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Notable bills to be heard in Senate this week



DENVER -- The Senate has scheduled the following noteworthy bills to be heard this week. This list is not exhaustive but includes bills that are on topics that have typically garnered public input and media attention. The dates and times may change, so be sure to call and confirm the time and date before covering a bill.

SB 14-189: FUNDING THE COLORADO FIREFIGHTING AIR CORPS

Sponsors: Sen. Pat Steadman, D-Denver; Rep. Cheri Gerou, R-Evergreen

Senate third reading, Monday, April 21 at 10:00 a.m. in the Senate chamber

This bill transfers \$9,672,000 from the Controlled Maintenance Trust Fund to the General Fund for the purpose of supporting a fiscal year 2014/2015 appropriation for the Colorado Firefighting Air Corps.

SB 14-181: PROHIBIT AUTOMATED CAMERA VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION

Sponsors: Sen. Lucia Guzman, D-Denver, Sen. Scott Renfro, R-Greeley; Rep. Mark Ferrandino, D-Denver, Rep. Steve Humphrey, R-Windsor

Senate third reading, Monday, April 21 at 10:00 a.m. in the Senate chamber

This bill prohibits the use of an automated vehicle identification system, including photo radar and red light cameras, by state and local governments for the purposes of enforcing traffic laws or issuing citations for the violation of traffic laws.

HB 14-1260: JESSICA'S LAW

Sponsors: Sen. Mike Johnston, D-Denver; Rep. Mike Foote, D-Lafayette

Senate second reading, Monday, April 21 at 10:00 a.m. in the Senate chamber

The bill imposes sentences of 24 years to life for class 2 felony assault on a child under the age of 13, 18 to life for class 3 felony assault on a child, and 10 to life for class 4 felony assault on a child. Under current law, the most severe prison sentence for such offenses is 8 to 24 years. Colorado would be the 45th state to adopt a version of "Jessica's Law," which is named for Jessica Lunsford, the 9-year-old Florida girl whose 2005 death launched a national campaign for mandatory minimum sentences for sex offenders who target children.

HB 14-1288: IMMUNIZATION DATA TRANSPARENCY

Sponsors: Sen. Irene Aguilar, D-Denver; Rep. Dan Pabon, D-Denver

Senate second reading, Tuesday, April 22 at 9:00 a.m. in the Senate chamber

This bill ensures parents have access to the information necessary to make an informed choice about whether or not to vaccinate their children. The legislation had previously addressed vaccination exemption requirements, but was amended in committee to zero in on data transparency and educational resources.

SB 14-185: 'PAY FOR SUCCESS' CONTRACTS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Sponsors: Sen. Mike Johnston, D-Denver, Sen. Rachel Zenzinger, D-Arvada; Rep. Brittany Pettersen, D-Lakewood

Senate second reading, Tuesday, April 22 at 9:00 a.m. in the Senate chamber

The bill establishes a pilot "Pay for Success" program. Through the Pay for Success program, philanthropists can invest capital in early learning and development programs to help kids under 5 years old. If the programs meet specified conditions of success, the philanthropist can recoup his or her initial investment from the state. If the program is unsuccessful, the government pays nothing.

SB 14-193: GPS LOCATION INFORMATION PRIVACY

Sponsors: Sen. Morgan Carroll, D-Aurora, Sen. Kevin Lundberg, R-Berthoud; Rep. Jonathan Singer, D-Longmont

Senate Judiciary Committee, Monday, April 21 at 1:30 p.m. in Senate committee room 356

This bill puts into Colorado statute a Supreme Court ruling that the use of a GPS device to monitor a vehicle's movement constitutes a search requiring the government to obtain a search warrant. With certain specified exceptions, the bill prohibits a governmental entity from obtaining location information from an electronic device without first obtaining a search warrant.

HB 14-1327, HB 14-1328, HB 14-1329, HB 14-1330, HB 14-1331: RURAL HIGH-SPEED INTERNET/TELECOM BILL PACKAGE

Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee (For Action Only), Monday, April 21 at 1:30 p.m. in Senate committee room 353

Together, these five bills aim to increase access to high-speed Internet across Colorado and strengthen the existing telecommunications infrastructure, 911 emergency services and traditional landline telephone services upon which so many Coloradans depend.

