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The last two years have been challenging. Between pandemic-induced inflation, civil unrest, catastrophic wildfires, and the rising cost of living in Colorado, families are feeling squeezed. That's why we worked tirelessly this session to deliver real results for Colorado's working families. We stayed focused on cutting costs and saving you money, fought to increase per-pupil funding and set our students up for success, worked to combat the fentanyl crisis and create safer communities, and took action to clean up our air and improve health care outcomes to create a healthier future for our families.

In the 2022 Legislative Session, Sen. Zenzinger was the prime sponsor of 60 pieces of legislation, including 23 Senate bills, 32 House bills, and four resolutions. For the sixth year in a row, she earned a 100% bipartisan record of support on all her sponsored legislation. Nearly all (97%) of her bills received bipartisan sponsorship. Additionally, twelve of her bills passed unanimously in the Senate and 99% of the bills on which Sen. Zenzinger voted "yes" were bipartisan.

The main areas of legislation that Sen. Zenzinger sponsored include: (1) education, children and youth, (2) affordable housing, (3) transportation and infrastructure, and (4) budget and economic recovery.

**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, bills to assist disadvantaged and foster youth, and legislation to increase funding for special education. Sen. Zenzinger made sure that every dollar available was appropriated to our schools.

<u>SB22-008</u> Higher Education Support for Foster Youth: Concerning postsecondary education support for certain students who have been in out-of-home placement.

SB22-054 Recommend Community School for Turnaround Plan: Concerning the addition of a recommendation that a district public school be converted to a community school if the district public school fails to make substantial progress under its turnaround plan.

<u>SB22-064</u> Neighborhood Youth Organizations: Concerning requirements for neighborhood youth organizations that provide services designed for the development of youth.

<u>SB22-121</u> Tuition Revenue Pledged by Institution Higher Education: Concerning increasing the amount of tuition revenues pledged by an institution of higher education.

<u>SB22-127</u> Special Education Funding: Concerning funding for special education services.

<u>SB22-137</u> Transition Back to Standard K-12 Accountability: Concerning measures related to the transitional return to standard education.

<u>SB22-192</u> Opportunities for Credential Attainment: Concerning the creation of opportunities for credential attainment, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

<u>SB22-202</u> State Match for Mill Levy Override Revenue: Concerning providing state matching money for property tax revenue collected by school districts.

<u>HB22-1057</u> Public Employees' Retirement Association Employment After Teacher Retirement: Concerning public employees' retirement association employment after retirement limitations.

HB22-1101 Public Employees' Retirement Association Service Retiree Employment in Rural Schools: Concerning the expansion of a program that allows a public employees' retirement association service retiree to work full-time without any reduction in the service retiree's retirement for benefits for a rural school district that has a critical shortage of qualified individuals with specific experience, skills, or qualifications that the service retiree has.

<u>HB22-1202</u> At-risk Student Measure For School Finance: Concerning the creation of a new measure in the public school funding formula for identifying at-risk students, and, in connection therewith, creating a working group in the department of education to implement the new measure in a future budget year.

<u>HB22-1220</u> Removing Barriers To Educator Preparation: Concerning removing barriers in educator preparation to support educator candidates entering the educator workforce.

<u>HB22-1245</u> Foster Youth in Transition Program Clarifications: Concerning clarifications related to the foster youth in transition program.

<u>HB22-1248</u> Extend School Leadership Pilot Program: Concerning continuation of the school leadership pilot program, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

<u>HB22-1255</u> Improve Higher Education for Students With a Disability: Concerning measures to improve postsecondary education outcomes for students with a disability.

<u>HB22-1294</u> Special Education Services in Charter Schools: Concerning additional pathways to provide special education services to children with disabilities in charter schools.

<u>HB22-1331</u> Supplemental Funding for Facility Schools: Concerning supplemental funding for facility schools, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

<u>HB22-1390</u> Public School Finance: Concerning the financing of public schools, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

**Affordable Housing:** Colorado is in the midst of a housing affordability crisis. Democrats took historic action to address this crisis this year by investing \$428 million in pandemic relief funds to preserve and construct new affordable housing, and by seeking to reduce barriers to housing that Colorado families can afford.

<u>SB22-146</u> Middle Income Access Program Expansion: Concerning the expansion of the Colorado housing and finance authority's middle income access program.

