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2019 Legislative Session

In the 2019 session, Senator Rachel Zenzinger sponsored 37 bills, 35 of which passed into law, and two resolutions. Sen. Zenzinger earned a 98% bipartisan record on all the legislation she carried and passed, with 33 bills out of the 35 bills (94%) earning bipartisan co-sponsors. A majority of the bills sponsored by Sen. Zenzinger focused on education, transportation, and the state budget.

Prime Sponsor of Senate Bills

[SB19-263](#) Delay Referral Of TRANs Transportation Revenue Anticipation Notes Ballot Issue To 2020: Concerning the delay until the November 2020 general election of the requirement that a ballot issue seeking approval for the issuance of transportation revenue anticipation notes be submitted to the voters of the state at the November 2019 statewide election, and, in connection therewith, amending the ballot issue to reduce the amount of notes authorized to be issued to offset the additional transportation funding that will result from the repeal of only two, rather than three, tranches of lease-purchase agreements authorized by Senate Bill 17-267 if the ballot issue is approved and extending from twenty to twenty-one years the period for which annual fifty million dollar transfers from the general fund to the state highway fund are required.

[SB19-262](#) General Fund Transfer To Highway Users Tax Fund: Concerning a one-time transfer of one hundred million dollars from the general fund to the highway users tax fund.

[SB19-260](#) Entry Into FPPA Fire and Police Pension Association For Social Security Employers: Concerning entry into the fire and police pension association for social security employers.

[SB19-254](#) Nursing Home Penalty Cash Fund: Concerning the nursing home penalty cash fund, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

[SB19-209](#) PACE Program Funding Methodology: Concerning provisions relating to PACE programs, and, in connection therewith, determining the funding methodology for the 2019-20 fiscal year and fiscal years thereafter, requiring the department of health care policy and financing to meet with Colorado PACE programs during the 2019 legislative interim to consider PACE program funding and other issues relating to PACE programs, and making an appropriation.

[SB19-205](#) Honor Service Of Women Veterans: Concerning the creation of a license plate to honor women veterans of the United States armed forces, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

[SB19-202](#) Voting Rights For Voters With Disabilities: Concerning ballot access for voters with disabilities, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

[SB19-197](#) Continue Complementary Or Alternative Medicine Program: Concerning the continuation of the pilot program to allow an eligible person with a spinal cord injury to receive complementary or alternative medicine.

[SB19-194](#) National Guard Tuition Assistance Colorado State University Global: Concerning the addition of Colorado state university - global campus as a designated institution of higher education for purposes of tuition assistance for members of the National Guard.

[SB19-144](#) Motorcyclists And Malfunctioning Traffic Signals: Concerning allowing a driver of a motorcycle to proceed past a malfunctioning traffic control signal.

[SB19-106](#) Withdraw Peace Officers Local Government Retirement Plan: Concerning an additional process by which a board of county commissioners may initiate the withdrawal of current employees who are peace officers from a defined contribution retirement plan offered by one or more local governments.

[SB19-102](#) Innovation School Operating As A Community School: Concerning permitting a public school to include operation as a community school in its innovation plan.

[SB19-092](#) Emissions Inspection Check Engine Light: Concerning a prohibition on using an illuminated check engine light as the sole criterion for failure of an emissions test. *Postponed Indefinitely in the House.*

[SB19-083](#) Colorado Department Of Public Health And Environment Air Quality Control: Concerning the repeal of obsolete provisions regarding air quality control, and, in connection therewith, eliminating the requirement that the state board of health supervise certain air quality control programs and removing statutory provisions relating to the air pollution variance board and the air quality hearings board.

[SB19-081](#) Repeal Cancer Drug Repository Act: Concerning the repeal of the "Colorado Cancer Drug Repository Act".

[SB19-080](#) Colorado Department of Public Health And Environment Emergency Epidemic Preparedness: Concerning eliminating the authority of the state board of health to adopt rules establishing standards to ensure that certain entities are prepared for an emergency epidemic.

[SB19-068](#) Expand Disclosure Electioneering Communications: Concerning expanded disclosure about electioneering communications.

