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1 Prayer by Dr. Louise Westfall, Central Presbyterian Church, Denver.
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3 The Speaker called the House to order at 9:00 a.m.
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5 Pledge of Allegiance led by Brook McFarland, Lindsey Laskowski, Chris
6 Colvin, Sean Burdges, Chaffee County High School, Buena Vista.
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8 The roll was called with the following result:
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10 Present--63.
11 Excused--Representative(s) KC. Becker, Priola--2.
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13 The Speaker declared a quorum present.
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16 On motion of Representative Ardent, the reading of the journal of January
17 14, 2015, was declared dispensed with and approved as corrected by the
18 Chief Clerk.
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21 House in recess for Joint Session.
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25 **JOINT SESSION**
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27 The Joint Session was called to order by the Speaker of the House, Dickey Lee
28 Hullinghorst.
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30 On motion of Senator Scheffel, the morning roll call of the Senate was made the
31 roll call of the Joint Session.
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33 Present--35.
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35 On motion of Representative Duran, the morning roll call of the House was
36 made the roll call of the Joint Session.
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38 Present--63.
39 Excused--Representative(s) K.C. Becker, Priola--2.
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41 The Speaker declared a quorum present and as is customary presented the gavel
42 to the President of the Senate to preside over the Joint Session.
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1 President Cadman requested the Joint Committee, composed of Senators Scott,
2 Merrifield, and Representatives Court, Singer, Thurlow to escort Governor John
3 Hickenlooper to the rostrum.

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5 Chief Sergeant-at-Arms John Wallin announced the arrival of the Honorable
6 John Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado.

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8 The Joint Committee escorted the Governor to the rostrum where he addressed
9 the Joint Session.

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**ADDRESS BY THE HONORABLE
John Hickenlooper**

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Good morning.

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17 I am grateful and **honored** to be in this Chamber again with so many distinguished
18 Coloradans.

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20 I see a lot of familiar faces and some new ones.

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22 Some of you were in hard-fought campaigns. A few of you even endured a prolonged
23 period of vote counting.

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25 I can only *imagine* what that must have been like.

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27 Speaking of hard fought campaigns, we thank the Broncos for another exciting season.

28 And we congratulate Tommy Caldwell of Estes Park, who just reached the top of El
29 Capitan.

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31 To all of you newly elected representatives, congratulations and welcome.

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33 I am confident that Colorado will benefit from your fresh ideas and enthusiasm.

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35 To all of you *re-elected* members, thank you for your continued service to our state.

36 During the last four years, Colorado's General Assembly bucked the trend in
37 Washington, as we avoided gridlock by walking the talk of bipartisanship.

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39 Collaboration has been the not-so secret sauce of our state's success.

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41 Congratulations to Senate President Bill Cadman and Majority Leader Mark Scheffel;
42 and Minority Leader Morgan Carroll and Assistant Minority Leader Rollie Heath.

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44 Congratulations as well to Speaker Dickey Lee Hullinghorst, Majority Leader Crisanta
45 Duran; House Minority Leader Brian DelGrosso and Assistant Minority Leader Libby
46 Szabo.

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48 With the support of her caucus, Representative Duran, makes history as the *first*
49 Latina Majority Leader.

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51 I want to convey my gratitude to Lt. Gov. Joe Garcia, whose support and perspective
52 has been invaluable to me and the state.

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54 Let us also express our solidarity with America's oldest ally, represented today by
55 Jeffrey Richards, the Honorary Consul of France.

