

## Colorado Legislative Update - CoSEA January 26, 2024

### **New Legislator**

Julia Marvin was selected by a vacancy committee to fill the seat vacated by former Rep. Said Sharbini (D-Thornton). Marvin is a former legislative aide, former member of the Thornton City Council, and ran an unsuccessful bid for Thornton mayor in 2023.

### **No Confidence Vote for House Minority Leader**

The week started with an attempted “no confidence” vote against the House Minority Leader Mike Lynch (R-Wellington) after his 2022 DUI arrest came to light. The initial “no confidence” vote failed on Monday by a vote of 9 to 9. The extreme conservatives in the caucus attempted another vote on Tuesday before Lynch resigned Wednesday evening. House Assistant Minority Leader Rose Pugliese (R-Colorado Springs) was elected on Thursday morning to replace Lynch as House Minority Leader with Rep. Ty Winter (R-Las Animas) was elected new Assistant Minority Leader.

### **Legislative Update**

Lawmakers finished the last of the state department oversight hearings that are required by the SMART Act. This week, the House and Senate committees will have full calendars with bills to consider.

As of Friday morning, lawmakers had introduced 211 bills, 107 in the House and 104 in the Senate. Friday was the 17th day of the 120-day session. Key legislation introduced this week:

- A pair of eviction-related tenant rights bills in the House ([HB24-1098](#) and [HB24-1099](#)) plus [SB24-094](#), which proposes to strengthen habitability law for rental properties.
- [HB24-1103](#), which would ban use of the term “excited delirium” in police training and crime reports. This term has been criticized as medically meaningless and was a key element in the Elijah McClain case in Aurora.
- [SB24-079](#), which would allow motorcycle lane splitting in some circumstances.
- [SB24-095](#), a GOP-sponsored proposal to reduce ozone pollution by offering incentives for repair of vehicles or purchase of less-polluting landscaping equipment.
- [SB24-100](#), which would allow tighter regulation of truck traffic on I-70 in the mountains.

### **Budget Update**

The budget committee this week almost finished work on supplementals, the mid-year adjustments to the FY2023-24 budget. The biggest action was approval of adjustments to school funding. Next week will mark the beginning of committee figure setting for the FY2024-25 budget. The committee will consider items that affect multiple departments on Monday, such as state employee compensation and community provider rates. But daily, department-by-department, figure setting will not get underway until February 7.

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