

# STATE OF COLORADO

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## 2021 LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD



“God bless abortion.” “Parents are dangerous to children.” “Oil and gas need to be eliminated from Colorado.” These are all themes I’ve heard while testifying at the Colorado State Capitol. Worse than just hearing these phrases, many state legislators are happy to implement these beliefs into law.

Of the 508 laws passed during the 2021 Colorado legislative session, many reflected an anti-biblical, anti-Christian worldview. The legislature often takes a position opposed to Colorado Christian University’s strategic priorities. These include the support of traditional family values, sanctity of life, compassion for the poor, biblical view of human nature, limited government, personal freedom, free markets, natural law, original intent of the Constitution, and Western civilization.

While the Christian, conservative worldview faces challenges in our state, there are brave men and women at the Colorado Legislature who believe that laws reflecting the teachings of the Bible are best to lead our state forward. Each year, these legislators are bestowed with the Faith, Family, and Freedom Award from the Centennial Institute at Colorado Christian University because of their strong convictions.

2021 Faith, Family, and Freedom Award winners from the Colorado State Senate include John Cooke, Bob Gardner, Dennis Hisey, Chris Holbert, Barbara Kirkmeyer, Paul Lundeen, Bob Rankin, Ray Scott, Jerry Sonnenberg, and Rob Woodward.

2021 Faith, Family, and Freedom Award winners from the Colorado House of Representatives include Mark Baisley, Rod Bockenfeld, Mary Bradfield, Terri Carver, Marc Catlin, Tim Geitner, Ron Hanks, Richard Holtorf, Colin Larson, Stephanie Luck, Mike Lynch, Hugh McKean, Rod Pelton, Andres Pico, Kim Ransom, Janice Rich, Shane Sandridge, Matt Soper, Tonya Van Beber, Kevin Van Winkle, Perry Will, Dave Williams, and Dan Woog.

We thank the legislators listed above for their commitment to advancing faith, family, and freedom for all Coloradans.

Please consider supporting the work of the Centennial Institute in defending conservative principles at the Colorado State Capitol. No other organization in Colorado fights for biblical values and defends the breadth of issues as we do. Please visit [centennial.ccu.edu](http://centennial.ccu.edu) today to make your donation.

For faith, family, and freedom,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Hunt'. The signature is stylized and fluid.

Jeff Hunt  
Director, Centennial Institute  
Co-Chairman, Western Conservative Summit

## Scoring:

Vote cast that aligns with scored vote	+1
Vote cast that does not align with scored vote	0
Excused or Absent	0

### **SB 21-009** **Reproductive Health Care Program** **Requested a NO vote**

The bill directs the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) to administer a reproductive health care program to certain individuals who are not eligible for coverage under Medicaid only because of their citizenship or immigration status, beginning January 1, 2022. The program allows eligible individuals to receive reproductive health services including contraceptive drugs, devices, products and services related to those, upon request and at no cost.

*CI Priority: Enhance Sanctity of Life*  
*Bill Status: Signed into law.*

### **SB 21-070** **County Authority To Register Businesses** **Requested a NO vote**

The bill gives a local board of county commissioners the authority to register businesses in the unincorporated portions of the county. The bill does not grant a board of commissioners the power to license or collect fees or fines for such registrations. Counties may only publish registration information if it is aggregated by business type.

*CI Priority: Limited Government, Free Markets*  
*Bill Status: Signed into law.*

### **SB 21-111** **Program To Support Marijuana Entrepreneurs** **Requested a NO vote**

This bill creates the Marijuana Entrepreneur Assistance Program in the Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) to support entrepreneurs in the marijuana industry by providing: loans to social equity licensees for seed capital and ongoing business expenses; grants to social equity licensees or other organizations to support innovation and job creation for social equity licensees; technical assistance for marijuana business owners, prioritizing social equity licensees that have received a grant or loan.

*CI Priority: Reducing Marijuana's Harmful Impact*  
*Bill Status: Signed into law.*

### **SB 21-154** **988 Suicide Lifeline Prevention Network** **Requested a YES vote**

The bill creates the 988 Crisis Hotline Enterprise in the Department of Human Services (DHS). The enterprise will be governed by a board of directors appointed by the governor.

*CI Priority: Enhancing Sanctity of Life*  
*Bill Status: Signed into law.*

### **HB 21-1103** **Media Literacy Implementation** **Requested a NO vote**

This bill requires that the State Board of Education revise the academic content standards for reading, writing, and civics to include media literacy. The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) must create an online resource bank pertaining to media literacy and provide technical assistance implementing media literacy standards and best practices, if requested by schools or districts.