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1 We are grateful for the partnership we have with the tribes of Colorado and today we
2 are honored to have with us Manuel Heart, the Chair of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.
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4 Only about a month ago, members of the Northern Cheyenne and the Northern
5 Arapaho Tribes gathered on the West Steps of the Capitol to commemorate a sad
6 chapter in our state's history: the 150th anniversary of the Sand Creek Massacre.
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8 With unanimous support from Colorado's four living governors, and on behalf of the
9 good people of this state, I formally apologized for the atrocity that our government
10 and its agents visited upon their ancestors.
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12 I am of the mind that we must acknowledge when things have gone wrong in the hope
13 that we will get more things right.
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15 Healing begins with an apology, empathy and kindness.
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17 During our inaugural festivities we challenged Coloradans to engage in 10,000 random
18 acts of kindness which we can track with the simple hashtag "state of kind".
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20 As we move forward this session, I'm confident that spirit will continue here.
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22 I want to thank my cabinet and senior staff, along with all of our state employees, and
23 special thanks to Major General Edwards and the Colorado National Guard, whose
24 members, always stand ready to help Colorado in emergency.
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26 We have mourned the loss of several Colorado-based service men and women this past
27 year, and we have them and their families in our hearts.
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29 We welcome newly elected Attorney General Cynthia Coffman and Secretary of State
30 Wayne Williams, and re-elected Treasurer Walker Stapleton.
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32 That's Walker **R.** Stapleton.
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34 The esteemed members of our Colorado State Supreme Court are with us this morning.
35 Our thanks to all of you.
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37 United States Congressmen Jared Polis and Ed Perlmutter are here. Can't say I blame
38 them. I'd much rather be here than in Washington D.C. as well.
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40 We are also fortunate to have with us, former U.S. Senator and U.S. Secretary of the
41 Interior Ken Salazar, who has been one of our greatest public servants, not just for
42 Colorado but for our country, and Denver Mayor Michael Hancock, who is doing a
43 phenomenal job.
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45 Just as many of you do, I took the main stairwell to the second floor this morning, and
46 along the way walked by the murals of the first-floor rotunda.
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48 I have walked by those murals many times, and I confess that I don't always stop to
49 appreciate them. But in the days that have led up to the start of this session, I have
50 considered them quite a bit.
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52 The murals were completed in 1940 by Colorado painter Allen True, and the words
53 written by Colorado poet Thomas Hornsby Ferril.
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1 According to an eyewitness account, True and Ferril solidified their partnership and
2 came up with the theme for the murals during a long, raucous night, involving
3 drinking...
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5 And--I kid you not ...knife throwing... *Knife throwing*
6
7 And Ferril sketched out what became their theme on a greasy paper bag left after
8 they'd polished off some cheeseburgers.
9 The painter and the poet chose the perfect unifying theme for Colorado—water.
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11 The first panel is a poem by Ferril. It starts off, “Here is a land where life is written
12 in water.”
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14 An apt way to begin, as in the next eight panels True depicts the story of Colorado.
15 Our past, present and future—and how it all flows from water.
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17 True begins where he should, depicting one of the first natives of Colorado, an
18 American Indian at work.
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20 Throughout the next seven panels, we see a pioneer and his family pushing West into
21 Colorado; speculators mining the gold rush; early farmers planting crops; a
22 construction crew laying our urban foundation; industrial laborers toiling at a power
23 facility.
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25 It is something of poetry itself that these murals encircle our rotunda, as the topic of
26 water flows around many of the decisions we make in this building.
27
28 Seventy to eighty percent of Colorado’s water falls on the mostly agricultural
29 communities west of the Continental Divide; while 90 percent of our population is on
30 the east, in the more urban Front Range.
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32 Colorado is a semi-arid state. Even when our snow pack is substantial and the state has
33 what looks like a water surplus, a drought always looms. Water in Colorado is always
34 in finite supply.
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36 The long boiling disagreements over water have been well-documented.
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38 Historically, folks West of the Divide took the position that not one more drop of
39 water would be diverted to the Front Range. And East of the Divide would respond
40 with: We’ll see you in court.
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42 But just last month, after the largest civic engagement process in state history, the
43 Colorado Water Conservation Board, at long last, achieved what many believed was
44 impossible:
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46 It brought together the disparate stakeholders from around the state and drafted
47 Colorado’s first-ever statewide Water Plan.
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49 Representatives of urban areas recognized that locally sourced dairy and food is vital
50 to *all* of Colorado; while the agricultural areas realized that they could not simply
51 allow urbans areas to dry up.
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53 The Colorado Water Plan represents a paradigm shift of cooperation and
54 collaboration, and goes a long way to ensure we strategically allocate this precious
55 resource to maximize our entire state’s ability to grow and flourish.
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1 I draw our attention to those murals, and the Water Plan, because in them, it seems,
2 there are valuable lessons.

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4 Lessons—not only about how we manage our water—but also how we can best
5 manage all of our resources.

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7 We are in a unique time, when the decisions we make now will have an especially
8 profound impact on whether our state grows stronger, or stagnates.

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10 Members of the General Assembly, today, I am pleased to say that—despite the
11 considerable challenges Colorado has faced—the state of our state is strong.

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13 According to almost every national ranking, Colorado is now one of the top states for
14 business climate and job growth.

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16 Colorado’s economic success is the result of the risk-taking and investment of
17 Colorado’s private sector, the creativity of our innovators, and the hard work of the
18 people throughout this state.

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20 Our economic blueprint has been rooted in doing everything possible to promote
21 collaboration with business on the state, county and local levels.

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23 River Rim Teardrops is one example. Dolores County residents Tim and Peg Rossiter
24 are avid campers. A few years ago, to pursue their passion, they bought a cargo trailer
25 and turned it into a camper shaped like a teardrop, and they discovered a business.

