

Take A Look At What Is Happening In Colorado State Policy News During The 2016 Legislative Session

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**"To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often."  
-Winston Churchill**

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## **Rep Joe Salazar Endorses Bernie Sanders over Hillary Clinton**

**Denver Post**

Rep. Joe Salazar, who calls himself one of the state's leading progressive voices, announced Saturday he's endorsing Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders to be the 2016 Democratic presidential nominee. Salazar, D-Thornton, said he feels Sanders is the best choice for Colorado.

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## **Jeb Bush Suspends His Campaign**

**CNN**

In South Carolina Saturday night Bush suspended his White House campaign and acknowledged a painful reality: The country was not interested in a third President Bush. Bush's disappointing finish in the Palmetto State became the final straw for his floundering campaign. The end was all the more personal because the former Florida governor had poured his energy into the state, invoking his family's political legacy at one campaign stop after another and facing down voters who questioned his campaign strategy

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## **To caucus or not to caucus: a question Coloradans continue to struggle with**

**Colorado Springs Gazette**

Colorado governors opined Thursday that the Legislature Colorado has a love-hate relationship with its caucuses. The caucus system is confusing and in many groups unpopular, but for some it represents the last true grass-roots political process in an age run by multimillion-dollar campaigns and political-action committees. It is both loved and dreaded in the state for the same reason - its sheer complexity.

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## **Hickenlooper looks for new direction in next lieutenant governor**

**Denver Post**

Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper is narrowing the field of potential candidates for his next lieutenant governor and making one priority clear: He is not looking for a politician to fill the job. The Democrat, who is keeping the selection process limited to only his closest advisers, said he is considering "a half dozen people" for the state's second-in-command. He plans to make a decision in the next month. "I've given it endless thought, but I haven't found anyone yet," Hickenlooper told The Denver Post in a recent interview.

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## **'Numerous Weaknesses,' 'Inadequate Security Settings' Found in Colorado Obamacare Exchange**

**Washington Free Beacon**

The Obamacare health exchange in Colorado faced "numerous weaknesses" and had "inadequate security settings," leaving the personal information of enrollees vulnerable, according to a new audit. The inspector general for the Department of Health and Human Services publicly released its review of Connect for Health Colorado on Wednesday, revealing the exchange had inadequate security measures in place for more than a year. The report, which reviewed information security controls as of November 2014, did not go into

specifics of Connect for Health Colorado's vulnerabilities because of the "sensitive nature of the information."

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## **Report: 500 bridges in Colorado classified as 'structurally deficient'**

**KDVR Fox 31**

A report from the American Road and Transportation Builders Association found America's bridges are in bad shape. In Colorado, some of the most congested highway bridges in the country are falling apart and are way past their prime. But things might be turning around. The report released Thursday shows nearly 10 percent of the country's bridges need major repairs. In Colorado, there are more than 8,600 and some 521 -- or 6 percent -- of those bridges are classified as structurally deficient.

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## **State legislators take a new stab at photo red-light reform**

**The Aurora Sentinel**

For years state lawmakers have attempted to make photo red-light systems illegal, and lawmakers as well as residents have remained divided on Aurora using the program. "This year we are putting reasonable parameters on where red-light cameras can and cannot be used," said state Rep. Steve Lebsock, D-Thornton, who is sponsoring a bill that would ban the cameras on the state's local and collector roads. Lebsock said House Bill 1231, which he is sponsoring with Aurora Sen. Morgan Carroll, is a compromise that would prevent red-light cameras and radars from expanding in Colorado.

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## **TABOR triggers small refunds for Colorado taxpayers**

**Denver Post**

Colorado taxpayers can expect some modest tax refunds this year under the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights due to budget surpluses, according to the Colorado Department of Revenue. Depending on what adjusted gross income they report, single filers can expect to see TABOR refunds from \$13 to \$41. That lower figures is for a filer reporting \$36,000 or less on Line 25 of the Colorado 104 tax form, while the higher figure is for someone reporting more than \$204,000 on that line. Joint filers can expect to get double those amounts, from \$26 at the lower income range to \$82 at the higher range.

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## **Bettering broadband**

**The Daily Sentinel**

One of Gov. John Hickenlooper's more quotable remarks from his State of the State address

last month was that government agencies would press forward to bring broadband "to every corner and corral" in Colorado.

While the imagery may be spot-on - much of the state consists of wide-open spaces and rural communities not conducive to private investment in broadband infrastructure - the words ring hollow.

State lawmakers have been making a fuss over "the digital divide" for years now. In fact, they crowed about telecom reform legislation in 2014 that rerouted part of a \$54 million annual ratepayer subsidy into a broadband fund.

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**The Calculator**  
**House Bills Introduced: 285**  
**Senate Bills Introduced: 135**  
**Number of Bills PI'd: 44**  
**Bills Signed by the Governor: 0**

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