SB 14-197: TRANSPORTATION ENTERPRISE TRANSPARENCY ACT

Sponsors: Sen. Matt Jones, D-Louisville, Sen. Bernie Herpin, R-Colorado Springs; Rep. Mike Foote, D-Lafayette, Rep. Tracy Kraft-Tharp, D-Arvada

Senate Transportation Committee, Tuesday, April 22 at 2:00 p.m. in Senate committee room 352

This bill will increase public participation and disclosure during the formation of future private-public partnerships for Colorado highways. It was drafted in response to concerns from lawmakers and residents about the lack of publicly-available information and community meetings about the U.S. 36 Colorado Department of Transportation's High-Performance Transportation Enterprise contract, signed in February. That deal formed a private-public partnership for construction, maintenance, and a toll lane on the Boulder Turnpike.

SB 14-200: ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES AND HIGH OCCUPANCY LANES

Sponsors: Sen. Matt Jones, D-Louisville, Sen. Steve King, R-Grand Junction; Rep. Dominick Moreno, D-Commerce City, Rep. Bob Rankin, R-Carbondale

Senate Transportation Committee, Tuesday, April 22 at 2:00 p.m. in Senate committee room 352

The bill will allow more fuel-efficient vehicles to drive for free in HOV lanes. For the last two years, almost no new fuel-efficient vehicles have been able to participate, as the HOV toll exemption program reached its cap of 2,000 vehicles. This bill would increase the cap to 6,000 vehicles, providing an incentive for Coloradans to purchase the most fuel-efficient vehicles.

SCR 14-002: UNREASONABLE SEARCHES OF ELECTRONIC DATA DEVICES

Sponsors: Sen. Morgan Carroll, D-Aurora, Sen. Greg Brophy, R-Wray; Rep. Dan Nordberg, R-Colorado Springs

Senate Judiciary Committee, Wednesday, April 23 at 1:30 p.m. in Senate committee room 356

The concurrent resolution would place the following proposition on the statewide November ballot: "Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado Constitution concerning the protection of electronic data from unreasonable searches

and seizures?" The measure would amend the state constitutional provision regarding protections against unreasonable searches and seizures to include "electronic data" and "other" effects.

HB 14-1303: LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC TESTIMONY FROM REMOTE LOCATIONS

Sponsors: Sen. Gail Schwartz, D-Snowmass; Rep. Mark Ferrandino, D-Denver, Rep. Ray Scott, R-Grand Junction
Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee, Wednesday, April 23 at 1:30 p.m. in Senate committee room 353

This bill would make it more convenient for Coloradans throughout the state to participate in the legislative process and have their voices heard at the Capitol. It allows the Executive Committee of the Legislative Council to consider, recommend, and establish policies allowing legislative committees to take remote testimony from one or more locations in Colorado. Conferencing technology may be implemented in phases and is not required to provide visual capabilities.

HB 14-1317: COLORADO CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CHANGES

Sponsors: Sen. Jeanne Nicholson, D-Gilpin County, Sen. John Kefalas, D-Fort Collins; Rep. Crisanta Duran, D-Denver

Senate Health and Human Services Committee, Thursday, April 24 at 1:30 p.m. in Senate committee room 352

This bill modifies the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) to help more Colorado families find affordable child care. It creates tiered reimbursement programs that incentivize and reward successful, high-quality child care programs and ensure that families with lower incomes receive more state dollars to help struggling parents remain in the workforce. The bill also lowers copayments for families with incomes below the federal poverty level and implements policies that support parents' efforts to find and keep a job.

SB 14-201: CHILD PROTECTION OMBUDSMAN ADVISORY WORK GROUP

Sponsors: Sen. Linda Newell, D-Littleton, Rep. Jonathan Singer, D-Longmont

Senate Health and Human Services Committee, Thursday, April 24 at 1:30 p.m. in Senate committee room 352

The legislation will re-establish an advisory work group to develop a plan for improved autonomy and accountability for the Colorado Child Protection Ombudsman Office, which was created by statute in 2010 to serve as an independent and neutral organization that investigates complaints and grievances about child protection services.

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About Sen. Rachel Zenzinger: Sen. Rachel Zenzinger serves Colorado Senate District 19, which spans most of Arvada and the Jefferson County portion of Westminster. She was appointed to her seat and sworn into office on Dec. 13, 2013. She serves on the Senate Education Committee, Senate Local Government Committee and she is a Senate advisor to the Colorado Commission on Higher Education. Her professional background is in education, and she was coordinator of the Regis University Master of Arts in Education program. For more information about Sen. Zenzinger, please go to www.RachelForColorado.com or call her at 303-866-4840.