26
27 With some marketing guidance and help from the Southwest Colorado Small Business
28 Development Center, Tim and Peg launched River Rim Teardrops.

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30 Their company motto is: “We build them the old way because the old ones are still
31 around.” That’s the sort of sound, sturdy motto that rings true to Coloradans.

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33 As the murals True and Ferril created remind us, our state was founded by pioneers
34 who packed wagons and dared to head into unmapped territory; and with their trailers,
35 Tim and Peg remind us that the entrepreneurial spirit is alive and vital to the DNA of
36 Colorado.

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38 Tim and Peg are here with us today. Please join me in asking them to stand, and
39 congratulate them.

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41 In addition to building products the old fashioned way, Colorado benefits mightily
42 from our high-tech innovators. According to one recent count, five of the top
43 metropolitan areas in the country for tech start-ups are located in Colorado.

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45 It’s not surprising, considering Colorado has long been among the top states in the
46 nation when it comes to Aerospace and Advanced Manufacturing. Colorado’s
47 aerospace industry employs over 25,000 employees. Good jobs with good wages.

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49 Just last month, NASA took a giant step forward for mankind when it launched the
50 Orion spacecraft toward Mars on its first voyage and it travelled farther into space
51 than any spacecraft designed for astronauts in 40 years.

52 While Orion took flight from Cape Canaveral, much of the engineering took flight
53 right here in Colorado with Lockheed Martin and United Launch Alliance.

