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**We at Axiom wanted to remind you that this newsletter will now be produced weekly to keep you as up to date as possible during the 120 days of the legislative session.**

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## **Legislators ready their bills for 2016 session** **Grand Junction Sentinel**

Hunting in fluorescent pink clothing, bringing more broadband to rural Colorado and removing unnecessary regulatory requirements from businesses and government entities are only a few of the issues that lawmakers will take up when the Colorado Legislature convenes later this week.

While those and many other issues will be subjects of debate over the 120-day session that begins Wednesday, the biggest is expected to center on the state's budget and the constitutional requirement to refund money to taxpayers when revenues reach a certain level, as called for under the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights.

Gov. John Hickenlooper and several other state legislators on both sides of the political aisle said that it makes little sense to have to refund money to Coloradans at a time when there's

so much need, especially money that taxpayers are actually paying.

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## **Jon Keyser announces 2016 Senate bid amid crowded Colorado field**

**Denver Post**

Declaring that Colorado's 2016 contest for U.S. Senate is a "national security race," Air Force veteran and state Rep. Jon Keyser on Monday said he is joining a crowded Republican field that is competing for the chance to unseat Democratic incumbent Michael Bennet. In a short phone interview, Keyser - a Bronze Star recipient and veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan - said he was largely motivated to run because of Bennet's decision last year to support the administration's nuclear deal with Iran.

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## **Colorado's population jumped by 101,000 in 12 months**

**Denver Post**

For the first time since the tech boom, Colorado added nearly 101,000 people to its population in a single year - a larger than expected increase that helps explain Denver's overheated housing market.

"We were surprised that migration came in so strong. We had been forecasting about 10,000 slower in migration," state demographer Elizabeth Garner said. Colorado's population reached 5,456,574 as of July 1 up from 5,355,588 the same day a year earlier, according to updated estimates the U.S. Census Bureau released Tuesday.

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## **Colorado budget deficit looms ahead of 2016 legislative session**

**Denver Post**

A daunting number will loom at the Capitol when Colorado lawmakers return in January for the legislative session: \$208 million.

The figure represents the high-end projection for the current fiscal year's deficit, according to the latest legislative economic forecast released December 21st.

Gov. John Hickenlooper's office estimates a smaller \$157 million shortfall, which is roughly what it anticipated when it debuted a \$27 billion budget plan in November. But either forecast will force state budget writers to tap reserve accounts and trim next year's spending plan in key priority areas.

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## **7th annual State and Local Government Procurement Expo to be held March 24, 2016**

Minority Business and State Purchasing Offices team up to help buyers,

sellers

## **OEDIT Press Release**

On Friday January 8th the Colorado Minority Business Office and the State Purchasing & Contracts Office today announced that the 7th Annual Advance Colorado Procurement Expo will be held on March 24, 2016 at the Renaissance Denver Stapleton Hotel, 3801 Quebec St. in Denver, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

New this year is Expo Talks, which will equip sellers with strategies to help them be successful in working with state and local government. Seller exhibitors this year will be able to attend pre-event marketing training to help them achieve greater success in their participation of the event. In addition, one-to-one opportunity meetings will be scheduled between buyer and seller exhibitors.

Historically, the Expo attracts over 400 participants. Small businesses, including businesses owned by minorities, women and veterans, are encouraged to participate. There is no charge for attendees and there is free parking at the venue.

Buyer exhibitors include the Colorado Department of Transportation, Colorado Department of Revenue, University of Colorado, City and County of Denver, Denver International Airport, the Regional Transportation District, and Denver and JEFFCO Public Schools. Many other state agencies, state institutions of higher education, local governments, and K-12 schools are expected to attend.

Businesses seeking greater exposure and access to the Colorado public procurement community may consider participation through advertising, sponsorship and business exhibition. Information is available at [www.colorado.gov/dfp/expo](http://www.colorado.gov/dfp/expo). For additional information, please contact LeRoy Romero at 303-892-3764 or [l.romero@state.co.us](mailto:l.romero@state.co.us).