[SB19-061](#) Self-contained Breathing Apparatus Testing And Certification: Concerning standards for the certification of certain types of respirators equipped with pressure vessels, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

[SB19-044](#) Colorado Department Of Public Health And Environment Emergency Medical And Trauma Care System: Concerning the statewide emergency medical and trauma care system in the department of public health and environment, and, in connection therewith, eliminating the requirement that the state board of health cooperate with the department of personnel in adopting certain criteria.

[SB19-039](#) Interdistrict Transportation Of Students: Concerning allowing interdistrict transportation of students only by adjacent school districts subject to the school districts' mutual consent.

[SB19-017](#) Requirements For CDOT Colorado Department of Transportation Land Acquisitions: Concerning the exemption of the department of transportation from existing reporting and transportation commission approval requirements when it acquires land needed for specified highway-related purposes by means other than condemnation.

[SB19-003](#) Educator Loan Forgiveness Program: Concerning the educator loan forgiveness program to address educator shortages, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

Prime Sponsor of House Bills

[HB19-1332](#) Telephone Users Disabilities Fund Talking Book Library: Concerning the use of money in the Colorado telephone users with disabilities fund to provide talking book library services for certain persons with disabilities, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

[HB19-1326](#) Rates For Senior Low-income Dental Program: Concerning rate flexibility on existing procedures in the Colorado dental health care program for low-income seniors.

[HB19-1255](#) Mesa Verde National Park License Plate: Concerning the creation of a Mesa Verde National Park license plate.

[HB19-1228](#) Increase Tax Credit Allocation Affordable Housing: Concerning an increase in the aggregate amount of the tax credits that the Colorado housing and finance authority may allocate in a calendar year under the Colorado affordable housing tax credit.

[HB19-1166](#) Name-based Criminal History Record Checks: Concerning name-based criminal history record checks, and, in connection therewith, requiring certain persons and entities to submit to a name-based criminal history record check as a condition of employment, appointment, registration, licensure, or certification.

[HB19-1164](#) Child Tax Credit: Concerning the child tax credit, and, in connection therewith, enacting the "Working Families Tax Credit Act". *Postponed Indefinitely in the House.*

[HB19-1085](#) Grants For Property Tax Rent And Heat: Concerning the property-related expense assistance grants for low-income seniors and individuals with disabilities, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

[HB19-1084](#) Notice To Property Owners Whether Area Blighted: Concerning a requirement that notice of a determination on whether a particular land area is blighted be given to owners of private property within the area.

[HB19-1071](#) Colorado Department Of Public Health And Environment Water Quality Control: Concerning the manner in which watercourses of the district are used for waste disposal.

[HB19-1062](#) Grand Junction Regional Center Campus: Concerning the Grand Junction regional center campus.

[HB19-1060](#) Repeal Colorado Department Of Public Health And Environment Facility Life Safety Statutes: Concerning conforming amendments necessitated by the transfer of certain safety authorities from the department of public health and environment to the department of public safety pursuant to House Bill 12-1268.

[HB19-1055](#) Public School Cap Construction Financial Assistance: Concerning the provision of state financial assistance for public school capital construction, and, in connection therewith, increasing the amount of retail marijuana excise tax revenue that is credited to the public school capital construction assistance fund, increasing the maximum total amount of annual lease payments payable by the state for financial assistance provided under the terms of lease-purchase agreements, more precisely tying the total amount of financial assistance provided to charter schools to the number of students enrolled in charter schools, and making an appropriation.

[**HB19-1030 Unlawful Electronic Sexual Communication:**](#) Concerning creating the crime of unlawful electronic sexual communication.

[**HB19-1007 Contribution Limits For County Offices:**](#) Concerning the establishment of contribution limits under the "Fair Campaign Practices Act" for candidates for county offices, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

[**HB19-1002 Leadership Professional Development For School Principals:**](#) Concerning professional development in leadership for public school principals, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

Prime Sponsor of Resolutions

[**SR19-009 Equal Pay Day:**](#) Concerning the designation of April 2, 2019, as "Equal Pay Day" in Colorado, and, in connection therewith, acknowledging the persistent problem of wage disparity.

[**SR19-010 Police Week And Peace Officers' Memorial Day:**](#) Concerning declaring the week of May 12-18, 2019, as Police Week, and, in connection therewith, declaring May 15, 2019, as Peace Officers' Memorial Day.

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