



INTERIM COMMITTEE LEGISLATION

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During the summer and fall of 2014, seven interim committees and commissions met to discuss policy issues and draft legislation for consideration by the General Assembly during the upcoming legislative session. As required by legislative rules, the Legislative Council Committee met to review the recommended legislation.

On October 15, 2014, the Legislative Council Committee approved 22 bills and 1 resolution for introduction during the 2015 legislative session. Two measures were not approved.

This Issue Brief provides a brief summary of the approved legislation.

Interim Committee	Recommended Legislation and Sponsors
Early Childhood and School Readiness Legislative Commission	Bill A - Requires the Department of Human Services to pass through to families that receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families child support payments collected by the state. <i>(Sens. Kefalas and Marble, Rep. Pettersen)</i>
	Bill C - Increases funding to allow an additional 3,000 children to participate in the Colorado Preschool Program. <i>(Rep. Pettersen, Sens. Todd and Kefalas)</i>
Legislative Oversight Committee Concerning the Treatment of Persons with Mental Illness in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems	Bill A - Establishes a juvenile-specific definition of "incompetent to proceed" and clarifies procedures related to competency. <i>(Rep. Rosenthal, Sen. Newell)</i>
Police Officers' and Firefighters' Pension Reform Commission	Bill A - Permits members of the Fire and Police Pension Association (FPPA) defined benefit plan to transfer funds and receive service credits for participation in plans not administered by the FPPA. <i>(Sen. Jones, Rep. Melton)</i>
	Bill B - Authorizes the FPPA Board to assess interest on administrative charges. <i>(Sen. Ulibarri, Rep. Court)</i>
	Bill C - Establishes a uniform contribution rate for new FPPA members. <i>(Sen. Balmer, Rep. Ginal)</i>
	Bill D - Makes changes to the FPPA plan employee participation requirements. <i>(Sen. Balmer, Rep. Ginal)</i>
	Bill E - Directs the State Auditor to coordinate a volunteer firefighter pension plan study. <i>(Sen. Ulibarri, Rep. Melton)</i>

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Transportation Legislation Review Committee	Bill A - Establishes a firefighter motorcycle license plate. <i>(Rep. Tyler, Sen. Todd)</i>
	Bill B - Requires the Colorado Department of Transportation to award at least \$3 million in grants under the Safe Routes to School Program. <i>(Reps. Tyler and Mitsch Bush, Sen. Todd)</i>
Use of Recreational Marijuana Sales Tax Revenues Interim Study Committee	Bill A - Makes changes concerning medical marijuana caregiver registration and interagency data sharing, and requires the State Board of Medical Examiners to issue guidelines. <i>(Sen. Aguilar, Rep. Singer)</i>
	Bill B - Clarifies that counties and municipalities are authorized, subject to voter approval, to levy, collect, and enforce a sales and local excise tax on retail marijuana. <i>(Rep. Singer)</i>
Water Resources Review Committee	Bill A - Promotes water conservation in the land use planning process. <i>(Sen. Roberts, Rep. Vigil)</i>
	Bill B - Expands the types of real estate developments and projects that may participate in the Precipitation Harvesting Pilot Program. <i>(Rep. Coram)</i>
	Bill C - Repeals a requirement set to take effect July 1, 2015, concerning the Dawson Aquifer. <i>(Sen. Hodge)</i>
	Bill D - Requires the Colorado Water Conservation Board to administer two pilot projects in Gilcrest/LaSalle and Sterling. <i>(Rep. Coram)</i>
	Bill E - Creates a five-year grant program for the management of invasive phreatophytes. <i>(Reps. Coram and Vigil)</i>
	Bill F - Limits the evidence eligible for consideration by a district court's appellate review of the Ground Water Commission's decisions. <i>(Sen. Jones, Rep. Coram)</i>
Wildfire Matters Review Committee	Bill A - Transfers \$9.8 million from the General Fund to the Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant Program. <i>(Sen. Nicholson, Rep. Exum)</i>
	Bill B - Creates the Public Woody Biomass Energy Grant Program, transferring \$1 million annually for five years. <i>(Sens. Nicholson and Jones, Rep. Exum)</i>
	Bill D - Creates an organizational framework for nonprofit, nongovernmental volunteer fire departments. <i>(Reps. Buck and Hamner, Sen. Roberts)</i>
	Bill E - Specifies the property tax classification of agricultural land that has been destroyed by a natural cause. <i>(Reps. McLachlan and Hamner, Sen. Roberts)</i>
	Resolution A - Asks the federal government to enhance fire suppression funding and purchase additional aerial firefighting equipment. <i>(Rep. Exum, Sen. Roberts)</i>

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