The Colorado Minority Business Office is a division of the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade. The State Purchasing & Contracts Office is a division of the Colorado Department of Personnel & Administration.

## **"Hospital Fee" Shift Unconstitutional, Says Senate President** **Senate Republicans Press Release**

The best legal minds in the Capitol building, seasoned professional lawyers with the nonpartisan Office of Legislative Legal Services (LLS), definitively determined that the widely sought increase in state spending - by shifting the Hospital Provider Fee off-budget - clearly would violate Colorado's Constitution. That's what Senate President Bill Cadman told reporters Wednesday, just a week before the 2016 legislative session begins.

Cadman uncovered the truth one week ago while researching the intricacies and legalities of Gov. John Hickenlooper's proposal to exclude hundreds of millions of dollars in annual HPF revenue from the general fund budget, thereby avoiding taxpayer refunds required by the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights when the budget exceeds a predetermined threshold.

The Governor and other Democrats have for more than a year been promoting the maneuver as a way to avoid paying TABOR refunds and free up millions in "new" revenue that wouldn't otherwise be available. Legislative Legal Services staff explain why such a move is unconstitutional in a 6-page Legal Memorandum Cadman received from LLS while researching HPF-related legislation. Cadman was surprised when the detailed, thoroughly-researched analysis materialized less than an hour after his information request, strongly suggesting it originally was written at an earlier time, most likely in response to the drafting of the Democrat bill offered during the 2015 session where the HPF Enterprise shift was first

formerly proposed.

Who on the Democrat side has seen the memo, or is aware of its findings, is unknown. But Cadman said he is convinced beyond any doubt, based on his nearly 16 years as a lawmaker, that his wasn't the first set of eyes to see it, raising questions about whether one or more Democrats knew from the beginning that their proposal was fatally flawed. It also raises questions about why this information is just coming to light now - and why it wasn't publicly disclosed by Democrats in the year that they've been touting this idea.

The bottom line, said Cadman, is that the Cash Stash the Democrats want to grab to grow government isn't available, meaning both parties will have to get back to the hard work of balancing a budget the old-fashioned way, by making tough choices and setting priorities. The state is not in the midst of a budget crisis, Cadman said, contrary to the perception Democrats have been creating in order to promote their supposed "fix."

"We'll have the largest budget in Colorado history, which current projections say will grow by nearly 3 percent under current law, even after we've given taxpayers refunds the law requires," Cadman said. "Colorado doesn't have a funding crisis; it has a spending addiction that Democrats have pushed into unsustainable government programs for over 10 years." He highlighted for reporters the nearly quarter of a billion dollar annual increase to state-run health care entitlements Democrats have mandated for nearly a decade. Colorado's medicare program is now consuming nearly 40% of every general fund dollar and is covering nearly 1.3 million people.

"Since today is the 12th Day of Christmas, it marks the end of the holiday season. With that it seems appropriate to reveal why Santa Clause can't put \$700 million of Colorado money in his bag and hide it from the constitution."

Those who dismiss the memorandum as "just another legal opinion" are discounting the judgment of the best legal minds at the Capitol building - nonpartisan professional staff to whom every legislator from both parties turn for trusted guidance, given the hundreds of years of collective experience the office boasts. Moving forward on a bill judged by staff lawyers to be so fatally flawed -- and spending money the state can't legally spend -- invites legal challenge, public backlash, and fiscal ruin if some court in the future orders any misspent money paid back.

"To disregard this red flag is reckless in the extreme, like trying to slip past the guard gates before the locomotive comes through, and we're not prepared to ignore the warning signs and put taxpayers at additional risk," said Cadman. "Swearing an oath to support our Constitution does not have an escape clause."

## **Legal memo complicates Hickenlooper's hospital provider fee effort**

**Denver Post**

Colorado's top Republican lawmaker on Wednesday revealed a legal memorandum arguing that it is unconstitutional to exempt the current hospital provider fee program from the TABOR revenue cap - a smoking gun, he contends, that snuffs the governor's top legislative priority. The nonbinding opinion, from the nonpartisan Legislative Legal Services, cited a state Supreme Court case to assert that the current hospital provider fee program cannot qualify as an enterprise fund because it does not meet the requirements for a government-owned business.

