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CSLC LEGISLATION

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SUPPORT

SB 3 Carroll Permissible Use of Credit Information by Employers KILLED

Would allow use of credit scores in employment decisions only when such information directly affects the job. Would require that an applicant who is rejected based on their credit score be notified of such. Allows civil action by an individual if such information is used in an employment decision inappropriately.

SB 15 Giron Optional Category Higher Ed Tuition House Education

Establishes a third level of tuition, higher than instate tuition but lower than out of state tuition for Colorado youth who have lived in Colorado and graduated from a Colorado High School. Each College or University could chose to opt in or out of this change.

SB 134 Aguilar Hospital Payment Assistance Act Governor

This bill addresses medical costs and medical debt, especially for the uninsured. It would require hospitals to make information about discount programs and charity care available on their website and to patients. It would set debt collection standards about reasonable repayment schedules. It would also limit hospital prices for the uninsured under 400% of FPL to actual cost of providing care.

HB 1028 Gerou Continue Low Income Energy Related Assistance Signed into Law

Extends for five years the spending authority for a program providing energy assistance to vulnerable Colorado households, using available surplus funds in the operating account of the severance tax trust fund. Does not prevent funds otherwise slated for the program to be transferred by the Legislature. Federal LEAP funding has been cut by one fourth from last winter's level and federal funding for low income weatherization has been cut by 2/3.

HB 1253 Kefalas Low Income Heat/Rent/ Property Tax Rebate KILLED

Temporarily increases the amount and income ceilings for the Low Income Heat/Rent/Property Tax Rebate for Low Income Seniors and People with Disabilities.

HB 1271 Nikkel Juvenile Direct File Limitations Governor's

Under current law, juveniles who are at least 14 and who are charged with certain serious crimes may be prosecuted in adult court, a process known as direct file. As amended this bill raises the minimum age for direct filing to 16. Additionally, it limits the offences for which a juvenile can be direct filed to class 1 or 2 felonies, violent sex offenses and crimes of violence committed by prior violent juvenile offenders.

HB 1326 Acree Concerning Assistance to the Elderly

Senate Finance

Encourages State Board of Human Services to increase the Old Age Pension Grant \$26/mon to \$725. Month. Funds dental care program for OAP recipients and seniors with incomes below 135% of Federal Poverty Level with \$3 million.

OPPOSE

HB 1046 Sonnenberg Colo Works Program Drug Testing Requirement KILLED

Would require each applicant for TANF to take a drug test at their own expense (\$45). Those who passed, would be reimburse using county TANF funds. Those who failed would face a temporary ban, although their children could receive benefits though a payee (also required to drug test).

HB 1111 Szabo Photo Identification for Voting

KILLED

Requires government issued photo identification for voting purposes. Only exception is that nursing home residents may use their Medicaid or Medicare cards.