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1 To galvanize innovators and attract more technology-based start-ups to Colorado, we
2 started the Colorado Innovation Network and launched the annual COIN summit, now
3 entering its fourth year.
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5 Two years ago, Chris Klein and Franz Garsombke, the founders of a company called,
6 Rachio, won the \$50,000 award for the most innovative start-up idea.
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8 Chris and Franz invented a smart-sprinkler, the *Iro*, which automatically adjusts for
9 changes in weather.
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11 While presenting at the COIN Summit, Chris and Franz did just the sort of thing we
12 had hoped for: they networked and met Noel Ginsburg, the CEO of Colorado's
13 Intertech Plastics. Noel worked with Rachio to help bring the *Iro* to production.
14
15 Rachio's smart sprinklers are now in 1000 Home Depots and launching into Best Buys
16 and Apple Stores.
17
18 Please join me in asking Chris, Franz and Noel to stand so that we can congratulate
19 them on sprinkling our semi-arid state with their success.
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21 Our economic development strategy is to recruit, retain, and grow talent better than
22 any state in the country, and to vigilantly seize opportunities to help Colorado
23 businesses hatch and grow.
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25 During the last few years, we have successfully lured major companies like Cool
26 Planet Energy Systems, Hitachi, Ardent Mills and Arrow Electronics.
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28 Just last month, we persuaded Panasonic to locate a major hub in this state with a gain
29 of 300 jobs.
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31 We've successfully kept our companies here at home and helped them grow —
32 companies like Charles Schwab, Lockheed Martin and Woodward, all of which added
33 thousands more jobs.
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35 Your support for our Rural Economic Development Grants program, our Main Street
36 improvement initiative, and the promise of broadband expansion from last sessions'
37 telecommunications reform law ...
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39 ... are all important steps to ensure that Colorado's economic recovery reaches all four
40 corners of our state.
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42 We will not only continue those programs -- we will do more.
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44 We've spent four years implementing the Colorado Blueprint, the state's bottom-up
45 strategy to economic recovery, focused on key industries and regional development.
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47 In the coming months, our Office of Economic Development and International Trade
48 will be launching Colorado Blueprint 2.0.
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50 The team will again be visiting all 14 regions of the state soliciting a vision for
51 economic development starting with the counties where employment is most lagging.
52 Counties like Otero, Costilla, San Miguel, and Huerfano.
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54 The office will also launch a pilot program designed to attract the creative class of
55 "free agents", independent contractors, to live and work in identified communities.
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1 Data suggests that this creative class of free agents comprises up to 30 percent of the
2 U.S workforce and include a wide spectrum of occupations including science,
3 engineering, education, computer programming, and arts and media.
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5 Through non-profit partnerships, the program would provide subsidized space, with
6 high speed internet and access to health-care coverage. Bundling these services and
7 providing a co-working environment will aid in the recruitment of this talent pool and
8 foster economic growth.
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10 This innovative idea came to us from Colorado College President Dick Celeste, and
11 Colorado Springs Mayor Steve Bach, and Mayor Bach is here with us today. This
12 further demonstrates that no one party has all the good ideas.
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14 Our challenge is to make sure economic prosperity reaches every household in all 64
15 counties.
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17 Despite our statewide economic resurgence, many out-of-work Coloradans are fighting
18 to earn their way into the middle-class.
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20 Almost 50,000 of our fellow Coloradans have been out of work for six-months or
21 more.
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23 Having been among the long-term unemployed myself, I know that many of our long-
24 term unemployed are *eager* to have a chance re-define themselves and to succeed.
25
26 We have launched an initiative that pulls together state resources from several
27 departments, with the single-minded objective to assist long-term unemployed workers
28 find work.
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30 People like Wendy Stedman.
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32 Last year, Wendy walked into a Colorado Workforce Center in Centennial and
33 enrolled in the Dislocated Worker Program. A veteran who served this country
34 honorably, she had lost her job working in I.T. and communications systems.
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36 Wendy's workforce specialist provided her with resume and interview skills coaching.
37 Together, they determined she would be more marketable with some specialized
38 training.
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40 Wendy was approved to attend Microsoft Project certification classes, and her
41 previous employer *re-hired* her as a Technical Project Manager.
42
43 Please join me in asking Wendy to stand so that we can congratulate her on her new
44 job and thank her for strengthening Colorado's economy.
45
46 The investments we make in our workforce development programs benefit not only
47 the long-term unemployed but also employers and the entire state.
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49 Targeted workforce development and a strong education system are keys to supporting
50 a strong middle class.
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52 Our current budget request for K-12 education includes a \$480 million increase, of
53 which the state is contributing 70 percent.
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55 In recent years, we worked together to save extra money in the State Education Fund.
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1 Moving forward, our budget proposal, includes an additional \$200 million from the
2 State Education Fund intended as a one-time increase for school districts to allocate
3 as their elected boards decide.
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5 With or without this proposal, as we look beyond this year, the ability of the State
6 General Fund to protect the negative factor from rising even higher is uncertain.
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8 Beyond questions of funding, we need to confront the truth about whether Colorado's
9 kids are getting the education they need to compete and succeed in the job market.
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11 But how do we know if we are getting the job done unless we accurately measure
12 individual student growth?
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14 We look forward to the final recommendations of the 1202 Task Force. But already
15 the outlines of a consensus are taking shape.
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17 Easing the testing demands on 12th graders in social studies and science; and
18 streamlining tests in early years and finding flexibility with approaches to social
19 studies might be among the right answers.
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21 There is no doubt, however, that maintaining consistent assessments in English and
22 math through high school is fundamental.
23
24 We look forward to working with all of you as we tackle this challenging issue.
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26 Colorado must also become the best state in the country to recruit, retain and grow
27 great teachers. Licensure reforms, career ladders and a fair evaluation system are
28 critical.
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30 These efforts should not be designed to punish teachers, but rather, to reward and
31 inspire the good ones to become even better.
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33 Our goal should be to ensure that every Colorado child has equal access to a great
34 education. That means taking a hard look at funding equity, strategies to turn around
35 struggling schools, promoting innovation and supporting charter schools.
36
37 An education after high school was once a sure path into the middle class, but today,
38 the price tag remains a stumbling block for too many of our fellow Coloradans.
39
40 Chief among our priorities is reducing the cost of higher education for students and
41 their families. Our Colorado Commission on Higher Education has set a goal that 66%
42 of 25-34 year olds hold a post-high school credential by 2025.
43 But that's a long way away, and we should target 55 percent by 2020.
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45 In our proposed budget, we have asked for \$107 million additional in General Fund
46 resources for the higher education.
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48 One of the returns on this investment is a cap in the undergraduate tuition growth at
49 no more than 6.0 percent, making college and thereby a pathway to a well-paying job
50 and the middle class more accessible to more Coloradans.
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52 A portion of this request would also provide stabilization funds as the system moves
53 to a new formula.
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55 It is a fast changing world, and we must have a system of higher education that is built
56 to keep pace.

