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Players to watch in the 2017 Colorado legislative session **The Denver Post**

One hundred lawmakers and dozens of lobbyists will arrive at the state Capitol on Wednesday for the start of the 2017 legislative session. But a handful will help set the tone and agenda.

Here is a look at key players to watch during the 2017 session:

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AFP lays out 2017 Colorado legislative agenda **ColoradoPolitics.com**

There is no denying the increasing clout Americans for Prosperity has in Colorado politics,

and they're ready to flex their conservative muscle once again in the legislative session that begins in a month.

The organization laid out its priorities at a meeting this week in the Denver Tech Center, and provided ColoradoPolitics.com an advance synopsis of its top issues, although a "partial list," nonetheless:

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Coram will replace Roberts in Colorado Senate

[Durango Herald](#)

Colorado Rep. Don Coram was elected Saturday by a committee of Republican leaders to replace Ellen Roberts in state Senate District 6.

Roberts announced her retirement from the seat in October, effective Dec. 31. Coram will finish her term, which ends in 2018.

Then, Republicans from House District 58 elected Marcus Catlin, a businessman from Montrose, to replace Coram in the Colorado House of Representatives.

Coram defeated Montrose County Commissioner David White in an 87-24 vote to win the Senate seat. Both were nominated by members of the district and were given a chance Saturday to speak about what they would do if elected. Although not all the voting party members attended the hearing in Dolores because of icy mountain roads, 111 showed up.

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New Colorado Senate president sees bipartisan movement

[Pueblo Chieftain](#)

Senate President-elect Kevin Grantham said he has hopes that the 2017 session of the state Legislature will get a few important issues settled without too much partisan pain.

The Canon City Republican told The Pueblo Chieftain editorial board Thursday that he has strong indications his party and Democrats can work out transportation and construction issues that are costly and hold up development of Colorado.

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Following shakeup, Colorado House GOP settles on new top staff

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When Colorado House Republicans return to the legislature next week under new leadership, the caucus will be operating without a chief of staff.

Instead, House Republicans will split the staff leadership position between two roles, one acting as an operations director, and another as the legislative director.

"It helps maximize a lot of our talents," said Minority Leader Patrick Neville of Castle Rock, who was elected to lead the caucus following the November election. "I want to capitalize on all of their unique talents."

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Colorado businesses can expect legislators to put 2016 battles on repeat

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Colorado's legislative leaders laid out their plans for the upcoming session Thursday and it sounds like the battles of 2016 are about to be placed on repeat.

Democrat and Republican party leaders told attendees at the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce Business Legislative Preview that they'll pick up what was left on the table last session: construction-defects reform, funding for transportation and reclassifying of the hospital provider fee. Legislators get the chance to come up with different results on those issues starting Jan. 11 when the 2017 legislative session starts.

"Folks, we have a lot of issues ahead of this coming session," said Senate President-Elect Kevin Grantham.

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Colorado GOP, Dems agree on transportation priority, but now to the funding

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A potential new statewide sales tax being formulated in the Colorado Legislature is the most aggressive legislative proposal in recent memory to put billions of dollars into relieving Front Range and mountain traffic.

If legislators agree, voters in November could decide on a 0.62 sales tax on all purchases. That would be on top of the 2.9 percent the state assesses. In Colorado Springs, the sales tax is 8.25 percent, including state, city (3.12 percent), county (1.23 percent) and a special 1 percent tax.

The proposed sales tax increase would repay \$3.5 billion in bonds for immediate "signature projects," including expanding Interstate 25 from Monument Hill to Castle Rock and in stretches north of Denver, as well as improvements to Interstate 70 through the mountains.

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Meet the Colorado lawmakers on the state legislature's education committee

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Plenty of familiar faces - and political fault lines - are returning next year to the state legislature's education committees.

State Sen. Owen Hill, a Republican from Colorado Springs, and Rep. Brittany Pettersen, a Democrat from Lakewood, will return as chairs of their respective committees.

Many topics the committees and the rest of the General Assembly will wrestle with next year should be familiar: the state's testing system, funding for charter schools, and teacher hiring and training. New issues likely to surface include how some districts and schools are given waivers from some state policies, and how the state may respond to the new federal

education law, the Every Student Succeeds Act.

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Seven education storylines to watch as the Colorado General Assembly gets to work

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As Colorado lawmakers return to the Capitol on Wednesday to begin crafting education policy and setting spending priorities, they face significant budget challenges, an uncertain transition in Washington and a growing chorus of educators fatigued by change.