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## **Fracking foes unveil 11 proposed Colorado ballot initiatives, including a ban**

**Denver Post**

A Boulder County-based citizens group opposed to fracking filed a package of ballot initiatives on December 22nd that would circumvent a compromise sought by Gov. John Hickenlooper and U.S. Rep. Jared Polis of Boulder.

Coloradans Resisting Extreme Energy Development submitted paperwork for 11 potential ballot questions to provide mandatory setbacks for wells from homes and schools, more local control on drilling decisions or an outright ban on the process of hydraulic fracturing.

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## **State Board of Education appoints Richard Crandall as Colorado Commissioner of Education**

**CDE Press Release**

Former Arizona legislator and Wyoming schools chief Richard D. Crandall will begin Jan. 19. Richard Crandall, the single finalist for Colorado's commissioner of Education was officially appointed today during a special meeting by the Colorado State Board of Education.

The state board voted 7-0 in favor of hiring Crandall for the role with an effective date of Tuesday, Jan. 19. Crandall was named the single finalist in December following a months-long national search after the retirement of Robert Hammond last June. Elliott Asp has served as interim commissioner since Hammond's retirement.

A former state legislator in Arizona, Crandall served as chairman of the education committees in both the Arizona Senate and House. He was elected as an Arizona state senator from 2011-13 and state representative from 2007 - 2010. In addition to being a lawmaker, he served as a school board member and president of Mesa Public Schools, Arizona's largest school district.

He resigned his senate seat when he was appointed by Wyoming Governor Matt Mead to head up the Wyoming Department of Education in 2013, a position that was ultimately ruled unconstitutional by the Wyoming Supreme Court.

He is currently the president and founder of CN Resource, which provides oversight and audit services of USDA child nutrition programs for state education agencies. He is also the chief financial officer and partner of Crandall Corporate Dietitians, the nation's largest provider of consulting dietitian services to long-term care and assisted living facilities.

Crandall, age 48, is studying for a doctorate in education from Northern Arizona University and holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of Notre Dame. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting from Brigham Young University. He is a licensed school nutrition specialist and a certified public accountant.

## **Clash building over plan to de-Bruce education**

**Colorado Statesman**

An education group, with the support so far of Front Range Democratic lawmakers, is planning to ask voters this November to allow the state to keep more tax money for public schools. It's a proposal that anti-tax groups would vigorously oppose.

Lisa Weil, executive director of Great Education Colorado, said her group is still in the very early stages of formulating language for a ballot initiative that, should it make it to the

statewide ballot and win support of voters, would separate education spending from constraints imposed on tax revenue by the Taxpayer Bill of Rights, known as TABOR.

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## **SAT selected for Colorado's college entrance exam**

### **CDE Press Release**

Department to explore transition options for this year's 11th-grade students

The College Board's revised SAT and PSAT exams have been recommended by an independent selection committee to serve as the new college entrance and 10th-grade exams for Colorado students.

The SAT exam will replace the ACT exam provided to all high school juniors since 2001. The SAT and PSAT will be given each spring for the next five years. Exact dates of the exams are still to be determined.

"We realize this is a big shift for students and that this decision is coming later in the school year than any of us would like," said Interim Commissioner of Education Elliott Asp. "We are committed to exploring options for flexibility that make sense for this year's juniors who need to use this spring's exam for their college applications."

Students in grade 10 will take the PSAT instead of the PARCC exams in English language arts and math, which are part of the Colorado Measures of Academic Success assessment system, thanks to a new state law passed in 2015. According to the legislation, the grade 10 exam must be aligned to the Colorado Academic Standards and to the state's college entrance exam given to all students in 11th grade. Students in grade 11 will no longer take the PARCC exams.