*CI Priority: Parental Rights*  
*Bill Status: Signed into law.*

### **HB 21-1108** **Gender Identity Expression Anti-discrimination** **Requested a NO vote**

This bill modifies the definition of sexual orientation and adds gender expression and gender identity to statutes prohibiting discrimination against members of a protected class. It prohibits discrimination based on gender expression or gender identity in areas including employment, housing, financial services, healthcare, funeral arrangements, access to and participation in public services, education, youth services, criminal justice, and transportation. The bill specifies that expenses paid by a taxpayer to a private club that discriminates based on gender expression or gender identity are not tax deductible. Residential properties that are exempt from property taxes for charitable purposes are also prohibited from discrimination based on gender expression and gender identity.

*CI Priority: Protecting Religious Freedom*  
*Bill Status: Signed into law.*

## **HB 21-1232**

### **Standardized Health Benefit Plan Colorado Option Requested a NO vote**

The bill directs the Commissioner of Insurance to develop a standardized health insurance plan that private health insurance carriers are required to offer. It sets targets for premium rate reductions under the plan and creates a process by which health care providers and hospitals may be required to accept the plan and rates established by state regulators.

*CI Priority: Limited Government, Free Markets  
Bill Status: Signed into law.*

## **HB 21-1243**

### **Wolf Reintroduction Funding With No License Fees Requested a YES vote**

Proposition 114, which was approved by Colorado voters at the 2020 General Election, directs the Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) Commission to develop a plan to reintroduce gray wolves in Colorado and oversee the restoration and management of a self-sustaining population. The plan must provide fair compensation to livestock owners for losses of livestock caused by wolves.

*CI Priority: Limited Government, Free Markets  
Bill Status: Signed into law.*

## **HB21-1317**

### **Regulate Marijuana Concentrates Requested a YES vote**

The bill requires a study of high-potency marijuana concentrates, defines retail and medical marijuana concentrates, and makes changes to state law related to physician recommendations for medical marijuana, the sale of medical marijuana, and the sale of marijuana concentrate, among other changes.

*CI Priority: Reducing Marijuana's Harmful Impact  
Bill Status: Signed into law.*

## **Consideration for Bonus Points:**

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### **House**

## **HB 21-1017**

### **Protect Human Life at Conception Supported**

This bill prohibits licensed physicians from performing abortions except:

- When an abortion is necessary to preserve the life of the woman and the physician has made a reasonable medical effort to preserve both the life of the woman and her unborn child; or
- When the physician provides medical treatment to a woman that results in the accidental injury or death of the unborn child.

Offenses under the bill are punishable as a class 1 felony, and a conviction constitutes unprofessional conduct for the purposes of physician licensing.

Sponsors: Neville, Ransom, Sandridge, Van Winkle, Williams D.

*CI Priority: Sanctity of Life  
Bill Status: Failed in committee.*

## **HB 21-1032**

### **Local Government Authority Statewide Disaster Declarations Supported**

This bill allows a local governing body to abrogate all or any portion of a disaster emergency order issued by the Governor when the disaster emergency lasts longer than 30 days, by adopting a resolution, ordinance, law, or rule. A governing body is required to notify the Governor and any affected state agencies of the adoption.

Sponsors: Luck

*CI Priority: Limited Government  
Bill Status: Failed in committee.*

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## **HB 21-1081**

### **Disaster Emergency Duration Limits Supported**

This bill extends the maximum allowable duration of a state of disaster emergency to 60 days, unless the General Assembly adopts a joint resolution that extends it. The Governor cannot renew a state of disaster emergency but can submit a written request to the General Assembly, which may extend a state of disaster emergency by joint resolution for periods up to 60 days for as long as it deems necessary.

Sponsors: Carver, Pico

*CI Priority: Limited Government*  
*Bill Status: Failed in committee.*

## **HB 21-1191**

### **Prohibit Discrimination COVID-19 Status Supported**

The bill prohibits the state from making any COVID-19 vaccine mandatory and further prohibits employers, including health facilities, from making the COVID-19 vaccine a condition of employment or taking adverse action against an employee based on their vaccine status. In addition, no government agency, commercial establishment or enterprise, service provider, or nonprofit association may discriminate against a client, patron, or customer based on COVID-19 vaccine status.

Sponsors: Baisley, Bockenfeld, Geitner, Hanks, Luck, Lynch, Pelton, Pico, Rich, Sandridge, Soper, Van Winkle, Williams, Woog

*CI Priority: Limited Government*  
*Bill Status: Failed in committee.*

## **Senate**

## **SB 21-005**

### **Business Exempt From Public Health Order To Close Supported**

By creating an exemption to a misdemeanor offense for failure to comply with a public health order, this bill allows a business that has been ordered to cease or limit its operations as a result of a declared emergency or public health emergency to continue or resume operations if certain criteria are met. The criteria include that the affected business' products or services are also available at another business operating in the area that has not been ordered to cease or limit its operations; and that the affected business complies with the safety precautions outlined in the public health order.

