

Honoring Military Veterans & Families, Other News



Greetings, Friends and Constituents!

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Paying Tribute to Service-Members and their Families

The Colorado House of Representatives will be honoring military families and Vietnam War veterans on Monday, May 2, starting at 10 a.m. in the House chamber at the Capitol. If you plan to attend, you should arrive no later than 9 a.m. in order to pass through Security and get a seat in the House gallery on the third floor. I am very proud of all our military veterans, active-duty members, and their families! Please contact my office with any questions: [303-866-5522](tel:303-866-5522), sue.schafer.house@state.co.us

Defending K-12 Education

After weeks of deliberation, the House and Senate passed a balanced budget for next year. Unfortunately, we had no choice but to make cuts to K-12 education, although we successfully negotiated to reduce the proposed \$338 million cut down to \$160 million. As legislators, we have few more important tasks than funding our children's education, and I will continue to fight for every spare dollar for our schools. You helped to reduce education cuts by attending the Budget Listening tour and sharing your budget priorities and values. We all know if we ensure the success of our students, we ensure the success of our state.

Health Care Reform Debate Continues

At last week's Town Hall Meeting we addressed the national Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) and what it means for us here in Colorado. There are three bills under consideration for how our state implements health care reform: [HB-1273](#) would allow Colorado to enter into an "interstate compact" with other states and opt out of the Affordable Care Act; [SB-200](#) establishes a Colorado insurance exchange as required by the PPACA so all Coloradans will have affordable, accessible health care; and [SB-168](#) would create a nine-member board to design and propose a health care "cooperative" as another alternative. Whatever passes in the legislature, it will have to address the ever-growing costs of health care services and help provide coverage for more uninsured Coloradans. Please send me any opinions or questions you might have about these bills.

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