The topics lawmakers are expected to address - including testing, school accountability and funding - are familiar. But the nation's new education law, the Every Student Succeeds Act, and the likelihood the Trump administration will relax regulations in public education could provide lawmakers with new opportunities to rethink the state's own education laws.

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Senate ed committee chair pledges to bring back charter school equalization bill

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State Sen. Owen Hill, chairman of the Senate Education Committee, pledged to reintroduce legislation next year to equalize funding for Colorado charter schools.

Hill, a Colorado Springs Republican, didn't specify how the legislation might differ from last year's failed attempt but said he has met with Democrats to discuss his proposal.

Last year, House Democrats spiked his bill, which would have required school districts to split local revenue raised from voter-approved tax increases with charter schools more equitably.

Currently, local school boards decide how to spend those tax dollars, known as mill levy overrides.

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Colorado's Hill joins Reagan's Bennett on education policy

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State Sen. Owen Hill of Colorado Springs is keeping important company these days. The Senate Education chairman is working with former Reagan Education Secretary Bill Bennett on a local-control policy called Conservative Leaders for Education.

He joined Bennett on a conference call this week to talk about the four R's-readin', 'ritin', 'rithmetic and Republicanism. The aim is to balance out or beat the National Education Association union's sway over how states and school districts implement the Every Student Succeeds Act President Obama signed into law a year ago.

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Colorado's new education commissioner on the urban-rural

divide, turnaround schools and the teacher shortage

Chalkbeat Colorado

Katy Anthes is known as a consensus builder and a steady hand.

As Anthes begins her tenure as Colorado education commissioner, those traits will be put to the test. There are no shortage of divides over education policy, and the state has plenty on the agenda.

Anthes was serving as the education department's chief of staff eight months ago when she put in her notice of resignation - part of a period of upheaval at the department that saw a wave of resignations.

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Time to find new, shorter standardized tests, state board directs education department

Chalkbeat Colorado

The State Board of Education on Thursday directed the education department to find new standardized tests that take students less time and whose results will be delivered faster. The board wants math and English tests that will take students in grades three through eight no more than eight hours to complete - slightly less time than current exams take, according to the state.

Colorado's contract with the PARCC assessment, which the state has used for its federally required English and math test since 2015, expires after the current school year. Absent new legislation, the board is required to renew its contract with PARCC or find a new vendor for the spring of 2018

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TABOR challenge

Grand Junction Sentinel

When state lawmakers convene in Denver for the legislative session next month, they'll have to deal with the boomerang effect of a bustling economy.

State forecasters told members of the Joint Budget Committee Tuesday that the economic conditions are better than expected. The state will have about \$216 million in unexpected additional revenues to start the next fiscal year July 1. But, thanks to the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights, that money will push revenues beyond the limit of what state government is allowed to keep and spend. Revenues in excess of TABOR caps are supposed to be returned to taxpayers, even at the expense of underfunded schools and roads.

Expect some creative budget maneuvering - or at least some arguments - to allow the state to keep the money on the rationale that TABOR was never intended to result in the reduction of government services. That's a position that local jurisdictions financed by property taxes should be taking, too.

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Audit: Agency too fast and loose on employee use of official

vehicles

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Some state employees are getting a free ride courtesy of taxpayers, a state audit released Monday found.

The Colorado Department of Personnel and Administration's policies for allowing employees to commute to and from work in state-owned vehicles doesn't align with federal regulations on allowing the use of a vehicle as a benefit, the Office of State Auditor found in the report presented Monday to the Legislative Audit Committee.

And it's no small change. Last year 782 employees were allowed to use publicly vehicles to drive to and from work at a \$1.54 million cost to the state. Of that, \$1.38 million "was for commuting arrangements that did not meet all the statutory criteria," auditors wrote in their report. "The department does not review commuting authorizations for compliance with criteria or provide clear guidance to agencies related to the use of take-home vehicles."

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Colorado public employees may owe back taxes due to state's mistake, according to audit

[Denver Post](#)

The state of Colorado for years has been running afoul of state laws and the federal tax code in its administration of a take-home vehicle program for public employees, a state audit has found.

As a result, as many as 1,000 state employees who benefited from the program could be on the hook for back taxes and fines from the Internal Revenue Service, and the state also could face IRS penalties.

The report from the Office of the State Auditor was presented to state lawmakers at a Monday meeting of the Legislative Audit Committee.

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Colorado secretary of state slams rogue electors

[Politico](#)

Colorado's Republican secretary of state lashed out Tuesday at a lawsuit filed by two of the state's Democratic presidential electors in support of their national push to stop Donald Trump's election.

