, Ryden, McCann, Levy

Representative	Dist.	Counties
McCloskey, Wes	42R	Baca, Bent, Huerfano, Las Animas, Otero, Prowers
McHutty, Frank	43R	Douglas
Middleton, Karen	42D	Arapahoe
Murray, Carol	45R	Denver, Douglas, Teller
Palmer, D.J.	43D	Lincoln, Morgan, Phillips
Pace, Sal	46D	Pueblo
Perinston, Cheryl	35D	Alamosa

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Bacon, Bob	14/D	Larimer	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	91%
Boyd, Betty	21/D	Jefferson	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	91%
Brophy, Greg	1/R	Cheyenne, Elbert, Kiowa, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Prowers, Sedgwick, Washington, Yuma	■	■	●	■	■	■	■	●	●	■	■	■	25%
Cadman, Bill	10/R	El Paso	■	■	●	■	■	■	■	■	●	■	■	■	17%
Carroll, Morgan	36/D	Arapahoe	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	91%
Foster, Joyce	35/D	Denver	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	91%
Gibbs, Dan	16/D	Boulder, Clear Creek, Gilpin	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	91%
Harvey, Ted	30/R	Douglas	■	■	●	■	■	■	■	●	●	■	■	■	25%
Heath, Rollie	18/D	Boulder	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	91%
Hodge, Mary	25/D	Adams	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	■	●	83%
Hudak, Evie	19/D	Jefferson	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	91%
Johnson, Michael	33/D	Denver	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	91%
Keller, Moe	20/D	Jefferson	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	91%
Kester, Ken	2/R	Baca, Bent, Crowley, Custer, Fremont, Huerfano, Las Animas, Otero, Pueblo	■	■	●	●	●	■	E	●	●	■	■	■	42%
King, Keith	12/R	El Paso	■	■	●	■	■	■	■	●	●	■	■	■	25%
Kopp, Mike	22/R	Jefferson	■	■	●	■	■	■	E	●	●	■	■	E	25%
Lundberg, Kevin	15/R	Larimer	■	■	●	●	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	17%
Mitchell, Shawn	23/R	Adams, Broomfield, Weld	■	■	●	●	■	■	■	●	●	■	■	■	33%
Morse, John	11/D	El Paso	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	91%
Newell, Linda	26/D	Arapahoe, Jefferson	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	■	●	83%
Penry, Josh	7/R	Garfield, Mesa	■	●	●	■	■	■	■	●	●	■	■	■	33%
Renfroe, Scott	13/R	Weld	E	■	●	■	■	■	■	●	●	■	■	■	25%
Romer, Chris	32/D	Denver, Jefferson	●	●	●	E	A	E	●	●	●	●	■	●	66%
Sandoval, Paula	34/D	Denver	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	91%
Scheffel, Mark	4/R	Douglas, El Paso	■	■	●	■	●	■	■	●	●	■	■	■	33%
Schultheis, Dave	9/R	El Paso	■	■	●	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	8%
Schwartz, Gail	5/D	Alamosa, Chaffee, Conejos, Costilla, Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Mineral, Pitkin, Rio Grande, Saguache	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	91%
Shaffer, Brandon	17/D	Boulder	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	91%
Spence, Nancy	27/R	Arapahoe	●	■	●	■	■	■	■	●	●	■	■	■	33%
Steadman, Pat	31/D	Denver, Adams	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	91%
Tapia, Abel	3/D	Pueblo	●	●	●	●	E	●	●	●	●	■	■	●	83%
Tochtrop, Lois	24/D	Adams	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	■	●	83%
White, Al	8/R	Eagle, Garfield, Jackson	●	●	●	■	■	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	50%
Whitehead, Bruce	6/D	Archulete, Dolores, LaPlata, Montezuma, Montrose, Ouray, San Juan, San Miguel	●	●	●	■	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	83%
Williams, Suzanne	28/D	Arapahoe, Denver	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	91%