1 We are doing what we can as a state to educate and graduate a homegrown workforce.
2 But, we know that its not enough, and our ability to continue funding higher ed at this
3 level may not last much longer.
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5 We must continue to identify and develop creative solutions.
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7 The goal of our new Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative is to launch a
8 network of state-matched scholarship funds across the state.
9
10 We have already allocated \$34 million to the project, and I hope the General Assembly
11 will join me by allocating another \$30 million.
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13 The Colorado Quarterly Forum has already promised \$1 million over the next ten
14 years -- the first of what will be many contributions to this partnership with
15 philanthropic and business partners.
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17 One of the more fertile fields of employment in Colorado, has been our energy
18 industry.
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20 Colorado has pursued an “all of the above” energy strategy, helping our country
21 approach energy independence.
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23 Throughout my first term, we worked hard on the difficult conflicts that arise when
24 the rightful expectation for a peaceful lifestyle in our homes and neighborhoods runs
25 up against our need for energy, and the property rights that allow mineral owners to
26 develop that energy.
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28 We crafted rules to increase setbacks, reduce noise, light and dust impacts, protect
29 groundwater, slash emissions and disclose industry chemicals. We increased penalties
30 for rulebreakers, toughened spill reporting, added oversight staff, and strengthened
31 local collaboration.
32 And we’re going to keep working at cultivating a robust energy industry and a healthy
33 environment.
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35 As part of a compromise to keep economically-devastating initiatives off the ballot,
36 we have worked with the Keystone Center and brought long-polarized interests to the
37 same table.
38 After four meetings of this task force, people have stepped from their entrenched
39 positions, come together, broken bread –or at least boxed lunches–and are *talking*
40 to one another. As a matter of fact, they are meeting right now.
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42 I look forward to the recommendations of this task force, and pledge to work with you
43 and other stakeholders in developing our energy resources, protecting property rights
44 and our natural environment and public health.
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46 We remain committed to being the #1 healthiest state in nation.
47 Our plan to get there is the “State of Health,” developed collaboratively by multiple
48 Departments, with broad input from the healthcare community.
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50 Already, the rate of prescription drug abuse, a chronic issue in Colorado, has come
51 down by more than 15 percent.
52 We are resetting the Medicaid cost curve in this state through efforts like our
53 Accountable Care Collaborative. Medicaid cost per capita is flat, and trending *down*.
54 We are one of the top five most successful states in reducing our number of uninsured
55 citizens.
56

