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2020 Legislative Session

In the 2020 session, Senator Rachel Zenzinger sponsored 57 bills, 49 of which passed into law, and three resolutions. Sen. Zenzinger earned a 100% bipartisan record on all the legislation she carried and passed, with 48 out of the 49 bills (99%) earning bipartisan co-sponsors. A majority of the bills sponsored by Sen. Zenzinger focused on legislation aimed at recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic, education, and the state budget.

Prime Sponsor of Senate Bills

[SB20-178](#) Woman Veteran Disability License Plate: Concerning a license plate to honor women veterans who have disabilities, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation. *Postponed Indefinitely in the House.*

[SB20-175](#) Assessment Score On A Student's Transcript: Concerning the prohibition of indicating an assessment score on a student's high school transcript.

[SB20-152](#) Correct Senate Bill 19-263 Effective Date Error: Concerning correction of the effective date clause of Senate Bill 19-263 for the purpose of ensuring that the bill accomplishes its intended legal effect of eliminating the requirement that the state treasurer execute lease purchase agreements to fund transportation projects during the 2020-21 and 2021-22 state fiscal years if a referred ballot issue that authorizes the state to issue transportation revenue anticipation notes is approved at the 2020 general election.

[SB20-134](#) Estimate Of Non-fee Sources Of Cash Fund Revenue: Concerning the repeal of certain language used to determine cash fund revenue that is derived from non-fee sources when calculating the amount of uncommitted reserves in a cash fund at the end of a fiscal year.

[SB20-125](#) Prohibit Exotic Animals In Traveling Performances: Concerning a prohibition on the use of certain exotic animals in a traveling animal act. *Postponed Indefinitely in the House.*

[SB20-091](#) Minimum Pay For State Military Forces: Concerning increasing the minimum pay for state military forces called into service by the governor.

[SB20-085](#) Sex Offender Community Corrections Requirements: Concerning a requirement that a sex offender being placed in a community corrections program meet certain requirements for a sex offender being released on parole.

[SB20-052](#) Smart School Bus Safety Pilot Program: Concerning the creation of the smart school bus safety pilot program. *Postponed Indefinitely.*

[SB20-041](#) National Guard Parks And Wildlife Benefits: Concerning parks passes for active members of the National Guard.

[SB20-036](#) Emissions Inspection Check Engine Light: Concerning the submission to the federal environmental protection agency of a proposed revision to the state implementation plan that would enable a vehicle that fails the on-board diagnostics test solely because a check engine light is illuminated on the vehicle's dashboard to undergo a tailpipe emissions test. *Postponed Indefinitely in the House.*

[SB20-034](#) Statutory Revision Committee Annual Report: Concerning a change in the date by which the statutory revision committee is required to report annually to the general assembly.

[SB20-009](#) Expand Adult Education Grant Program: Concerning expansion of the adult education and literacy grant program.

[SB20-006](#) Amend Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative: Concerning changes to the continuing administration of the Colorado opportunity scholarship initiative.

Prime Sponsor of House Bills

[HB20-1423](#) Suspend Scheduled State Legislator Salary Increase: Concerning the one-year suspension of a scheduled pay increase for members of the Colorado general assembly, and, in connection therewith, reducing an appropriation.

[HB20-1422](#) Food Pantry Assistance Grant Program: Concerning the creation of the food pantry assistance grant program, and, in connection therewith, authorizing an allocation of money the state receives from the federal coronavirus relief fund.

[HB20-1413](#) Small Business Recovery Loan Program Premium Tax Credits: Concerning the establishment of a state and private investor funded small business recovery loan program, and, in connection therewith, authorizing the department of the treasury to obtain the state share of funding for the program by selling insurance premium tax credits to qualified taxpayers and

authorizing the state treasurer to contract with a program manager to establish and administer the program.

[HB20-1412](#) COVID-19 Utility Bill Payment-related Assistance: Concerning assistance for individuals unable to pay their utility bills due to economic hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, and, in connection therewith, transferring money received from the federal government pursuant to the "CARES Act" to the energy outreach Colorado low-income energy assistance fund to provide such assistance.

