



REINVEST *in* COLORADO

2011 Legislative Scorecard

2011 Legislative Session in Review

The Colorado AFL-CIO is the largest advocacy organization for working families in Colorado. Our federation represents 181 local union affiliates and over 310,000 active, retired and family members of Colorado's union households – making us one of the largest advocacy organizations in the state.

2011 marked a year of unprecedented attacks across the nation on the rights of workers to have a voice on the job through choosing to form a union. There were many broader attacks on the valuable public servants who provide critical public services, who teach our children and those who care for the sick and elderly. Colorado was not immune to these attacks, but as a result of strong leadership in the Colorado State Senate every single one of these direct attacks was thwarted. Colorado common sense prevailed.

In January 2011, The Colorado AFL-CIO unveiled its pro-active agenda called "Reinvest in Colorado." This agenda sought to promote the utilization of public resources to incentivize hiring Colorado workers and encouraging tax dollars be spent to purchase products and services made in Colorado and the United States (HB 1129) and curb the harmful impacts of outsourcing jobs overseas (SB 185). While the legislation to achieve these goals died in the GOP-controlled House, we know that these ideas are very popular with the general public and we will continue to advance them through legislation until we have a legislature that will support our domestic economy and jobs here at home.

The "Reinvest in Colorado" agenda also called for supporting budget policies that protect critical services for the public and respect the valuable public servants that provide them. While the budget could have been much worse, the economic and constitutional constraints impacting our state budget still required massive cuts to public schools and critical services. Public employees still face tremendous challenges in the form of wage freezes, increases in their pension contributions and higher healthcare costs. We must begin to have significant public discourse of all efforts to stabilize our state's fiscal future – including asking voters to consider raising additional revenue to make investments in our state's infrastructure.

Finally, we challenged legislators and the Governor to work with us collaboratively to find solutions to get people back to work and make sure those who are unemployed have the resources they need until they find a job. The split control of the legislature required that all parties work together to achieve success. We are particularly proud of HB 1115 (Public Entity Construction Retainage) which will help both contractors and trades professionals in a very tough economy. HB 1288 (Unemployment Insurance Solvency Reform) will stabilize our UI Trust Fund and provide insurance premium relief to employers without a reduction of benefits for those without work. Both bills are great examples of a bi-partisan coalition of legislators and stakeholders working together for the good of our state. We were pleased to be part of those efforts.



Goals and General Analysis of Scorecard

We are proud to share the 2011 Colorado AFL-CIO Working Families Scorecard with the general public to educate them on where their state legislators stand on issues of importance to Colorado's working families. In previous years, the Colorado AFL-CIO has tracked legislation exclusively to educate our affiliate unions and their members, but we believe that it's important for the public to have this information.

Overall, we expected to play a lot of defense in 2011 and we believe we successfully defended the interests of our members and affiliates with the help of strong support from Democratic legislators. We are pleased that 17 of 20 Senate Democrats and 20 of 32 House Democrats chose to support our position 100% of the time when they had an opportunity to record a vote on a bill we tracked. Additionally, we worked as part of strong, bi-partisan coalitions to achieve success on a number of issues. Because of this we achieved a marked increase in voting scores from GOP legislators in 2011 and built some stronger ties across party lines. Of the 35 pieces of legislation we advocated for or against, the final outcome of the legislation matched the Colorado AFL-CIO position 72% of the time.

Tracking & Vote Scoring Procedures

All 701 pieces of legislation filed in 2011 were reviewed by the Colorado AFL-CIO and/or local affiliates unions to determine their impact on our members and Colorado working families. In consultation with our affiliates and Executive Council we determined positions of "Support", "Oppose" or "Monitor" on bills of interest. In 2011, we tracked 54 floor and committee votes on bills and amendments related to 35 pieces of legislation. We weighted the floor and committee votes equally and did not penalize legislators who did not vote on a legislation in committee or were excused absences for floor votes. We used this formula to determine the final 2011 "score":

of cast votes consistent with AFL-CIO position / Total # of possible votes legislator had on tracked bills = Score %

Additionally, legislators with multiple sessions of legislative service had their 2011 score averaged with previous years scores to calculate a "lifetime score."

2011 Legislation Tracked on the Colorado AFL-CIO Legislative Scorecard

2011 Legislation with a "Support" Position

HB 1023 Continue Foreclosure Deferment Program (PASSED)
HB 1070 Public Works Prevailing Wages (FAILED)
HB 1072 Designated Rep of Initiative Proponents (PASSED)
HB 1115 Public Entity Construction Retainage (PASSED)
HB 1129 State Procurement Preferences (FAILED)
HB 1238 Job Quality Standards (FAILED)
HB 1288 Unemployment Insurance Solvency Reform (PASSED)
SB 68 Increase Consumer Protection Enforcement (FAILED)
SB 72 Civil Rights Enforcement Act (FAILED)
SB 126 Unsubsidized In-State Tuition (FAILED)
SB 172 Civil Unions (FAILED)
SB 179 Worker ID offsite Work (PASSED)
SB 180 Taxi Cab Passenger Pick-up (PASSED)
SB 185 Notice of Outsourced Jobs in State Contracts (FAILED)
SB 200 Health Benefit Exchange (PASSED)
SB 266 Background Checks School Contractors (PASSED)
SB 270 Public Safety Officers Collect for Charity (FAILED)