1 But we need to do more.
2 For decades, Colorado has had one of the highest teen suicide rates in the country.
3 We recently launched the first ever statewide mental health crisis system, including
4 a statewide hotline, mobile crisis workers, stabilization centers and respite services to
5 help address this issue.
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7 We welcome a discussion in this chamber to sustain our momentum on preventative
8 mental health treatment. We need to give schools the resources to identify and support
9 kids at risk for serious mental health issues, before they lead to suicide or violence.
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11 We don't want to lose one more life to this kind of tragedy.
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13 When it comes to supporting healthy communities we have been thankful for the
14 partnership with the General Assembly as we have addressed serious societal
15 challenges.
16 In this next session, we continue our attention on child welfare. A recent audit
17 recommended new funding to address workload issues for case workers.
18 We have requested \$6.6 million General Fund for 130 new caseworkers. This is the
19 first step our Department of Human Services plans to take to right size our caseworker
20 capacity to meet the needs of vulnerable children.
21 Our budget includes a \$4 million General Fund increase in State funding for Senior
22 Services along with \$2 million to provide a 1.7 percent cost of living adjustment to
23 Old Age Pension recipients.
24 In the last two years, we requested and received funding to eliminate the existing
25 waitlists for Supported Living Services.
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27 This year, we are requesting funding to eliminate the wait list for children with
28 Autism.
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30 Colorado cannot become the healthiest state for people if it is not the healthiest state
31 for our natural environment. Part of educating our kids also means getting them
32 outside for their physical and emotional health.
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34 Mike King, the executive director of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources,
35 will build on the progress we have already begun with Great Outdoors Colorado, and
36 will engage our federal and local open space partners to craft a statewide recreational
37 trail system.
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39 From Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge to the South Platte River, from Rocky
40 Flats to Rocky Mountain National Park, is one example of the type of world-class trail
41 system we can create.
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43 We want to make sure we get more Colorado cyclists out there.
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45 We have asked Ken Gart, our volunteer bike czar, to assist us in launching a Bike
46 Health initiative that will take on a number of large challenges, such as create a
47 publicly available data source to track existing bicycle trails, routes and cyclist
48 feedback; seek funding for new construction for bicycle infrastructure; and create a
49 plan to connect bike routes across communities and around the tallest mountains in
50 Colorado.
51
52 Ken is here with us today and we want to thank him for agreeing to serve in this
53 position and let him know he has our full support.
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1 We ask for your participation and support in identifying a new generation of
2 recreational crown jewels, expanding opportunities for people to hunt, fish, hike and
3 explore the extraordinary natural beauty that only Colorado can offer.
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5 We need to challenge partners like Great Outdoors Colorado, Nature Conservancy and
6 Trust for Public Lands, our federal partners and many others, to help us assemble the
7 most critical open spaces before it is too late.
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9 Katharine Lee Bates was inspired to write “America the Beautiful” atop Pikes Peak.
10 And so, it seems fitting to call this initiative, “Colorado the Beautiful.”
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12 Managing our diverse landscape and natural resources is a top priority in our state. In
13 Colorado, we know how to protect and preserve threatened or endangered species
14 while at the same time protecting grazing and multi-use rights.
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16 Conservation plans are very state specific with much stakeholder collaboration needed
17 to strike the right balance. We will continue to strengthen our partnerships with local
18 governments, and state and federal agencies, along with other stakeholders to find the
19 best solutions for Colorado.
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21 We know that visitors already flock to Colorado to enjoy all that this magnificent state
22 offers.
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24 However, we are missing opportunities to market Colorado and leaving dollars on the
25 table.
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27 In our current budget proposal we are asking for funds to hire a Chief Marketing
28 Officer to strategically promote Colorado and to help us achieve the biggest marketing
29 bang for the buck.
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31 Not all of the PR lately about Colorado has been about our sunshine.
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33 Our new marijuana industry must continue to confront both public health and public
34 safety concerns.
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36 At this time last year, we faced the question of whether it was possible to have a
37 legitimate recreational marijuana industry.
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39 To date, evidence shows that our regulatory system is beginning to work.
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41 We have worked from scratch, with health officials, industry, law enforcement,
42 concerned parents and regulators, and the General Assembly, to develop robust
43 regulations that allow the industry to develop and prosper in a safe and legitimate way.
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46 Both the Brookings and the Cato Institutes have commended our work.
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48 But we know challenges remain.
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50 One of the ongoing public safety concerns is that the marijuana industry operates
51 largely in cash, without traditional forms of banking. Cash only businesses invite
52 corruption, just look at the history of Prohibition.
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54 We will continue to push the federal government to allow banking for this industry.
55 Another public safety issue we are committed to addressing is drunk driving.
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1 While we must continue to focus our efforts on anti-drunk driving measures like
2 intervention, rehabilitation, and active enforcement -- adequate punishment is also
3 needed.
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5 Colorado is one of only four states that does not have a felony DUI law.
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7 We will work *with you* on a felony DUI law that brings justice to drivers who
8 repeatedly drink and drive.
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10 Another way to make our State safer is to address infrastructure.
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12 Within the next twenty years Colorado is projected to see our 5.1 million population
13 increase by another 3 million people.
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15 While the Colorado Department of Transportation reconnected the flood-damaged
16 roads and bridges in record time, CDOT also widened the lanes of the Veterans
17 Tunnel Project on-time and under budget—the first I-70 mountain expansion in the 50
18 years since it was built.
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20 That expansion should just be the beginning.
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22 We are committed to finding solutions that add capacity on I-25 and I-70.
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24 We need to think creatively about how we fund both I-25 and I-70. We cannot wait
25 for the federal government to solve the transportation funding problems in Colorado.
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27 We must take action whether it be new funding sources or funding partnerships.
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29 It is up to us to build our roads to the future.
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31 The last panel of the water-themed murals Allen True and Thomas Ferril created
32 depicts a small group of people gazing into a horizon where a future—filled with
33 innovation and possibilities—is under construction.
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35 That future begins today.
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37 Our collective plans for next year are important. We will make solid and meaningful
38 decisions on education, healthcare, public safety, and transportation.
39 But we are facing the mathematical and inevitable conclusion of a system of tax and
40 spending rules that evolved over decades.
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42 One change we can make to encourage fiscal responsibility, and to help us direct our
43 resources to where they are most needed most, is to empower voters to make more
44 informed decisions of the fiscal implications of proposed ballot measures.
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46 We believe that the General Assembly should pass legislation that would provide
47 Coloradans with a fiscal impact statement on the effect of proposed amendments to
48 the State Constitution in order to make the most thoughtful decisions. We will all
49 benefit from that.
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51 And then there's the heart of the fiscal thicket that I mentioned in my Inaugural
52 Address.
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54 Under TABOR, rebates are required even as we see legitimate needs all over the state
55 going unmet.
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1 Amendment 23 demands more new money than we can possibly expect to have two
2 years from now.

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4 If we do nothing, if we pretend the future will take care of itself, and we're back here
5 in two years facing what was clearly an avoidable crisis, history will show that we
6 failed future generations of Coloradans.

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8 There is a legitimate debate of whether government should be a bit bigger or a bit
9 smaller. But that misses the point. Regardless of size, government must work.

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11 Some people want to get rid of TABOR, some want to get rid of Amendment 23,
12 others want to get rid of Gallagher. There is no shortage of thorns in this fiscal thicket.