The electors, Polly Baca and Robert Nemanich, are suing in federal court to overturn a Colorado law that forces them to support the statewide popular vote winner -- in their case, Hillary Clinton. It's part of a strategy to undermine similar laws in 28 other states and encourage Republican electors there to buck Trump when the 538 members of the Electoral College vote on Dec. 19.

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Denver judge rules against lawless Colorado electors

[Denver Post](#)

Colorado presidential electors who do not vote for Hillary Clinton as the winner of the state's vote risk criminal charges after a Denver judge delivered the second setback in two days to an effort to block Donald Trump from winning the presidency.

Denver District Judge Elizabeth Starrs ruled that state law requires members of the Electoral College, when the body meets at noon Monday, to vote for the presidential and vice presidential candidates who received the most votes in Colorado.

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Momentum builds for construction-defects reform, but critics urge caution

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Legislative leaders from both sides of the aisle believe this is the year to pass robust construction defects reform in an effort to spur affordable housing development. Lawmakers outlined their legislative agendas Thursday at a forum hosted by the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce. After a disappointing outcome last year on the issue, Republicans and Democrats believe they can advance a package in the upcoming session. "We all have the same goals on this, let's get this fixed," said incoming Senate President Kevin Grantham, R-Canon City. "This is not a Democrat or Republican issue ... If we don't have supply, where are they going to go?"

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Colorado among the fastest-growing states in the nation

[AP](#)

Colorado was among the fastest-growing states this past year, according to U.S. Census Bureau national and state population estimates released Tuesday. Colorado's population grew by 91,726 people from July 1, 2015 to July 1, 2016, an increase of 1.68 percent. Those numbers ranked eighth and seventh in the nation respectively

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Denver is nation's No. 2 market for rising housing prices

[Denver Business Journal](#)

Home prices are rising with impressive vigor across much of the South - especially Texas - as well as in pockets of the West and the industrial Northeast.

Other parts of the country are having a tougher time. Home values remain depressed today in several California, Florida and Nevada cities that were hit especially hard by the Great Recession of 2007-2009, according to an American City Business Journals (ACBJ) analysis of new federal data.

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Another warning on water from an Eastern Plains water warrior

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Sen. Jerry Sonnenberg of Sterling laid out his 2017 legislative priorities for his hometown newspaper this week, and there was no surprise in what topped the list: "...obviously, water storage, agriculture, and education," the veteran Republican lawmaker told the Sterling Journal-Advocate. Well, yes, obviously. And he made clear once again that the "storage" part of "water storage" might as well be in capital letters.

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Sens Scott and Jones Discuss Trump Era Energy Outlook

[Colorado Public Radio](#)

Donald Trump's campaign promises to boost the fossil fuel industries and reverse President Barack Obama's climate change initiatives have big potential impacts in Colorado, where Republican leaders have formed a special committee to deal with the potential impacts. The committee includes both Republicans and Democrats.

Trump has said he'll work to revive the struggling coal industry, including Colorado companies that have been hard-hit by the move to cleaner burning fuels. Trump backs the proposal to build Jordan Cove, a state-of-the-art shipping facility for another Colorado product, natural gas. And he wants to take the United States out of the Paris climate accords.

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Colorado biz leaders: Reverse feds' rejection of pipeline-terminal project

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Loren Furman, public-policy point person for the Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry, is calling on the president to help green-light the Jordan Cove natural gas terminal and pipeline project, or "Congress should move swiftly."

Last Friday, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission said it wouldn't reconsider its March denial of the \$7.6 billion Jordan Cove terminal in Coos Bay, Oregon, a destination for liquefied natural gas pumped from Western Colorado for buyers on the Pacific Rim.

"This project is a win-win for Colorado and the rest of the nation," said Furman, in a statement released by the Vital for Colorado business coalition. Furman is CACI's VP for state and federal relations. "We have a tremendous opportunity to share our clean-burning natural gas reserves with our overseas allies to advance their energy supply and improve air quality."

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Senate Republicans to take on energy in next session

[Colorado Independent](#)

With a new pro-fossil fuels administration headed to Washington, Republicans in the state Senate are seizing the opportunity to shore up Colorado's sluggish mining and natural

resources economy.

Republican Sen. Ray Scott of Grand Junction will chair a five-member Select Committee on Energy and the Environment that could deal with "the increased workload an evolving relationship with Washington could bring," according to a Senate GOP press release.

