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In the midst of a global pandemic and a challenging year, lawmakers came together to deliver urgent relief to struggling Coloradans and build our state back stronger. The legislature delivered on promises that were years in the making – passing transformational legislation that will pave the way for a Colorado where everyone can thrive. By putting people over politics and working across the aisle, 94% of our passed legislation received bipartisan support.

In the 2021 legislative session, Senator Zenzinger sponsored 42 bills that addressed issues ranging from school finance and higher education funding, to special district transparency and mental health. Forty-one of her bills had a bipartisan co-prime sponsor and 100% of Sen. Zenzinger's bills received bipartisan support. Additionally, 23 of her bills (56%) passed unanimously in the Senate and 98% of the bills on which Sen. Zenzinger voted "yes" were also bipartisan.

The main areas of legislation that Sen. Zenzinger sponsored include: (1) education, children and youth, (2) COVID-19 response, (3) transportation and infrastructure, and (4) good governance.

Education, Children & Youth: As the Chair of the Senate Education Committee, Sen. Zenzinger spearheaded several key education bills through the legislature, including the School Finance Act, a bill to address the educator workforce, and legislation to counter the impact of COVID-19 to higher education. Sen. Zenzinger made sure that every dollar available was appropriated to our schools.

[SB21-268](#) Public School Finance: Concerning the financing of public schools, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

[SB21-185](#) Supporting Educator Workforce In Colorado: Concerning supporting the educator workforce in Colorado.

[SB21-179](#) Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative Advisory Board: Concerning the composition of the Colorado opportunity scholarship initiative advisory board.

[SB21-104](#) Sunset Special Education Fiscal Advisory Committee: Concerning the continuation of the special education fiscal advisory committee, and, in connection therewith, implementing the recommendations contained in the 2020 sunset report by the department of regulatory agencies.

[SB21-053](#) Adjustments To School Funding Fiscal Year 2020-21: Concerning adjustments to school funding for the 2020-21 budget year, and, in connection therewith, making appropriations.

[HB21-1325](#) Funding Public Schools Formula: Concerning changes to the method for funding public schools, and, in connection therewith, amending the "Public School Finance Act of 1994" and establishing a school finance legislative interim committee.

[HB21-1164](#) Total Program Mill Levy Tax Credit: Concerning reductions in the property tax credits that apply to school districts' total program mill levies for purposes of funding the "Public School Finance Act of 1994".

[HB21-1161](#) Suspend Statewide Assessments for Select Grades: Concerning suspending required statewide assessments for selected grade levels for the 2021-21 school year.

[HB21-1099](#) Policies And Procedures To Identify Domestic Abuse: Concerning authorization to implement best practices for child welfare caseworkers to recognize domestic abuse, and, in connection therewith, addressing domestic abuse as a form of child abuse or neglect.

[HB21-1094](#) Foster Youth In Transition Program: Concerning the transition of youth in Colorado's foster care system to successful adulthood.

COVID-19 Response: In order to recover faster and build back stronger, lawmakers developed a bipartisan state stimulus package to foster the Colorado Comeback, make monumental investments to strengthen small businesses, support Colorado families, invest in rural Colorado, and develop our workforce. Sen. Zenzinger sponsored several of those bills, including measures to help people in need of mental health services and scholarships for college students.

[SB21-239](#) 2-1-1 Statewide Human Services Referral System: Concerning the statewide communication system for referral to behavioral health services, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

[SB21-232](#) Displaced Workers Grant: Concerning an appropriation to the department of higher education for the Colorado opportunity scholarship initiative's displaced workers grant.

[HB21-1330](#) Higher Education Student Success: Concerning measures to support student success in obtaining postsecondary credentials, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

[HB21-1104](#) Professional Educator Licensure Renewal Period: Concerning extending the renewal period for professional educator licenses from five to seven years, and, in connection therewith, making and reducing an appropriation.

[HB21-1021](#) Peer Support Professionals Behavioral Health: Concerning supporting the peer support professional workforce, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

Transportation & Infrastructure: After booming population growth yet insufficient funding, Colorado's infrastructure is in desperate need of repair and modernization. That's why we

passed a historic transportation plan to support a dynamic economy, improve air quality, create jobs, and position Colorado to compete with other states. In addition, Sen. Zenzinger sponsored a historic measure that established the Front Range Passenger Rail District.

[SB21-265](#) Transfer From General Fund To State Highway Fund: Concerning a transfer from the general fund to the state highway fund.

[SB21-257](#) Special Mobile Machinery Registration Exemption: Concerning an exemption from motor vehicle registration requirements for certain special mobile machinery.

[SB21-238](#) Create Front Range Passenger Rail District: Concerning the front range passenger rail district, and, in connection therewith, creating the district for the purpose of planning, designing, developing, financing, constructing, operating, and maintaining a passenger rail system and specifying the territory, governing structure, powers, and duties of the district.