H.B. 15-1323 required both the new 10th-grade and college entrance exams to be competitively bid. The request for proposals was released in November. Proposals were received by the College Board and ACT.

The selection committee chose the PSAT in part because of its alignment to the high school Colorado Academic Standards, a requirement of the 2015 legislation. In addition, the committee considered the College Board's reporting system more useful to students, as it connects students to resources and activities designed to help identify next steps for extra support or possible acceleration.

The selection committee included diverse group of educators and administrators from urban, rural and suburban districts across the state. Content matter experts, assessment experts, special population professionals, guidance counselors and higher education professionals were represented.

The selection will become official after the conclusion of the procurement process, which includes a waiting period of seven business days. More information on the new assessments will become available in January after the official award and contract negotiations are initiated.

## **Skiers get warnings about slick tires at resorts**

### **The Gazette**

Colorado skiers are getting warnings left on their parked cars about slick tires as part of a campaign to reduce accidents on mountain highways.

The warnings are being issued after the state passed a new law requiring snow tires or chains while driving in the mountains when roads are icy and dangerous. The warnings are being left by the Colorado Department of Transportation and supporters of the new law.

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## **After two years, debate remains over marijuana legalization's impacts**

**Denver Post**

Ask Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper how marijuana legalization is going, now almost two years into a historic initiative of allowing licensed stores to sell cannabis to anyone over 21, and he offers this:

"In many ways, the first two years of marijuana legalization has been a testament to Coloradans and our ability to work together."

Hickenlooper praises opposing sides for settling on common pot policies that he believes have so far helped the legalization rollout go smoothly. But what he stops short of saying is whether legalization, overall, is positive or negative for the state.

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## **Colorado revenue forecast projects slower but steady growth**

**Office of the Governor**

On Monday, Dec. 21, 2015 The Governor's Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) today released its quarterly economic forecast.

As with prior forecasts, the state's economy is projected to continue to steadily grow, though not at the robust level experienced in 2014. At the present time, the contraction in the oil and gas industry, a tight labor market, and various global economic headwinds are contributing to slower growth in employment levels and in some categories of state taxes. The diversity in the Colorado economy and continued in-migration of new residents adds resiliency against dragging factors.

OSPB expects General Fund revenue to increase 2.1 percent in FY 2015-16. Projected revenue for FY 2015-16 is 1.7 percent lower compared with September. Corporate income tax collections continue to decline and under perform expectations as a result of weak corporate earnings. Further, declining oil prices have also lowered expectations for income tax revenue from royalty payments.

General Fund revenue growth is still expected to rebound in FY 2016-17 from continued economic expansion and with less downward impacts from the factors weighing on growth this fiscal year. However, the FY 2016-17 General Fund revenue growth rate of 6.7 percent is still below the rates experienced in most years of the current expansion.

Under this forecast, the State's General Fund reserve is projected to be \$156.5 million below the required amount of 6.5 percent of appropriations in FY 2015-16. This shortfall is close to the assumption in Governor Hickenlooper's budget request. Assuming this forecast and the budget request, the State will end FY 2016-17 with \$47.1 million above the 6.5 percent reserve requirement. Meanwhile, under this forecast, transfers to capital construction and transportation will occur at full amounts in FY 2015-16, and at half amounts in FY 2016-17. There are no transfers expected in FY 2017-18.

Based on preliminary figures, TABOR revenue exceeded the Referendum C cap by \$152.9 million in FY 2014-15 (an additional \$3.6 million from prior years will be added to this amount). TABOR revenue will be below the limit in FY 2015-16, and again above the limit by \$212.0 million in FY 2016-17, and \$340.9 million in FY 2017-18.

Revenue above the Referendum C cap from FY 2014-15 will be refunded through the State Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) to qualified taxpayers and the sales tax refund to all taxpayers. The sales tax refund is projected to average \$19 per taxpayer, while the EITC will average about \$217 per qualifying taxpayer.