"The changes in attitude and approach we're expecting from the Trump administration will only add to the importance and relevance of the work this select committee will do," according to Senate President-elect Kevin Grantham of Canon City.

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Hospital provider fee dead, or at least on life support, for 2017

[Colorado Independent](#)

An intense two-year battle between Colorado's outgoing Senate president and the outgoing speaker of the House appears to be ending right along with the terms of both lawmakers.

The issue is whether to reclassify the hospital provider fee, a bit of bookkeeping that could free up millions of dollars for roads, schools and rural health care in an era when Colorado needs it.

The fee is charged by the state to hospitals for each night a patient stays overnight or for each time outpatient services are rendered. Revenues are then pooled by the state, matched with federal dollars and, under current law, redistributed to the hospitals to pay for Medicaid and for uninsured medical coverage.

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Guzman announces new position focused on conservation, climate change, and renewable energy

[Colorado Senate Democrats Press Release](#)

December 5th 2016, Senate Minority Leader Lucia Guzman, D-Denver, officially announced that State Senator Matt Jones, D-Louisville, will serve in the newly established position of Deputy Minority Leader for Conservation, Clean Energy, and Climate Change.

Over the past decade, Colorado has taken a number of steps to become a nationwide leader in protecting its natural environment, and promoting renewable energy. Whether it's setting an ambitious standard to increase renewable energy use, reducing ozone emissions for cleaner air, creating a comprehensive water plan, or establishing the state's very own Public Lands Day, Colorado has been ahead of the curve when it comes to environmental conservation and combating climate change.

In the 2017 legislative session, defending Colorado's progress in environmental conservation and clean energy will be a top priority for the Senate Democrats. In this spirit, Minority Leader Guzman established the new "Deputy Minority Leader" position. Filled by Senator Jones, the position will be responsible for:

- addressing job creation and the economic benefits of wind, solar, and energy efficiency;
- working closely with representatives of all energy industries to find bipartisan solutions to the challenges facing our state's energy future;

- meeting with stakeholders across the state to study the local impacts and benefits of conservation; and
- working with Caucus members to design and recommend legislation that will keep Colorado at the forefront of protecting its natural environment and combating climate change.

"Conserving our natural environment is critical to maintaining the Colorado way of life and our continued economic growth as a state. Colorado has been at the forefront of the new energy economy for many years, creating additional job opportunities and continuing to generate new dollars in economic activity. This is one of our main agenda items because we know this is what the vast majority of Coloradans want for the future of our state. That's why with this new position, Senator Jones, and the Senate Minority Caucus, will work to protect our public lands, keep our environment clean, address climate change, and build on our renewable energy industry," said Senator Guzman.

"Regardless of what direction the new Administration wants to take our country in the areas of renewable energy or fighting climate change, Colorado needs to stay ahead of the curve as it has done for years. It is integral to our identity and our brand as a state to have clean air, clean water, and protected public lands, all of which are major reasons why we have such a booming tourism industry. I thank Minority Leader Guzman for her trust in naming me to this position, and I'm ready to get to work," said Senator Jones.

BP division CEO talks about why Denver snagged HQ from Houston

Denver Business Journal

A major U.S. division of BP plc is moving its headquarters from Houston to Denver - a move that the division's CEO compares to a homecoming in some ways.

For him, that is.

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15 of the Most Powerful Women In the Weed Industry

Complex

Despite Donald Trump's devastating Election Day win that put most of the country into a tailspin, cannabis supporters had one to celebrate this year, as eight states legalized weed for medicinal or recreational use. But as Trump's win proved true in politics, the cannabis industry, too, is riddled with white men in power-even if they aren't the ones who deserve all the credit. Women-from researchers studying the benefits of cannabis over opiates, to award-winning chefs cooking up the most delicious edibles on the planet, to those who are facing massive jail time for activism and legalization efforts-are the true heroes of the cannabis industry, and it's time to recognize that.

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Colorado pot regulators enter private consulting

Associated Press

Colorado's top marijuana regulators are starting a private consulting business. The marijuana coordinator for Gov. John Hickenlooper and the head of the state's Marijuana Enforcement Division say they are leaving state government to offer their services to other clients.

Andrew Freedman was tapped by Hickenlooper to coordinate administrative agencies that oversee marijuana, from the state Health Department to the Department of Agriculture.

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Colorado plans crackdown on home pot growers

Associated Press

Hoping to preserve its marijuana law under the next president, Colorado is planning a slate of legislation designed to crack down on pot that is grown legally but then sold on the black market.