<u>SB22-159</u> Revolving Loan Fund Invest Affordable Housing: Concerning the creation of a revolving loan fund within the division of housing in the department of local affairs to make investments in transformational affordable housing.

<u>HB22-1051</u> Mod Affordable Housing Tax Credit: Concerning modification of the Colorado affordable housing tax credit, and, in connection therewith, extending the time during which the credit may be claimed and increasing the yearly amount of credits that can be allocated.

<u>HB22-1340</u> Capital-related Transfers of Money: Concerning capital-related transfers of money.

**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 measure that established the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Cash Fund to be used for non federal match funding requirements for infrastructure projects eligible to receive federal funding under the federal "Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act".

SB22-017 Fluid Milk Products Not Divisible Load: Concerning the determination that a load of fluid milk products hauled by a vehicle is not a divisible load under the vehicle weight limits permitted by law.

<u>SB22-144</u> Public and Nonprofit Entities Rideshare Contracts: Concerning the provision of transportation services by a transportation network company not in connection with a business operated for profit.

<u>SB22-215</u> Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Cash Fund: Concerning the creation of the "Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act" cash fund to be used for non federal match

funding requirements for infrastructure projects eligible to receive federal funding under the federal "Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act."

<u>HB22-1114</u> Transportation Services For Medicaid Waiver Recipients: Concerning authorizing a transportation network company to provide nonmedical transportation services to persons who are enrolled in certain medicaid waiver programs, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

<u>HB22-1162</u> Motor Vehicle Digital Number Plates: Concerning authorization to use digital number plates in lieu of metal number plates on a vehicle.

<u>HB22-1339</u> Merge Department of Revenue Division of Motor Vehicles Cash Funds: Concerning the Colorado DRIVES vehicle services account of the highway users tax fund, and, in connection therewith, merging the licensing services cash fund into the account and requiring account investment earnings to be credited to the account.

<u>HB22-1395</u> Transportation Innovation Grant Program: Concerning creating the competitive transportation innovation grant program to address the public school transportation shortage.

<u>HJR22-1002</u> Study State and Interstate Highway Vehicle Weight: Concerning a request that Congress allow the state of Colorado to conduct an analysis of and possibly move forward on harmonizing the gross vehicle weight for trucks on the Interstate Highway System in Colorado with that of other state highways.

**Budget and Economic Recovery:** Sen. Zenzinger sponsored several bills that will help improve the functioning of our government and help lower the cost of living in our state.

<u>SB22-216</u> Reallocation Of Limited Gaming Revenues: Concerning the reallocation of the limited gaming tax revenues for fiscal years following a significant decrease in the revenues, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

<u>SB22-217</u> Programs That Benefit Persons With Disabilities: Concerning motor vehicle related programs that benefit persons with disabilities, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

<u>SB22-235</u> County Administration of Public Assistance Programs: Concerning county administration of public assistance programs, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

<u>HB22-1331</u> Supplemental Funding for Facility Schools: Concerning supplemental funding for facility schools, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

<u>HB22-1333</u> Increase Minimum Wage for Nursing Home Workers: Concerning an increase in the minimum wage for nursing facility employees, and, in connection therewith making an appropriation.

<u>HB22-1334</u> Food Distribution Program Administrative Fee: Concerning the collection of an administrative fee from an agency that receives commodities through a food distribution program.

<u>HB22-1336</u> Streamline Processing of Judicial Department Collections: Concerning the streamlining of the processing of certain money collected by the judicial department.

<u>HB22-1339</u> Merge Department of Revenue Division of Motor Vehicles Cash Funds: Concerning the Colorado DRIVES vehicle services account of the highway users tax fund, and, in connection therewith, merging the licensing services cash fund into the account and requiring account investment earnings to be credited to the account.

<u>HB22-1340</u> Capital-related Transfers of Money: Concerning capital-related transfers of money.

<u>HB22-1341</u> Marijuana Tax Cash Fund: Concerning measures to ensure that the marijuana tax cash fund is in balance.

<u>HB22-1415</u> Repeal Registered Manager Requirement Liquor Licensees: Concerning elimination of the requirement that certain businesses licensed to sell alcohol beverages for consumption on the licensed premises register a manager of the licensed premises with the state licensing authority.