Under this forecast, there will be no TABOR rebates in FY 2015-16. In FY 2016-17, rebates will go out under the sales tax refund formula and in FY 2017-18, the refund will occur through a temporary income tax rate reduction and the sales tax refund.

Cash fund revenue subject to TABOR in FY 2015-16 will be \$103.7 million, or 3.8 percent, higher than FY 2014-15, primarily as a result of growth in revenue from the Hospital Provider Fee. This growth will offset a sharp decline in revenue from severance taxes. Cash fund revenue will increase 1.2 percent in FY 2016-17.

## **Gov. Hickenlooper appoints new district court judges in 11th and 18th Judicial Districts**

### **Office of the Governor**

Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016 - Gov. John Hickenlooper today announced his appointment of Gary Kramer and Patricia Herron to fill two district court judge vacancies in the 18th Judicial District (Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert and Lincoln Counties). Kramer was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of the Honorable Gerald Rafferty, effective January 23, 2016; and Herron was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of the Honorable Christopher Cross, effective February 8, 2016.

Kramer is currently a shareholder at Berenbaum Weinshienk PC. His practice focuses on complex litigation in the areas of contract disputes, PERA benefits, domestic matters, probate, fiduciary disputes and land use. Before joining his current firm, Kramer was special counsel at the Law Offices of Arthur M. Schwartz, P.C., and a litigation associate at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Colorado in 1985 and his Juris Doctor from the University of Colorado School of Law in 1989.

Herron is currently a Senior Attorney General in the litigation division. Her practice focuses on civil cases involving torts, civil rights, antitrust violations, and medical and personal injuries. She is also currently a relief judge in Aurora Municipal Court where she presides over bench and jury trials. In this role, she has been involved with Aurora's Treatment and Recovery Court, and the new Wellness Court. Prior to joining the Colorado Attorney General's office, Herron was in private practice in Oklahoma City where she practiced both criminal and civil law. Prior to that, she was elected as an Oklahoma state district court judge and served as Chief District judge through the end of her term. Herron earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1975, and her Juris Doctor from University of Tulsa College of Law in 1979.

Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2015 - Gov. John Hickenlooper today announced his appointment of Ramsey Lama to serve as district court judge in the 11th Judicial District (Custer, Fremont, Chaffee and Park counties). The vacancy was created by the resignation of the Honorable David M. Thorson.

Lama is currently a solo practitioner at the Law Office of Ramsey Lama, LLC (2012- present). His practice focuses on criminal defense. Prior to forming his own firm, Lama worked for the Office of the Colorado State Public Defender in its Salida and Grand Junction Offices (2008-

2012). Lama earned his undergraduate degree from Aquinas College in 2004 and his Juris Doctor from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in 2008.  
The appointment is effective January 12, 2016.

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## **Gov. Hickenlooper announces Boards and Commissions appointments**

### **Office of the Governor**

The Board of Governors of the Colorado State University System is the governing board for Colorado State University and the Colorado State University, Pueblo. The Board selects the presidents of these schools and generally oversees the schools, including determination of salaries and tuition, conferring degrees and carrying out other legal functions.  
Effective December 31, 2015, for terms expiring December 31, 2019:

- Demetri E. "Rico" Munn of Denver, to serve as a Democrat, reappointed;
- William Eugene Mosher of Denver, to serve as a Democrat, reappointed.

The Board of Trustees for Adams State University makes policy for the school and oversees its operation.  
Effective December 31, 2015 for a term expiring December 31, 2016:

- LeRoy J. Salazar of Manassa, a Democrat, reappointed;

Effective December 31, 2015 for a term expiring December 31, 2019:

- Valentin "Val" Vigil of Thornton, a Democrat, reappointed.

The Colorado Aeronautical Board assesses the state's aviation needs and makes recommendations to the Director of the Division of Aeronautics within the Department of Transportation.  
For terms expiring December 19, 2018:

- John William Reams of Naturita, to serve as a member from the Western Slope and who represents local governments which operate airports, reappointed;
- William L. Thompson of Colorado Springs, to serve as a member from the Eastern Slope and who represents local governments which operate airports, reappointed;

For a term expiring December 19, 2019:

- Jeffrey Scott Forrest of Littleton, to serve as a member from the Eastern Slope and who represents local governments which operate airports, reappointed.