The goal is to cut down on complaints that Colorado's liberal allowances for growing pot without a license has created a thriving network of illegal growers. Colorado allows medical pot patients to grow up to 99 plants, far beyond other marijuana states, and it also allows recreational users to group their allotted six plants into massive co-ops, entire greenhouses of pot that aren't tracked or taxed.

Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper says the state's generous pot allowances make it almost impossible for cops to tell legitimate growers from black-market fronts, and he is calling for a several new laws to crack down. Proposals include a ban on group recreational pot grows and new paperwork requirements for people who grow medical pot.

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Colorado marijuana shops sold more than \$1 billion of cannabis in first 10 months of 2016

Denver Post

In the first 10 months of 2016, Colorado marijuana shops reached a significant milestone they had barely missed in all of 2015: \$1 billion in legal, regulated cannabis sales.

Recreational and medical cannabis shops in America's first 420-legal state have sold nearly \$1.1 billion of marijuana and related products in 2016, according to the new October data from the state's Department of Revenue.

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Marijuana everywhere, yet use still dipping among Colorado teens

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Teen marijuana use continues to shrink in popularity with teenagers, an odd phenomenon

that has consistently proven true since Colorado legalized the drug in 2012. Federal data released Tuesday shows that rates of teen marijuana use in Colorado and Washington-the first two states to legalize recreational marijuana-decreased more than the national average in 2014. Slightly fewer teens in the two states are reportedly using marijuana than in 2012, before legalization efforts passed. The federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health is believed to be the first true national glimpse into whether teens are using more marijuana in the post-legalization era.

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Colo. pot czar could be coming to Mass.

Boston Globe

Marijuana legalization brought unexpected challenges to Colorado, and it was rarely clear what part of state government was supposed to solve them, or how. Businesses were selling marijuana-infused, animal-shaped candy attractive to children. Residents growing pot at home were selling it illegally in other states. Growers were applying pesticides to cannabis plants even though none was specifically approved by the federal government for such use. Enter Andrew Freedman, Colorado's pot czar, who is bringing together the state's bureaucracy, marijuana industry, law enforcement community, and public health advocates to fix problems no other state had faced.

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Hickenlooper aims Colorado marijuana tax revenue toward affordable housing, homeless

Colorado Springs Gazette

A proposal by Gov. John Hickenlooper to direct marijuana revenue toward building affordable housing and curbing homelessness offers a glimpse into the potential the new revenue can have on public services and projects. But Hickenlooper and his administration are hesitant to acknowledge that cannabis dollars can have a positive impact on expanding state programs. For now, the governor is adamant that the dollars should be spent only on issues related to marijuana. To the chagrin of pro-marijuana activists, Hickenlooper believes there is a correlation between homelessness, a need for affordable housing and substance abuse, including impacts from marijuana legalization.

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Andrew Freedman to leave position as State Director of Marijuana Coordination

Office of the Governor

Thursday, Jan. 5, 2017 - - Gov. John Hickenlooper announced today that Andrew Freedman, Director of Marijuana Coordination, will be transitioning out of the administration. Freedman

will be launching a consulting firm, Freedman & Koski, LLC which specializes in advising state and local governments on how to best implement marijuana legalization.

Freedman was first hired in January 2011 by Lieutenant Governor Joseph Garcia to be chief of staff. He left that position in July of 2013 to become the campaign director for Yes on 66: Colorado Commits to Kids. In January of 2014 he was hired by Hickenlooper to be the State's Director of Marijuana Coordination. He was charged with coordinating the State's efforts to implement the effective regulation of Colorado's recreational and medical marijuana while promoting public health, maintaining public safety, and keeping marijuana out of the hands of children.

During his time as Director, Freedman worked with various departments to tackle some of the state's most complex issues regarding marijuana legalization. He coordinated with the Department of Revenue, Department of Public Health and Environment, Department of Agriculture and the Attorney General's Office to create the world's first regulatory structure for recreational marijuana, medical marijuana, and hemp. Freedman rallied state resources and the community to pursue sensible policy options for banking, edibles, taxation, advertising, pesticides, data collection, and the gray and black markets. Freedman also served as the governor's point person on marijuana issues for the federal government, the media, and other states and countries.

"Andrew Freedman has done a remarkable job shepherding Colorado through one of the great social experiments of this decade," Hickenlooper said. "I think he has an invaluable expertise to support and assist other states as they work through issues of good government, public health, and public safety. I believe he can serve as a connection between these states so we can all share lessons learned and communicate effectively with the federal government."