2011 Legislation with an "Oppose" Position

HB 1007 Mesa State College Personnel (FAILED)
HB 1048 Income Tax Credits for Nonpublic Ed (FAILED)
HB 1054 Require RTD to Contract Bus Service (FAILED)
HB 1106 Recover Actual Damages Personal Injury (FAILED)
HB 1120 Repeal Registration of Sprinkler Fitters (FAILED)
HB 1252 Proof of Citizenship for Voter Reg (FAILED)
HB 1263 Business Personal Prop Tax Exemption (FAILED)
HB 1290 Deferred Dep Loans No refund Orig Fee (FAILED)
HB 1304 Ballot Title Plain Language Requirement (FAILED)
HB 1320 Prohibit State Collective Bargaining (FAILED)
SB 18 Proof of Citizenship Voter Reg (FAILED)
SB 38 Prohibit Public Employee Partnerships (FAILED)
SB 58 Elec Utils Least Cost Planning (FAILED)
SB 76 (House Amend L001 Only) PERA Contib Rates (FAILED)
SB 79 Ed Noninstructional Support Services (FAILED)
SB 112 No Collective Bargaining by Govt Entity (FAILED)
SB 127 PERA Defined Contribution (FAILED)
SB 262—PUC Telecom Reg Reform (FAILED)

2011 Colorado AFL-CIO Legislative Scorecard - Colorado State Senate

<i>Name of Senator</i>	<i>Votes in Favor of AFL-CIO Position</i>	<i>Total Possible Votes</i>	<i>2011 Score</i>	<i>Lifetime Score</i>
Aguilar	22	23	96%	96%
Bacon	23	23	100%	97%
Boyd	21	21	100%	99%
Brophy	7	14	50%	26%
Cadman	7	24	29%	18%
Carroll	18	18	100%	100%
Foster	19	19	100%	94%
Giron	19	19	100%	100%
Grantham	7	22	32%	32%
Guzman	18	18	100%	100%
Harvey	7	16	44%	21%
Heath	24	24	100%	95%
Hodge	15	15	100%	99%
Hudak	16	16	100%	97%
Jahn	17	18	94%	85%
Johnston	16	16	100%	100%
King, K	7	16	44%	22%
King, S	8	18	44%	25%
Kopp	5	13	38%	21%
Lambert	6	15	40%	18%
Lundberg	7	18	39%	19%
Mitchell	7	16	44%	32%
Morse	14	14	100%	96%
Newell	18	18	100%	97%
Nicholson	26	26	100%	100%
Renfroe	7	16	44%	21%
Roberts	10	21	48%	37%
Scheffel	7	18	39%	18%
Schwartz	14	14	100%	94%
Shaffer	12	12	100%	96%
Spence	7	14	50%	31%
Steadman	14	15	93%	97%
Tochtrop	19	19	100%	99%
White	13	19	68%	68%
Williams, S	17	17	100%	99%

2011 Colorado AFL-CIO Legislative Scorecard - Colorado State House

<i>Name of Representative</i>	<i>Votes in Favor of AFL-CIO</i>	<i>Total Possible Votes</i>	<i>2011 Score</i>	<i>Lifetime Score</i>
Acree	7	20	35%	18%
Balmer	9	23	39%	22%
Barker	8	22	36%	36%
Baumgardner	7	22	32%	14%
Becker	6	17	35%	35%
Beezley	6	22	27%	27%
Bradford	7	17	41%	25%
Brown	8	19	42%	42%
Casso	12	15	80%	95%
Conti	8	20	40%	40%
Coram	8	22	36%	36%
Court	20	22	91%	94%
DelGrosso	6	19	32%	21%
Duran	19	19	100%	100%
Ferrandino	14	16	88%	97%
Fields	14	14	100%	100%
Fischer	18	18	100%	100%
Gardner, B	7	19	37%	20%
Gardner, D	26	26	100%	100%
Gerou	8	16	50%	27%
Hamner	21	21	100%	100%
Holbert	11	28	39%	39%
Hullinghorst	18	18	100%	100%
Jones	17	17	100%	100%
Joshi	8	23	35%	35%
Kagan	19	19	100%	93%
Kefalas	19	19	100%	100%
Kerr, A	19	19	100%	100%
Kerr, J	8	23	35%	29%
Labuda	16	18	89%	97%
Lee	17	18	94%	94%
Levy	23	24	96%	96%
Liston	10	28	36%	26%
Looper	8	19	42%	24%

2011 Colorado AFL-CIO Legislative Scorecard - Colorado State House

<i>Name of Representative</i>	<i>Votes in Favor of AFL-CIO</i>	<i>Total Possible Votes</i>	<i>2011 Score</i>	<i>Lifetime Score</i>
Massey	9	20	45%	48%
McCann	15	16	94%	93%
McKinley	11	14	79%	85%
McNulty	8	17	47%	26%
Miklosi	26	26	100%	100%
Murray	9	20	45%	32%
Nikkel	7	19	37%	21%
Pabon	17	17	100%	100%
Pace	16	16	100%	100%
Peniston	19	19	100%	100%
Priola	11	26	42%	23%
Ramirez	10	21	48%	48%
Riesberg	14	16	88%	87%
Ryden	18	18	100%	100%
Schafer, S	15	19	79%	87%
Scott	8	19	42%	42%
Solano	18	18	100%	98%
Sonnenberg	6	21	29%	16%
Soper	21	24	88%	98%
Stephens	7	15	47%	32%
Summers	9	20	45%	35%
Swalm	11	28	39%	26%
Swerdfeger	11	27	41%	41%
Szabo	10	24	42%	42%
Todd	24	25	96%	99%
Tyler	26	26	100%	100%
Vaad	8	19	42%	32%
Vigil	14	14	100%	100%
Waller	7	25	28%	15%
Williams, A	26	26	100%	100%
Wilson	24	24	100%	100%