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Acree, Cindy	40/R	Arapahoe/ Elbert	●	■	●	■	●	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	■	46%
Apaun, Dennis	17/D	El Paso	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	92%
Balmer, David	39/R	Arapahoe	■	■	●	■	●	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	■	39%
Baumgardner, Randy	57/R	Garfield, Grand, Jackson,Moff at, Rio Blanco, Routt	■	■	●	■	●	■	●	●	●	E	■	■	■	39%
Bennefield, Debbie	29/D	Jefferson	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	■	●	●	85%
Bradford, Laura	55/R	Mesa	■	■	●	■	●	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	■	39%
Carroll, Terrance	7/D	Denver	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	92%
Casso, Edward	32/D	Adams	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	92%
Court, Lois	6/D	Arapahoe, Denver	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	92%
Curry, Kathleen	61/I	Eagle, Garfield, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Pitkin	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	■	■	77%
DelGrosso, Brian	51/R	Larimer	■	■	●	■	●	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	■	39%
Farrandino, Mark	2/D	Denver	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	92%
Fischer, Randy	53/D	Larimer	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	92%
Frangas, K. Jerry	4/D	Denver	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	100%
Gagliardi, Sara	27/D	Jefferson	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	92%
Gardner, Bob	21/R	El Paso, Fremont	■	■	●	■	●	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	■	39%
Gardner, Cory	63/R	Adams,	■	■	●	■	●	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	■	39%
Gerou, Cheri	25/R	Jefferson	●	■	●	■	●	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	■	46%
Hullinghorst, Dickey	10/D	Boulder	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	92%
Judd, Joel	5/D	Denver	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	92%
Kagan, Daniel	3/D	Arapahoe, Denver	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	92%
Kefalas, John	52/D	Larimer	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	92%
Kerr, Andy	26/D	Jefferson	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	92%
Kerr, James	28/R	Jefferson	■	■	●	■	●	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	■	39%
King, Steve	54/R	Delta, Mesa	■	■	●	■	●	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	■	39%
Labuda, Jeanne	1/D	Arapahoe, Denver, Jefferson	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	■	●	●	85%
Lambert, Kent	14/R	El Paso	■	■	●	■	■	■	■	●	●	■	■	■	■	23%
Levy, Claire	13/D	Boulder, Clear Creek, Gilpin	●	●	●	●	E	●	●	E	●	●	■	●	●	77%
Liston, Larry	16/R	El Paso	■	■	●	■	●	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	■	39%
Looper, Marsha	19/R	El Paso	●	■	●	■	●	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	■	46%
Massey, Tom	60/R	Chaffee, Custer, Fremont, Park, Pueblo, Saguache	●	■	●	■	●	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	■	46%
May, Mike	44/R	Douglas	■	■	●	■	●	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	■	39%
McCann, Beth	8/D	Denver	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	92%
McFadyen, "Buffie"	47/D	Fremont, Pueblo	●	●	●	●	E	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	85%



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McKinley, Wes	64/D	Baca, Bent, Huerfano, Las Animas, Otero, Prowers	●	●	●	E	●	●	●	■	●	●	■	●	■	69%
McNulty, Frank	43/R	Douglas	■	■	●	■	●	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	■	39%
Merrifield, Michael	18/D	El Paso	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	91%
Middleton, Karen	42/D	Arapahoe	●	●	E	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	85%
Miklosi, Joe	3/D	Denver, Arapahoe	E	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	E	●	77%
Murray, Carole	45/R	Douglas, Teller	●	■	●	■	●	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	■	46%
Nikkel, B.J.	49/D	Larimer, Weld	■	■	●	■	●	■	●	●	E	■	■	■	■	31%
Pace, Sal	46/D	Pueblo	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	100%
Peniston, Cheryl	35/D	Adams	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	91%
Pommer, Jack	11/D	Boulder	●	●	E	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	85%
Primavera, Dianne	33/D	Adams, Boulder, Broomfield, Weld	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	91%
Priola, Kevin	30/R	Adams	●	■	●	■	●	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	■	46%
Rice, Joe	38/D	Arapahoe,	●	●	●	●	E	●	●	●	●	■	■	●	■	69%
Riesberg, James	50/D	Weld	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	●	■	●	●	■	77%
Roberts, Ellen	59/R	Archuleta, La Plata, Montezuma, San Juan	●	■	●	■	●	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	■	46%
Ryden, Su	36/D	Arapahoe	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	100%
Scanlan, Christine	56/D	Eagle, Lake, Summit	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	E	■	77%
Shaffer, Sue	24/D	Jefferson	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	■	●	●	85%
Solano, Judy	31/D	Adams	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	E	85%
Sonnenberg, Jerry	65/R	Logan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Weld	■	■	●	■	●	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	E	39%
Soper, John	34/D	Adams	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	91%
Stephens, Amy	20/R	El Paso	●	■	E	■	●	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	■	39%
Summers, Ken	22/R	Jefferson	●	■	●	■	●	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	■	46%
Swalm, Spencer	37/R	Arapahoe	●	■	●	■	■	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	■	39%
Tipton, Scott	58/R	Delta, Dolores, Montezuma, Montrose, Ouray, S. Miguel	■	■	●	■	●	■	●	●	●	■	■	■	■	39%
Todd, Nancy	41/D	Arapahoe, Denver	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	91%
Tyler, Max	23/D	Jefferson	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	91%
Vaad, Glenn	48/R	Weld	■	■	●	■	●	E	●	●	●	■	■	■	■	39%
Ed Vigil	62/D	Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Huerfano, Mineral Pueblo	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	91%
Waller, Mark	15/R	El Paso	●	■	●	■	E	■	●	E	●	■	■	■	■	31%
Weissmann, Paul	12/D	Boulder	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	●	●	91%