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Legislative Update
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Important Bills Passed By the House and the Senate

- **SB 056: Immunization Info to Protect School Children by Rep. Riesberg and Sen. Boyd:** Requires the school districts to develop and send out a standardized form to inform parents of immunizations which are required and also recommended by the Center for Disease Control (CDC).
- **SB 109: Medical Marijuana Dr.-Patient Relations by Sen. Romer and Rep. Massey:** Regulates the role of physicians in certifying that an individual may benefit from medical marijuana. The physician must be licensed from an accredited medical school, must have a “bona-fide” relationship with the patient before certifying the use of medical marijuana, and must maintain records of certified medical marijuana patients.

Important Bills Passed by the House

- **HB 1365: Colorado Clean Air-Clean Jobs Act by Rep. Roberts and Rep. Solano:** Requires Xcel Energy to sharply reduce air pollutants by retiring, retrofitting or repowering Front Range coal-fired power plants by the end of 2017 and replacing these coal plants with natural gas and other low-emitting energy sources.
- **HB 1012: Limit Surveillance Workers' Comp Claims by Rep. Pace and Sen. Carroll:** Prohibits surveillance of an injured employee who has submitted a workers' compensation claim unless the insurer or employer has a reasonable basis that an injured employee has committed fraud.
- **HB 1053: Medicaid Community Long -Term Care Savings by Rep. Riesberg and Sen. Boyd:** Requires the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing to study and develop a strategic plan for implementing potential cost saving measures for long-term care under Medicaid.
- **HB 1147: Safer Streets for Non-Motorized Transport by Rep. Kefalas and Sen. Newell:** Requires children ages 2 to 18 using non-motorized, wheeled forms of transportation such as bicycles, scooters, skateboards, and inline skates, to wear a helmet.

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- **HB 1166: Plain Language in Insurance Policies by Rep. Kefalas and Sen. Bacon:** Requires that insurance policies and plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2012, be written at or below a 10th-grade reading level and in a standard format.
- **HB 1240: Residential Foreclosure Deferments by Rep. Ferrandino and Sen. Carroll:** Allows eligible borrowers to defer a foreclosure sale on a residential property for 90 days.
- **HB 1330: All-Payer Health Claims Database by Rep. Kefalas and Sen. Morse:** Creates a Colorado all-payer health claims database that shows the cost of common procedures. This allows the consumer to compare costs and avoid excessive provider charges.
- **HB 1333: Green Jobs CO Training Pilot Program by Rep. Vigil and Sen. Schwartz:** Creates a 2-year pilot program that offers grants to companies to provide job training for the wind, solar, and energy efficiency industries.

Sue's Bills Update:

- **HB 1008: Gender Equality in Health Insurance Premiums by Rep. Schafer and Sen. Carroll:** This bill has passed the House and the Senate. Makes sure women and men of the same age pay equal premiums when purchasing individual private health insurance.
- **HB 1274: Out-of-Home Student Transition Back to Public Schools by Rep. Schafer and Sen. Johnston:** This bill has passed the House. Allows schools to receive information about students in out-of-home placement (e.g.: residential treatment, court, youth corrections) who are enrolling back into a public school. Aims to ensure a successful transition of the student and, at the same time, ensure the safety of the public school.
- **HB 1336 School Safety Expenditures by Rep. Schafer and Sen. Newell:** This bill has passed the House. Creates the resource center cash fund for implementing the Colorado School Safety Resource Center and allows the Center to charge a fee for professionals attending its conferences.

Human Services State Hotline Provided by United Way

- Call 2-1-1 to access help for any human services, i.e.: housing, food banks, transportation options, homeless shelters, bill paying assistance, power outages, K-12 educational options for children, senior and elder services. The 2-1-1 number enables callers to navigate quickly through the maze of city, county, state and federal services available to Coloradans needing any kind of help. For a medical, police or fire emergency, call 9-1-1.

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