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14 And while we will continue to strategically prune, our state budget can only endure
15 so much cutting.

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17 Just as stakeholders across this state succeeded in a drafting a strategy for a state water
18 plan, we should be coming together, dealing with the facts of what we know, and take
19 a hard look at what is the most strategic way to allocate our resources; and ask
20 ourselves: What will be of maximum benefit for all Coloradans?

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22 That last mural of Allen True's panels, with the group of people looking toward a
23 horizon with a future taking shape, has some wonderful words from the poet, Ferril,
24 that we would be well served to keep in mind:

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26 "Beyond the sundown is tomorrow's wisdom; today is going to be long, long ago."

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28 Now is when we must come together to address these issues. We don't need to throw
29 knives, just the political courage to face the facts, and do some real math.

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31 We can paint our own panel for the mural, one that will benefit generations of
32 Coloradans to come.

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34 Thank you very much, and God Bless the state of Colorado.

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38 The Joint Committee escorted the Governor from the Chamber.

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42 On motion of Representative Duran, the Governor's message was ordered
43 printed in the House Journal.

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48 On motion of Senator Scheffel, the Joint Session was dissolved.

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52 House reconvened.

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS
First Reading

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4 The following bills were read by title and referred to the committees
5 indicated:

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7 **HB15-1098** by Representative(s) Humphrey and Van Winkle, Saine,
8 Lebsock, Salazar, Williams, Pettersen, Kraft-Tharp,
9 Neville P., Klingenschmitt, Joshi, Nordberg, Conti,
10 Everett, Landgraf, Tate, Thurlow; also Senator(s) Neville
11 T., Jahn, Carroll, Marble, Scheffel, Holbert, Woods,
12 Cadman, Baumgardner, Guzman, Lundberg, Sonnenberg--
13 Concerning the elimination of the use of automated
14 vehicle identification systems for traffic law enforcement.
15 Committee on Transportation & Energy
16 Committee on Appropriations

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18 **HB15-1099** by Representative(s) Willett, Brown; also Senator(s)
19 Scott--Concerning the management of black bears by
20 hunting.
21 Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

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23 **HB15-1100** by Representative(s) Lebsock and Roupe, Ginal, Melton,
24 Winter, Danielson, Rosenthal, Garnett, Esgar, Lontine,
25 Primavera; also Senator(s) Crowder and Ulibarri, Aguilar,
26 Kefalas, Guzman--Concerning an increase in the amount
27 of the net revenue from the state sales and use tax that is
28 credited to the older Coloradans cash fund.
29 Committee on Finance
30 Committee on Appropriations

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32 **HB15-1101** by Representative(s) Lawrence and Fields--Concerning
33 making the records of certain state legal defense attorney
34 agencies subject to the Colorado open records act.
35 Committee on Judiciary
36 Committee on Appropriations

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38 **HB15-1102** by Representative(s) Hamner and Willett; also Senator(s)
39 Donovan--Concerning the expansion of the "Colorado
40 Cottage Foods Act", and, in connection therewith,
41 increasing the food products a producer can sell under the
42 act, requiring an additional disclaimer, and redefining
43 "producer".
44 Committee on Public Health Care & Human Services

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46 **HB15-1103** by Representative(s) Court--Concerning peace officer
47 status for certain department of revenue employees.
48 Committee on Judiciary

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50 **HB15-1104** by Representative(s) Navarro--Concerning the creation of
51 a state income tax deduction for certain unreimbursed
52 expenses incurred by eligible educators.
53 Committee on Finance
54 Committee on Appropriations