[HB20-1410](#) COVID-19-related Housing Assistance: Concerning assistance for individuals facing a housing-related hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and, in connection therewith, transferring money received from the federal government pursuant to the "CARES Act" to the eviction legal defense fund and the housing development grant fund to provide such assistance and making an appropriation.

[HB20-1407](#) College Admission Use Of National Test Score: Concerning temporarily allowing a Colorado institution of higher education to determine whether to require a national assessment test score as an eligibility criterion for admission for first-time freshman students who graduate from high school in 2021.

[HB20-1406](#) Cash Fund Transfers To The General Fund: Concerning the augmentation of the general fund through transfers of certain money.

[HB20-1400](#) Temporary Modification Of Limited Gaming Tax Revenue Allocation: Concerning the temporary reallocation of limited gaming tax revenues to address recovery following the 2020 budget crisis.

[HB20-1397](#) Eliminate Colorado Department Of Public Health And Environment Support Of Certain Boards: Concerning the elimination of the requirement that the department of public health and environment provide assistance to certain boards, and, in connection therewith, reducing an appropriation.

[HB20-1396](#) Work Force Dev Council Online Career Platform: Concerning the implementation of an online platform by the state work force development council to assist Coloradans in exploring career options.

[HB20-1393](#) Expand Mental Health Diversion Pilot Program: Concerning expanding the mental health diversion pilot programs to include more judicial districts.

[HB20-1392](#) Council And Parking Program For Persons With Disability: Concerning the repeal of certain provisions related to persons with a disability, and, in connection therewith, reducing an appropriation.

[HB20-1391 Behavioral Health Programs Appropriations:](#) Concerning eliminating statutory requirements for programs to increase access to treatment for behavioral health disorders, and, in connection therewith, reducing appropriations.

[HB20-1389 Suspend Transfers Child Welfare Services Cash Fund:](#) Concerning a three-year suspension of transfers to the child welfare prevention and intervention services cash fund of unspent general fund appropriations to the child welfare line item.

[HB20-1388 Statutory Provisions Divert General Fund Reversions:](#) Concerning statutory provisions on money from the general fund for programs operated by the department of human services, and, in connection therewith, reducing an appropriation.

[HB20-1385 Use Of Increased Medicaid Match:](#) Concerning the increased money received due to the federal "Families First Coronavirus Response Act", and, in connection therewith, making and reducing appropriations.

[HB20-1381 Cash Fund Transfers General Fund:](#) Concerning the augmentation of the general fund through transfers of certain money.

[HB20-1380 Move Tobacco Litigation Settlement Moneys General Fund:](#) Concerning the redirection of a portion of tobacco litigation settlement moneys to the general fund.

[HB20-1378 Capital-related Transfers Of Money:](#) Concerning capital-related transfers of money.

[HB20-1377 Fund Controlled Maintenance Projects:](#) Concerning a requirement that a portion of the proceeds of the Senate Bill 17-267 lease-purchase agreement that will be executed in state fiscal year 2019-20 be credited to the capital construction fund and appropriated only for controlled maintenance projects, including controlled maintenance projects that are capital renewal projects.

[HB20-1376 Modify Transportation Funding Mechanisms:](#) Concerning the modification of transportation funding mechanisms, and, in connection therewith, delaying from the November 2020 general election until the November 2021 statewide election the requirement that a ballot issue seeking approval for the issuance of transportation revenue anticipation notes be submitted to the voters of the state, amending the ballot issue to reduce the amount of notes authorized to be issued, eliminating specified scheduled general fund transfers to the state highway fund, reducing the amount of general fund money dedicated to make lease-purchase agreement payments due during state fiscal years 2020-21 and 2021-22, repealing department of transportation rule-making and reporting requirements relating to motor vehicles used for certain types of commercial purposes, and making and reducing appropriations.

[HB20-1375](#) Repeal Law Enforcement Grant Appropriation Roll-forward: Concerning the repeal of the authority for the division of criminal justice to expend an unused appropriation for the law enforcement grant program in the next fiscal year without further appropriation.

[HB20-1374](#) Repeal Waste Grease Program: Concerning the repeal of the waste grease program, and, in connection therewith, reducing an appropriation.

[HB20-1373](#) Use Of Tobacco Revenues Under Fiscal Emergency: Concerning the use of tobacco revenues generated under section 21 of article X of the state constitution in a state fiscal emergency, and, in connection therewith, making and reducing an appropriation.