<u>HB22-1418</u> Extension Of Certain Unused Tax Credits: Concerning the extension of the period for which unused and expiring Colorado job growth incentive and enterprise zone income tax credits may be carried forward to subsequent years.

**Prime Sponsor of Senate Bills:** Sen. Zenzinger sponsored and successfully passed 23 Senate bills out of the Senate. One of those bills, Senate Bill 22-085, and Senate Joint Resolution 22-006, did not pass through the House.

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SB22-008 Higher Education Support for Foster Youth
SB22-011 America 250 - Colorado 150 Commission
SB22-017 Fluid Milk Products Not Divisible Load
SB22-054 Recommend Community School for Turnaround Plan
SB22-064 Neighborhood Youth Organizations
SB22-085 Colorado Safe Student Protection Program
SB22-121 Tuition Revenue Pledged by Institution Higher Education
SB22-127 Special Education Funding
SB22-137 Transition Back to Standard K-12 Accountability
SB22-142 Repeal Municipal Bond Supervision Advisory Board
SB22-144 Public and Nonprofit Entities Rideshare Contracts
SB22-146 Middle Income Access Program Expansion
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SB22-159 Revolving Loan Fund Invest Affordable Housing

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SB22-162 Administration Organization Act Modernization
SB22-164 Correction Property Tax Disclosure Information Metropolitan District
SB22-192 Opportunities for Credential Attainment
SB22-202 State Match for Mill Levy Override Revenue
SB22-210 License Supplemental Health-care Staffing Agencies
SB22-215 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Cash Fund
SB22-216 Reallocation Of Limited Gaming Revenues
SB22-217 Programs That Benefit Persons With Disabilities
SB22-225 Ambulance Service Sustainability And State Licensing
SB22-235 County Administration of Public Assistance Programs
SR22-003 Single Parent Day
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**Prime Sponsor of House Bills:** Sen. Zenzinger sponsored 31 House bills. Four of those bills failed to pass out of the House.

SJR22-006 Police Week and Peace Officers' Memorial Day

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HB22-1009 Continue Workforce Diploma Pilot Program
HB22-1031 Consumer Right to Repair Powered Wheelchairs
HB22-1051 Mod Affordable Housing Tax Credit
HB22-1057 Public Employees' Retirement Association Employment After Teacher
Retirement
HB22-1093 Updates to Bingo and Raffles Law
HB22-1099 Online Marketplaces and Third-party Sellers
HB22-1101 Public Employees' Retirement Association Service Retiree Employment in
Rural Schools
HB22-1114 Transportation Services For Medicaid Waiver Recipients
HB22-1162 Motor Vehicle Digital Number Plates
HB22-1202 At-risk Student Measure For School Finance
HB22-1220 Removing Barriers To Educator Preparation
HB22-1245 Foster Youth in Transition Program Clarifications
HB22-1248 Extend School Leadership Pilot Program
HB22-1250 Nonsubstantive Changes to Title 7 of Colorado Revised Statutes
HB22-1255 Improve Higher Education for Students With a Disability
HB22-1258 Essential Services For Youth Special Districts
HB22-1290 Changes to Medicaid for Wheelchair Repairs
HB22-1293 Medical Record Requests By Attorneys
HB22-1294 Special Education Services in Charter Schools
HB22-1320 Achieving a Better Life Experience Savings Accounts
HB22-1329 2022-23 Long Bill
HB22-1331 Supplemental Funding for Facility Schools
HB22-1333 Increase Minimum Wage for Nursing Home Workers
HB22-1334 Food Distribution Program Administrative Fee
HB22-1336 Streamline Processing of Judicial Department Collections
HB22-1339 Merge Department of Revenue Division of Motor Vehicles Cash Funds
HB22-1340 Capital-related Transfers of Money
HB22-1341 Marijuana Tax Cash Fund
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HB22-1390 Public School Finance

HB22-1395 Transportation Innovation Grant Program

HB22-1415 Repeal Registered Manager Requirement Liquor Licensees

HB22-1418 Extension Of Certain Unused Tax Credits

HJR22-1002 Study State and Interstate Highway Vehicle Weight

HJR22-1006 Military, Veterans, Missing in Action/Prisoner of War Appreciation Day