"It has been an honor to work for the administration, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Governor these last six years," Freedman said. "Though I have often worked on some of the more divisive policies in Colorado politics, I have been amazed by the ability of Coloradans and this administration to come together to make sure we implement these policies in a way that benefits all of us. The Governor and Colorado have taught me that good government matters, and I will forever be grateful for that lesson."

The Governor's November 1st budget requested that the Office of Marijuana Coordination be sunset by the end of the fiscal year. The office was intended to aid in the roll-out of a legalized system, and thereafter to allow departments to handle the long-term work. Going forward, the responsibilities of the Director of Marijuana Coordination will be handled by the Governor's Senior Deputy Legal Counsel, Mark Bolton. Bolton will be the point person for the Governor for ongoing issues concerning marijuana legalization, and will maintain his responsibilities in the Office of Legal Counsel. Freedman will remain on staff part time to aid in this transition.

IPCPR Hires Western Regional Representative

IPCPR News

The International Premium Cigar and Pipe Retailers Association (IPCPR) announced today that Tyler Henson has joined the government affairs team as Western Regional Representative to expand IPCPR's influence in the western region of the United States.

Tyler brings a wealth of experience within the government affairs industry, having spent the last two years as President of the Colorado Cannabis Chamber of Commerce where he was instrumental in advocating for a positive regulatory and legislative environment for the industry. Prior to working at the Colorado Cannabis Chamber of Commerce, Henson served as Legislative Director for the Wine & Spirit Wholesalers of Colorado and as a lobbyist for one of Colorado's premier political consulting firms.

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RIP: Peter Blake Dies after Battle with Cancer

[Colorado Peak Politics](#)

Sadly, this afternoon, Colorado has lost a beloved journalist in the passing of Peter Blake, 80. Blake worked at the Rocky Mountain News for 39 years. He also reported for Complete Colorado. According to his friends, Blake died after a short, but brave, battle with cancer. While Blake was 80, his friends joked (or not) that he was doing journalism better than most 30 year olds. He was tough, but fair - and thoughtful, often defending the little guy and exposing the unfairness in situations.

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After November loss, Morgan Carroll seeks to lead Colorado Democrats

[The Gazette](#)

Democratic lawmaker and playmaker Morgan Carroll wants to succeed Colorado state party Chair Rick Palacio when he steps down in the spring. Carroll, a term-limited state senator from Aurora who unsuccessfully challenged incumbent Republican Mike Coffman in this year's 6th Congressional District race, announced Wednesday that she would seek the party post when Palacio's term ends. Palacio announced Tuesday he will not seek another term.

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State TABOR modifications now proposed by two Republican lawmakers

[Colorado Springs Gazette](#)

As the controversial and conflicting Taxpayer's Bill of Rights heads into its 25th year, at least two Republican state legislators believe the law is in need of a tune-up. Rep. Dan Thurlow of Grand Junction and Sen. Larry Crowder of Alamosa are heading down a road as bumpy as the crumbling state highways that have partially fallen victim to TABOR's spending constraints. The lawmakers are proposing that the state's spending cap formula be tied to personal income, rather than consumer inflation plus population change. The battle ahead is long. It was once considered unthinkable for a Colorado Republican to imagine restructuring the TABOR formula so that government could grow when economic times are good.

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Blake, Gessler in the running for U.S. attorney slot under Trump

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Former Secretary of State Scott Gessler and Chief Colorado Deputy Attorney General David Blake are two top names being discussed to fill the U.S. Attorney for the District of Colorado vacancy under a Republican Donald Trump administration, ColoradoPolitics has learned. Sources close to the Trump transition team in Colorado say both would be formidable candidates, but that the transition process has not yet moved on to formally considering filling the vacancy. The transition team is working on other appointments first. Both Blake and Gessler are seriously considering the opportunity, ColoradoPolitics has confirmed.

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Governor Hickenlooper plans policy for e-commerce sales tax

[Colorado Statesman](#)

Governor John Hickenlooper is developing a strategy for Colorado to capitalize on a U.S. Supreme Court ruling last month that would allow the state to collect tax from online sales. The Supreme Court upheld Colorado's "Amazon tax," which could allow the state to collect taxes on out-of-state internet sales.

It requires online retailers to report their sales information to the Colorado Department of Revenue.

Some businesses opposed the reporting requirement and the tax as a burden on interstate commerce that they say is forbidden by the Commerce Clause in the U.S. Constitution. The Clause prohibits state action that creates an "undue burden" on interstate commerce.