The Colorado Children's Trust Fund Board provides funding to programs around the State of Colorado that focus on the prevention of child abuse and neglect. The primary goals of the Board are to reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect for Colorado's children and to

reduce the need for state intervention in child abuse prevention and education.  
For terms expiring November 7, 2018:

- Laura Jean Hazen of Centennial, to serve as a member with knowledge of child abuse prevention, reappointed;
- Erika M. McElroy, PhD of Aurora, to serve as a member with knowledge of child abuse prevention, appointed.

The Colorado State Historic Preservation State Review Board approves national register nominations. The Board also reviews the State Historic Preservation Officer's recommendations for national landmarks and provides general advice, guidance and professional recommendations to the State Historic Preservation Officer in carrying out the duties and responsibilities authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act.  
For terms expiring January 1, 2018:

- Margaret Ann Mullins of Aspen, to serve as a member of the public, reappointed;
- Mary Jane Brennan of Denver, to serve as a member of the public, reappointed
- Lauren Nichole Giebler of Golden, to serve as a member of the public, reappointed;
- Timothy James Stroh, AIA of Arvada, to serve as an architectural historian, reappointed;
- Ron David Sladek of Fort Collins, to serve as a historian, reappointed;
- Marcy Floy Cameron of Boulder, to serve as an architectural historian, reappointed.

The Economic Development Commission adopts an annual budget and develops guidelines for the expenditures of the fund for financial assistance such as loans, grants and local match requirements to be provided for various types of projects.

The Commission reviews the economic needs of the various geographical regions of Colorado and identifies the types of businesses which need the most support in terms of economic development. The Commission makes information and assistance available for companies interested in relocating or expanding their operations in the state of Colorado. In addition, the Commission has the authority to work with the Department of Local Affairs on the consideration of recertification of enterprise zones.

For a term expiring December 13, 2019:

- Carrie L. Schiff of Boulder, reappointed.

The Special Funds Board for Workers' Compensation Self Insurers distributes monies from the Workers' Compensation Special Self-Insured Fund to assure prompt and complete payments to members of self-insured companies who are delayed or declare bankruptcy or have insufficient reserves to cover a claim.

For terms expiring July 1, 2019:

- Jeffrey L. Green, ARM-P of Loveland, to serve as a manager or employee of self-insured employers in good standing, with knowledge of risk management and finance, appointed;
- Ondrea Marie Charles Matthews of Wheat Ridge, to serve as a manager or employee of self-insured employers in good standing, reappointed.

The Colorado State Fair Authority Board of Commissioners is a corporate body, a political

subdivision of the state. The Board directs and supervises the Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition. The Fair is held annually in Pueblo for the display of livestock and agricultural, horticultural, industrial, mining, recreational, educational and scientific products of the State of Colorado.

For terms expiring November 1, 2019:

- Rebecca Ann Brooks of Denver, a Democrat from the 1st Congressional District, and a member with substantial experience in agriculture or in the activities of 4-H clubs, appointed;
- Ronny Raymond Farmer of Lamar, a Republican from the 4th Congressional District, and a member who is a certified public accountant, appointed.

The Council of Advisors on Consumer Credit advises and consults with the assistant attorney general concerning the attorney general's powers under the consumer credit code.

For terms expiring September 30, 2018:

- Sara Dale Gilbert of Loveland, to serve as a member of the public, appointed;
- Mark Eastman Lyda of Denver, to serve as a member of the public, reappointed;
- Robert Charles Dix of Denver, to serve as a representative of the consumer credit industry, reappointed;
- Mark Alan Wild of Elbert, to serve as a representative of the consumer credit industry, reappointed.

The Workers' Compensation Cost Containment Board is responsible for promoting cost containment and risk management programs in the administration of workers' compensation programs.