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- 1 **HB15-1105** by Representative(s) Everett, Saine, Joshi, Lundeen,
2 Neville P., Van Winkle, Becker J., Buck, Humphrey,
3 Klingenschmitt, Nordberg, Szabo; also Senator(s) Marble,
4 Neville T., Lambert--Concerning revising accountability
5 measures in public education.
6 Committee on Education
7 Committee on Appropriations
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- 9 **HB15-1106** by Representative(s) Saine--Concerning the clarification
10 of access by eligible persons to unredacted adoption
11 records that contain identifying information.
12 Committee on Public Health Care & Human Services
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- 15 **HB15-1107** by Representative(s) Van Winkle; also Senator(s)
16 Holbert--Concerning limitations on the ability of a
17 municipality to annex land that is served by a metropolitan
18 district.
19 Committee on Local Government
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- 22 **HB15-1108** by Representative(s) Lundeen, Carver, Everett, Humphrey,
23 Joshi, Klingenschmitt, Landgraf, Neville P., Nordberg,
24 Ransom, Roupe, Szabo, Tate; also Senator(s) Woods--
25 Concerning protections for student data.
26 Committee on Education
27 Committee on Appropriations
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- 29 **HB15-1109** by Representative(s) DelGrosso--Concerning additional
30 automatic transfers from the general fund to cash funds for
31 state infrastructure.
32 Committee on Finance
33 Committee on Appropriations
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- 36 **HB15-1110** by Representative(s) Szabo--Concerning the general
37 assembly's review of the principal departments of the
38 executive branch of state government.
39 Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs
40 Committee on Appropriations
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- 42 **HB15-1111** by Representative(s) McCann, Ginal, Primavera, Tate; also
43 Senator(s) Crowder, Newell--Concerning the creation of
44 a maternal mortality committee in the department of public
45 health and environment.
46 Committee on Public Health Care & Human Services
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- 49 **HB15-1112** by Representative(s) Landgraf, Buck, Carver, Humphrey,
50 Joshi, Nordberg, Saine, Brown, Coram, Lundeen, Neville
51 P., Ransom, Tate, Willett, Windholz--Concerning creation
52 of the "Born-alive Infant Protection Act".
53 Committee on Public Health Care & Human Services
54 Committee on Appropriations
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- 1 **HB15-1113** by Representative(s) Roupe--Concerning a requirement
2 that a holder of an evidence of debt against property
3 subject to a foreclosure sale who causes a continuance of
4 the date of the foreclosure sale pay common expense
5 assessments made against the property under the
6 "Colorado Common Interest Ownership Act" for the
7 period of the continuance.
8 Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs
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11 **HB15-1114** by Representative(s) Saine, Neville P., Humphrey,
12 Lebsock, Salazar, Klingenschmitt, Ransom; also
13 Senator(s) Woods and Ulibarri, Baumgardner--Concerning
14 a prohibition against assistance by the state, including, but
15 not limited to, any member of the Colorado National
16 Guard serving in his or her official capacity, with
17 enforcement of certain federal laws relating to
18 investigation, prosecution, and detention of individuals
19 that were initially enacted in the federal "National Defense
20 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012".
21 Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs
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23 **HB15-1115** by Representative(s) Lawrence--Concerning privacy in
24 regard to emerging technologies.
25 Committee on Judiciary
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28 **HB15-1116** by Representative(s) Brown--Concerning repealing the
29 obsolete requirement that each local board of education
30 adopt a policy requiring annual school building
31 inspections.
32 Committee on Education
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34 **HB15-1117** by Representative(s) Windholz; also Senator(s) Guzman--
35 Concerning the clarification of the application of the
36 "Uniform Electronic Transactions Act" to the conduct of
37 the internal affairs of domestic entities.
38 Committee on Business Affairs & Labor
39
40 **HB15-1118** by Representative(s) Brown--Concerning the expansion of
41 the types of hydroelectricity among the eligible energy
42 resources under Colorado's renewable energy standard.
43 Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs
44
45 **HB15-1119** by Representative(s) Buck, Saine, Becker J., Lundeen,
46 Klingenschmitt, Carver, Neville P., DelGrosso, Tate,
47 Lawrence, Dore, Roupe, Ransom, Szabo, Humphrey,
48 Landgraf, Brown, Conti--Concerning a requirement that a
49 local government that bans hydraulic fracturing
50 compensate oil and gas royalty owners affected by the ban.
51 Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs
52 Committee on Appropriations
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1 **HB15-1120** by Representative(s) DelGrosso and Moreno, Rankin; also
2 Senator(s) Hodge--Concerning the creation of the
3 statewide membership organization grant program in the
4 Tony Grampsas youth services program.
5 Committee on Public Health Care & Human Services
6 Committee on Appropriations
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10 **INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

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12 The following resolution was read by title and laid over one day under the
13 rules:
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15 **HJR15-1005** by Representative(s) Ransom and Melton; also Senator(s)
16 Lundberg--Concerning the commemoration of the birthday
17 of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
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20 The following resolution was read by title and referred to the committee
21 indicated:
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23 **HJR15-1006** by Representative(s) Vigil; also Senator(s) Sonnenberg--
24 Concerning approval of water project revolving fund
25 eligibility lists administered by the Colorado water
26 resources and power development authority.
27 Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, & Natural Resources
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32 On motion of Representative Duran, the House adjourned until 9:00 a.m.,
33 January 16, 2015.
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35 Approved:
36 DICKEY LEE HULLINGHORST,
37 Speaker

38 Attest:
39 MARILYN EDDINS,
40 Chief Clerk