[HB20-1371](#) Delay Substance Use And Mental Health Services Grant Program: Concerning implementation of the community substance use and mental health services grant program, and, in connection therewith, reducing an appropriation.

[HB20-1369](#) Reduce Prosecution Training Appropriation: Concerning reducing the annual appropriation for prosecution training.

[HB20-1368](#) Delay Implementation Of House Bill 19-1229: Concerning delaying the implementation of the "Colorado Electronic Preservation of Abandoned Estate Planning Documents Act", and, in connection therewith, decreasing an appropriation.

[HB20-1366](#) Higher Education Funding Allocation Model: Concerning a higher education funding allocation model.

[HB20-1364](#) Repeal Opioid Awareness Program And Appropriation: Concerning the repeal of the program to increase public awareness of opioid use implemented by the center for research into substance use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery support strategies, and, in connection therewith, repealing the requirement for appropriations to the center for the program, eliminating the scheduled sunset review of the program, and reducing an appropriation.

[HB20-1362](#) Limit Increase to Medicaid Nursing Facility Rates: Concerning a limitation on the general fund share of the per diem rates paid to nursing facilities for two years commencing with the 2020-21 fiscal year, and, in connection therewith, reducing an appropriation.

[HB20-1361](#) Reduce The Adult Dental Benefit: Concerning the reduction of the adult dental benefit, and, in connection therewith, reducing an appropriation.

[HB20-1324](#) Increased Support For Domestic Abuse Programs: Concerning increased support for domestic abuse programs through voluntary contributions. *Postponed Indefinitely in the House.*

[HB20-1279](#) Drunk Driving Enforcement Funding: Concerning drunk driving law enforcement. *Postponed Indefinitely in the House.*

[HB20-1262](#) Housing Assistance Justice System Transition Money: Concerning money appropriated for housing assistance for persons transitioning from the criminal or juvenile justice system.

[HB20-1260](#) School Finance Adjustment To 2019-20 Total Program: Concerning adjustments in the amount of total program funding for public schools for the 2019-20 budget year, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

[HB20-1221](#) Complementary Or Alternative Medicine Pilot Program: Concerning an expansion of the complementary or alternative medicine pilot program for a person with an injury that results in paralysis. *Postponed Indefinitely in the House.*

[HB20-1165](#) Interior Design Practice: Concerning modifications to the interior design exemption set forth in the laws governing the practice of architecture.

[HB20-1164](#) Housing Authority Exemptions From Water Fees: Concerning the exemption of a housing authority from certain fees imposed by a water conservancy district. *Laid Over in the House.*

[HB20-1156](#) CO Colorado Municipal Election Code Administrative Modifications: Concerning modifications to certain administrative requirements specified in the "Colorado Municipal Election Code of 1965", and, in connection therewith, making modifications to provisions addressing the administration of the "Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act", mail ballots, nomination petitions, and affidavits for withdrawal from candidacy.

[HB20-1128](#) Educator Education Requirements Special Education: Concerning education requirements for educators to increase awareness of special education issues.

[HB20-1125](#) Eligible Educator Supplies Tax Credit: Concerning a state income tax credit related to eligible educators' personal expenses. *Postponed Indefinitely in the House.*

[HB20-1039](#) Transparent State Web Portal Search Rules: Concerning a transparent state web portal that allows the public to easily search for information relating to state agency rules at no cost.

[HB20-1036](#) Align Emergency Medical Service Provider Statutes: Concerning the addition of references to licensed emergency medical service providers in the emergency medical service providers' peer health assistance program statute to align the statute with legislation enacted in 2019 that authorized certified emergency medical service providers to seek licensure.

[HB20-1002](#) College Credit For Work Experience: Concerning a statewide plan for awarding college credit for work-related experience.

Prime Sponsor of Resolutions

[SJR20-010](#) Honoring Gold Star Families: Concerning honoring gold star families.

[SR20-003](#) Single Parents' Day: Concerning recognition of "Single Parents' Day".

[HJR20-1008](#): Declaring Fiscal Emergency For Use Of Tobacco Tax: Concerning the declaration of a state fiscal emergency pursuant to section 21 (7) of article X of the state constitution. *Postponed Indefinitely in the House.*

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