For terms expiring December 13, 2018:

- Megan Marie Strong of Thornton, representing employers who have demonstrated good risk management experience with respect to their workers' compensation insurance, appointed;
- Carl Joseph Herrmann of Wellington, representing employers who have demonstrated good risk management experience with respect to their workers' compensation insurance, appointed.

The Colorado Municipal Bond Supervision Advisory Board advises the Securities Commissioner on the development of policies, rules and procedures regarding the registration of bond issues, ordinances, and resolutions and applications for authorization to file federal bankruptcy petitions.

For terms expiring July 1, 2019:

- Amy Cara of Denver, to serve as a representative of special-district property owners, reappointed;
- Arnold Christopher Ray of Littleton, to serve as a representative of special districts, reappointed;
- William Hancock Plummer of Lakewood, to serve as a member of the public, reappointed.

The State Rehabilitation Council advises State Rehabilitation Services on the provision of

appropriate and quality services to its customers. A majority of its members must be persons with disabilities. The Council in the State of Colorado operates under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and C.R.S. 26-8-101-106.

For terms expiring August 1, 2016:

- Melissa Sue Fishburn of Golden, to serve as a representative of the Statewide Independent Living Council, and occasioned by the resignation of Buna Dahal of Centennial, appointed;
- Ryan Paul Odland of Denver, to serve as a representative of a disability advocacy group, and occasioned by the resignation from that designation of Julie C. Farrar of Denver, appointed;
- Teresa R. Salerno of Denver, to serve as a representative of business, industry and labor, appointed.

For terms expiring August 1, 2018:

- Jason Albert Rurup of Aurora, to serve as a representative of business, industry and labor, appointed;
- Amy Marie Smith of Eckley, to serve as an at-large member, appointed;
- Megan Thomas of Lakewood, to serve as a current or former applicant for, or recipient of, vocational rehabilitation services, appointed.

The Pinnacol Assurance Board of Directors promulgates rules and regulations pertaining to the operation and administration of the Colorado Pinnacol Assurance Fund.

For a term expiring January 1, 2018:

- Bonnie Brown Dean of Greeley, an employer whose liability is insured by Pinnacol, reappointed.

For a term expiring January 1, 2021:

- Barbara Mellman Davis of Denver, to serve as an employee of an employer whose liability is insured by Pinnacol Assurance, reappointed.

The Colorado Human Trafficking Council brings together leadership from community-based and statewide anti-trafficking efforts in order to build and enhance collaboration among communities and counties within the state, to establish and improve comprehensive services for victims and survivors of human trafficking, to assist in the successful prosecution of human traffickers, and to help prevent human trafficking in Colorado.

For a term expiring August 1, 2018:

- Linda Ann Weinerman, JD, of Englewood, to serve as a representative of a statewide organization that provides legal advocacy to abused, neglected and at-risk children, and occasioned by the resignation of Stephanie Villafuerte of Evergreen, appointed.

The Colorado Council on Creative industries stimulates and encourages the development of the arts and humanities throughout the state. The council also looks at public interest in the

arts, and ways to increase public participation.

For a term expiring July 1, 2017:

- Susan Ingrid Lander of Durango, and occasioned by the resignation of Jesse Elliott of Denver, appointed.

The State Board of Addiction Counselor Examiners regulates certified and licensed addiction counselors in the state. Board activities include review of licensure applications and complaints, and enforcement of disciplinary actions against those found to have violated the Mental Health Practice Act or board rules.

For a term expiring December 31, 2017:

- Eliselda Bustillos of Denver, to serve as a certified addiction counselor, and occasioned by the resignation of Ora Dee Watson of Denver, appointed.

For terms expiring December 31, 2019:

- Evguenia Lubenova Guentcheva of Canon City, to serve as a licensed addiction counselor, reappointed;
- Susan Marie Stamm of Denver, to serve as a public member, reappointed;
- Joshua Brinkman of Arvada, to serve as a public member, appointed;
- James D. Saunders of Colorado Springs, to serve as a licensed addiction counselor, appointed.

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