[SB21-110](#) Fund Safe Revitalization Of Main Streets: Concerning funding for the safe revitalization of Colorado's main streets.

[HB21-1274](#) Unused State-owned Real Property Beneficial Use: Concerning the beneficial use of unused state-owned real property, and, in connection therewith, directing the department of personnel to inventory such property and use such property to promote affordable housing and renewable energy development.

Good Governance: Sen. Zenzinger sponsored several bills that will help improve the functioning of our government and help protect citizens from exploitation or injustice.

[SB21-262](#) Special District Transparency: Concerning transparency for special districts.

[SB21-039](#) Elimination Of Subminimum Wage Employment: Concerning the elimination of subminimum wage employment by providing support to ensure successful transitions for individuals (with an intellectual or developmental disability) currently working in subminimum wage jobs.

[HB21-1300](#) Health-care Provider Liens For Injured Persons: Concerning health-care provider liens related to charges for health care provided to a person injured as a result of the negligence or wrongful acts of another person.

[HB21-1230](#) Create User-friendly State Internet Rules Portal: Concerning creation of a user-friendly state internet portal relating to state agency rules.

Prime Sponsor of Senate Bills: Sen. Zenzinger sponsored and successfully passed 21 Senate Bills, although one bill, Senate Bill 180, was postponed indefinitely in the House.

[SB21-268](#) Public School Finance

[SB21-265](#) Transfer From General Fund To State Highway Fund

[SB21-263](#) Outdoor Advertising Act

[SB21-262](#) Special District Transparency

[SB21-257](#) Special Mobile Machinery Registration Exemption

[SB21-254](#) Eliminate Obsolete Committee Child Care Licensing

[SB21-253](#) Women Veterans With Disabilities License Plate

[SB21-239](#) 2-1-1 Statewide Human Services Referral System

[SB21-238](#) Create Front Range Passenger Rail District

[SB21-232](#) Displaced Workers Grant
[SB21-185](#) Supporting Educator Workforce In Colorado
[SB21-180](#) Recycling And Composting Enterprise Grant Program (Postponed Indefinitely)
[SB21-179](#) Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative Advisory Board
[SB21-135](#) Prohibit Certain Animals In Traveling Animal Act
[SB21-115](#) Annual Funding For Talking Book Library Services
[SB21-110](#) Fund Safe Revitalization Of Main Streets
[SB21-104](#) Sunset Special Education Fiscal Advisory Committee
[SB21-053](#) Adjustments To School Funding Fiscal Year 2020-21
[SB21-039](#) Elimination Of Subminimum Wage Employment
[SB21-038](#) Expansion of Complementary And Alternative Medicine
[SB21-017](#) Sexual Contact By An Educator

Prime Sponsor of House Bills: Sen. Zenzinger sponsored 20 House bills, although two bills, House Bill 1144 and 1125, were postponed indefinitely in the House, and one bill, House Bill 1196, was vetoed by the Governor.

[HB21-1330](#) Higher Education Student Success
[HB21-1325](#) Funding Public Schools Formula
[HB21-1300](#) Health-care Provider Liens For Injured Persons
[HB21-1274](#) Unused State-owned Real Property Beneficial Use
[HB21-1230](#) Create User-friendly State Internet Rules Portal
[HB21-1196](#) Update Senate Bill 19-263 Effective Date (Vetoed)
[HB21-1178](#) Correcting Errors in the CO Marijuana Code
[HB21-1164](#) Total Program Mill Levy Tax Credit
[HB21-1161](#) Suspend Statewide Assessments for Select Grades
[HB21-1156](#) Fix Defects Related to Severance Withholdings
[HB21-1155](#) Sales Tax Statute Modifications to Address Defects
[HB21-1152](#) Repeal Obsolete Capitol Dome Restoration Fund
[HB21-1146](#) Auricular Acudetox Professional Practice
[HB21-1144](#) Bingo-Raffle Licenses & New Equipment (Postponed Indefinitely)
[HB21-1125](#) Suspend State Assessments 2020-21 School Year (Postponed Indefinitely)
[HB21-1104](#) Professional Educator Licensure Renewal Period
[HB21-1099](#) Policies And Procedures To Identify Domestic Abuse
[HB21-1094](#) Foster Youth In Transition Program
[HB21-1083](#) State Board Assessment Appeals Valuation Adjustment
[HB21-1021](#) Peer Support Professionals Behavioral Health

Senate Joint Resolution: Sen. Zenzinger sponsored one Senate Joint Resolution that prompted an interrogatory to the Supreme Court with regard to the constitutionality of HB21-1164 on Total Program Mill Levy Tax Credits.

[SJR21-006](#) Interrogatory Regarding School District Mill Levies