

We're 6 weeks into the 2024 Colorado State Legislative session and 428 bills have been introduced (as of 2/20/24). The LWVCO Legislative Action Committee (LAC) is following 52 bills and there's over two months to go in this session!

If you are interested in helping follow bills, then consider joining the LAC. Members read, analyze & write-up summaries of bills, usually working on a team. The LAC is in particular need of members with an interest or expertise in the following areas:

Children  
Justice, especially Juvenile Justice  
Stand-alone DEI bills (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion)

Training and support for new members will be provided. Contact [Maud Naroll](#), Co-Chair for LWVCO Action & Advocacy, for additional information or if you would like to join.

Check out the [Legislative Action Report](#) and [Master Bill Tracker](#). Articles on some key bills or areas are available in the Report and the status & summaries of all the bills followed by the LAC are listed in the Tracker. Our very own Peggy Leech & Celeste Landry have an article on Proportional Representation and bill [HB24-1177](#) County Commissioner Elections.

Here are a few bills that the LAC is following that may be of interest to you. Only a partial summary is displayed with each bill. Click on the bill number for the full text:

➤ [HB24-1039](#) **Non-Legal Name Changes**

**Colorado Youth Advisory Council Review Committee. Section 1** of the bill:

- Requires public schools and institute charter schools (school) to use a student's preferred name, if a preferred name is requested by the student; and
- Deems a school's refusal to use a student's preferred name a form of discrimination.

➤ [HB24-1051](#) **Towing Carrier Regulation**

A towing carrier is forbidden from patrolling or monitoring property to enforce parking restrictions on behalf of the property owner. Currently, the owner of a motor vehicle pays to retrieve the motor vehicle when the vehicle has been nonconsensually towed from another person's property. The bill requires certain property owners to pay for the removal of the vehicle from their property and for any storage for the first 30 days. The towing carrier is required to notify the vehicle owner that the vehicle owner can retrieve the vehicle free of charge for the first 30 days.

➤ **HB24-1073 Independent Ethics Commission Jurisdiction**

Under current law, the independent ethics commission created in article XXIX of the state constitution does not have jurisdiction over officials or employees of special districts or school districts. The bill gives the independent ethics commission jurisdiction to hear complaints, issue findings, assess penalties, and issue advisory opinions on ethics issues concerning a special district official or employee or school district official or employee. Existing law establishes ethical standards for a special district official or employee or school district official or employee. The bill incorporates those standards under the independent ethics commission's jurisdiction and expands the standards to include those described in article XXIX of the state constitution.

➤ **HB24-1147 Candidate Election Deepfake Disclosures**

Concerning the use of a deepfake in a communication related to a candidate for elective office, and, in connection therewith, requiring disclosure, providing for enforcement, and creating a private cause of action for candidates.

➤ **SB24-053 Racial Equity Study**

The bill requires the state historical society (society), commonly known as history Colorado, to conduct a study to determine any historical and ongoing effects of slavery and subsequent systemic racism on Black Coloradans that may be attributed to Colorado state policies, and to identify measures that are consistent with the constitution to address those effects.

➤ **SB24-131 Prohibit Carrying Firearms in Sensitive Spaces**

The bill prohibits a person from carrying a firearm, both openly and concealed, in public locations specified in the bill. A violation is an unclassified misdemeanor, punishable by a maximum \$250 fine; except that a second or subsequent offense is punishable by a maximum \$1,000 fine. The bill includes exceptions for law enforcement officers, members of the United States armed forces or Colorado National Guard, security personnel, firearms stored in locked containers in vehicles, and possession for instruction in conjunction with an organized class, extracurricular activity, or athletic team authorized by a college or university.