"The Supreme Court's decision to let stand Colorado's 'tattletale reporting' law should alarm consumers in Colorado and across the United States," said Paul Miller, vice president of the American Catalog Mailers Association. "It is a dangerous expansion of government's intrusion into the private lives of citizens."

State officials who support the tax say they need the revenue for a variety of projects around Colorado.

They claimed in documents filed with the Supreme Court that the state missed out on \$170 million in taxes that could have been collected from online sales in 2012.

Hickenlooper is expected to announce a policy on how to collect and spend the new internet sales tax within days.

"Currently, we are evaluating the decision and determining next steps," said Lynn Granger, spokeswoman for the Colorado Department of Revenue.

The tax was challenged in a lawsuit by the Data and Marketing Association, a trade group for online retailers.

The 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver upheld the law in a ruling in February 2016. The U.S. Supreme Court decided to let the 10th Circuit's ruling stand without changes.

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State revenue forecast shows steady performance

Office of the Governor

Tuesday, December 20, 2016 - The Governor's Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) today released its quarterly economic and revenue forecast.

Overall economic activity has improved in Colorado compared with 2015 and early 2016, and the expansion is expected to continue at a moderate pace. The large drop in spending and income in the state from the downturn in the oil and gas industry is no longer weighing on growth. An increase in new business formation, the source of most net new jobs, is also contributing to Colorado's improved economic growth. Demand for workers among Colorado businesses remains among the highest levels in the country, especially in the urban areas along the Front Range.

"Colorado's economy has picked up in recent months. Our state's economy has demonstrated resilience during the downturn in the energy sector, and we are cautiously optimistic about the future," said Gov. John Hickenlooper.

State General Fund revenue is projected to increase 4.4 percent in FY 2016-17 and 5.1 percent in FY 2017-18. The revenue forecast is mostly unchanged from September's projections. Under this forecast and the recent budget request, the General Fund reserve is \$118.7 million below the target of 6.5 percent of appropriations in the current year. For FY 2017-18, the shortfall is \$52.4 million. The OSPB will submit amendments to the budget request to close the gap in January 2017.

Cash fund revenue in FY 2016-17 is projected to be \$154.7 million, or 5.2 percent, lower than FY 2015-16, as a decrease in revenue from the Hospital Provider Fee and miscellaneous cash funds will offset modest growth in revenue from many of the other major categories of cash funds. Cash fund revenue will increase 15.0 percent in FY 2017-18 as the budget restriction on the Hospital Provider Fee expires and severance tax revenue increases. If the budget request is approved, Hospital Provider Fee revenue would be restricted by \$195 million.

Under current law and this forecast, State revenue subject to TABOR is projected to be \$152.2 million under the cap in FY 2016-17, but is expected to be above the cap by \$224.7 million in FY 2017-18 and \$247.9 million in FY 2018-19.

Economic growth for the nation has also improved. Industrial production has regained more solid footing, while U.S. corporations in the third quarter of this year posted their first annual increase in earnings since the end of 2014. Furthermore, financial markets are signaling higher expectations for economic growth, and consumer spending and the labor market remain solid.

Although the economy has improved and is thus less vulnerable to a recession, overall growth in the U.S. economy remains at relatively low levels compared with previous expansions. Therefore, a large enough adverse shock that causes business, investors and households to pullback could result in recessionary conditions. With a still relatively modest pace of growth, the stance of monetary policy will be important to monitor in coming months as the Federal Reserve has signaled that continued monetary tightening will occur in the future. Previous monetary tightening was followed by deteriorating financial conditions and a strong rise in the value of the U.S. dollar, which weighed on industrial production and global growth during 2015 and into the beginning of 2016.

[Click here for the full forecast report from the Governor's Office of State Planning and Budgeting.](#)

Joshua Epel resigns from Public Utilities Commission

Office of the Governor

Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2016 - Joshua Epel announced today that he is resigning from his role as Chairman of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC), part of the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), effective Jan. 1, 2017.

"Joshua Epel has been instrumental in transforming Colorado's business climate and growing our economy," said Gov. John Hickenlooper. "He helped modernize the state's regulatory environment with consistency and thoughtfulness, giving Colorado a competitive advantage for any business considering relocating or growing."

"Chairman Epel is a devoted and committed public servant, who for the past six years has done an incredible job leading the PUC on a wide variety of important issues and regulatory matters critical to Coloradans across our state," added DORA Executive Director Joe Neguse.