Sponsors: Cooke, Gardner, Hisey, Holbert, Lundeen, Rankin, Woodward, Zenzinger

*CI Priority: Limited Government*  
*Bill Status: Failed in committee.*

## **SB 21-007**

### **Improve Public Confidence Election Validity Supported**

Beginning with the 2022 general election, this bill requires that all voting for general elections be conducted in-person, unless a voter requests a mail ballot following procedures developed by county clerks. It allows each county clerk to determine the number and locations of polling places within each county. Under the bill, all ballots must be received by the close of polls on Election Day and be counted by the end of Election Day.

Sponsors: Lundeen

*CI Priority: Limited Government*  
*Bill Status: Failed in committee.*

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# House

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Lynch, Mike	10	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y			C	1
Pico, Andres	10	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y			C	C	2
Rich, Janice	10	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y				C	2
Soper, Matt	10	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y				C	2
Ransom, Kim	9	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	C			C	2
Carver, Terri	9	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y			C		1
Catlin, Marc	9	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y					
Holtorf, Richard	9	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y					
Larson, Colin	9	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y					
Pelton, Rod	9	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y					
Van Beber, Tonya	9	N	N	N	Y	N	E	N	Y	Y				C	1
Van Winkle, Kevin	9	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	C			C	2
Will, Perry	9	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y					
Baisley, Mark	9	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y				C	1
Bockenfeld, Rod	9	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y				C	1
Geitner, Tim	9	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y				C	1
Hanks, Ron	9	N	N	E	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y				C	1
Bradfield, Mary	8	N	N	N	Y	N	N	E	Y	Y					
McKean, Hugh	8	N	N	N	Y	N	E	N	Y	Y					
Sandridge, Shane	8	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	C			C	2
Williams, Dave	8	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	C			C	2
Luck, Stephanie	8	N	N	N	N	E	N	N	N	Y		C		C	2
Woog, Dan	8	N	N	N	E	N	N	N	Y	Y				C	1
Neville, Patrick	7	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	C				1
Amabile, Judy	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Bacon, Jennifer	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Benavidez, Adrienne	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Bernett, Tracey	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Bird, Shannon	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Boesenecker, Andrew	3	Y			Y			Y	Y	Y					
Caraveo, Yadira	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Cutter, Lisa	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Daugherty, Lindsey	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					

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Duran, Monica	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Esgar, Daneya	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Exum, Tony	3	Y	Y	E	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Froelich, Meg	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Garnett, Alec	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Gonzales-Gutierrez, Serena	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Gray, Matt	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E					
Jackson, Dominique	3	Y	E	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Jodeh, Iman	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Kipp, Cathy	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Lontine, Susan	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
McCluskie, Julie	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
McCormick, Karen	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
McLachlan, Barbara	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Michaelson Jenet, Dafna	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Mullica, Kyle	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Ortiz, David	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Ricks, Naquetta	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Roberts, Dylan	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Sirota, Emily	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Sullivan, Tom	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Tipper, Kerry	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Titone, Brianna	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Valdez, Donald	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Weissman, Mike	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Young, Mary	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Hooton, Edie	2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N					
Kennedy, Chris	2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N					
Valdez, Alex	2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N					
Snyder, Marc	2	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Woodrow, Steven	2	E	Y	Y	E	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Herod, Leslie	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	E	Y					
Arndt, Jeni James	0		Y	Y		Y	Y								

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# Senate

Colorado Legislator	Total Score	SB21-009	SB21-070	SB21-111	SB21-154	HB21-1103	HB21-1108	HB21-1232	HB21-1243	HB21-1317	SB21-005	SB21-007	Extra Credit
Cooke, John	10	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	C		1
Hisey, Dennis	10	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	C		1
Lundeen, Paul	10	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	C	C	2
Scott, Ray	9	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y			
Sonnenberg, Jerry	9	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y			
Woodward, Rob	9	N	N	N	Y	E	N	N	Y	Y	C		1
Gardner, Bob	9	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	C		1
Kirkmeyer, Barbara	8	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y			
Holbert, Chris	8	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	C		1
Rankin, Bob	8	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	C		1
Coram, Don	7	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y			
Liston, Larry	7	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	C		1
Simpson, Cleave	7	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y			
Smallwood, Jim	7	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y			
Priola, Kevin	6	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y			
Zenzinger, Rachel	5	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	C		1
Bridges, Jeff	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Buckner, Janet	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Coleman, James	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Danielson, Jessie	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Donovan, Kerry	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Fenberg, Stephen	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Fields, Rhonda	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Ginal, Joann	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Gonzales, Julie	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Hansen, Chris	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Jaquez Lewis, Sonya	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Kolker, Chris	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Lee, Pete	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Moreno, Dominick	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Pettersen, Brittany	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Rodriguez, Robert	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Story, Tammy	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Winter, Faith	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Garcia, Leroy	2	Y	Y	E	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	Y			

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