Epel was first appointed as Chairman of the PUC in January 2011 and was reappointed in 2014. As a commissioner, he participated in a wide range of matters involving transportation, energy and telecommunications. Most notably, he oversaw the entry of transportation network companies (TNCs) like Uber and Lyft into the Colorado marketplace. Colorado became the first state in the country to pass legislation on TNCs that protected consumers and public safety. Epel was also involved in transforming telecommunications, providing basic protections for 911 services while transferring funds from subsidized companies to underserved areas in need of broadband.

"Under the leadership of Governor Hickenlooper, Colorado has taken a more forward looking approach than any other state to intentionally and cost effectively de-carbonize the economy," Epel said. "We have such momentum that the next chairperson will have a tremendous opportunity to keep moving forward. I'm so proud to have been part of this extraordinary effort to rebuild Colorado's economy."

A search for Epel's replacement is underway in the Governor's Office.

Gov. Hickenlooper appoints Jeff Ackermann, Wendy Moser to Public Utility Commission; Glenn Vaad to retire

Office of the Governor

Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2017 - Gov. John Hickenlooper today announced the appointment of Jeff Ackermann and Wendy Moser to the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC), part of the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA). Ackermann will serve as chairman of the PUC. Both appointments are effective Jan. 9, 2017.

Additionally, PUC Commissioner Glenn Vaad announced that he will retire effective Jan. 9, 2017. Ackermann and Moser will join PUC Commissioner Frances Koncilja, who has served on the PUC since January 2016.

Ackermann has more than three decades of experience in state government and the energy sector. For the past three and a half years, Ackermann has served as the executive director of the Colorado Energy Office (CEO). In this role, Ackermann developed a markets-based

approach to help impact and transform end-use markets. Under his leadership, CEO made significant strides in improving the innovative production and efficient consumption of Colorado's energy resources. Prior to CEO, he led research efforts at the PUC, focusing on issues ranging from electric system planning to the effective use of energy efficiency and renewable energy. He earned a bachelor's degree from Albion College and a master's degree in Nonprofit Management from Regis University.

"Jeff has proven to be a skilled leader during his work as director of the Colorado Energy Office," Hickenlooper said. "We are confident he will bring that same level of integrity and ingenuity to the PUC."

"I am honored to be asked to carry on the important work of the PUC, work that is integral to Colorado's continued economic well-being and that honors our inclusive and reasoned approach to problem-solving," said Ackermann.

Moser currently serves as senior manager at Charter Communications, where she is responsible for government franchise relations, public affairs policies and procedures, and regulatory requirements in multiple western states. She has vast experience in telecommunications and utilities, and more than 25 years of experience in regulatory law. Moser earned her bachelor of science from South Dakota University and a juris doctorate from the University of Denver College of Law.

"I'm grateful to be selected for the PUC and will do my best to uphold the laws and regulatory framework for the benefit of Coloradans," said Moser.

"Wendy brings an impressive track record in telecommunications and energy," said Hickenlooper. "We are delighted she agreed to bring that experience to the PUC."

Vaad has more than 34 years of public service experience. He served as a State Representative for House District 48, a Weld County Commissioner, and several roles with the Colorado Department of Highways and Colorado Department of Transportation. He served on the PUC since 2014.

"We thank Glenn for his many years of service to the people of Colorado," said Hickenlooper. "He played an invaluable role on the PUC where he helped shepherd the implementation of the Clean Air Clean Jobs act and the renewable energy standard."

A search for Ackermann's replacement at the Colorado Energy Office is underway in the Governor's Office.

Gov. Hickenlooper Announces Boards and Commission Appointments

Office of the Governor

Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2016 - Gov. John Hickenlooper today announced Boards and Commissions appointments to the Colorado Access to Justice Commission, Colorado Aeronautical Board, Colorado Food Systems Advisory Council, Historic Preservation State Review Board, State Interagency Coordinating Council, State Medical Assistance and Services Advisory Council and Pollution Prevention Advisory Board.

The Colorado Access to Justice Commission develops, coordinates and implements policy initiatives to expand access to and enhance the quality of justice in civil legal matters for persons who encounter barriers in gaining access to Colorado's civil justice system.

For a term expiring December 31, 2019:

- Melissa Hart of Denver, to serve as the Governor's appointee, 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 a term expiring December 19, 2019:

- Raymond Allen Beck of Craig, to serve as a representative of local government in the western slope which operates airports, reappointed.

The Colorado Food Systems Advisory Council increases healthy food access for all Coloradans through Colorado agriculture and local food systems and economies. It is the state conduit for hearing, reviewing and advancing critical food systems issues in which state government does, or could, play a role.

For a term expiring at the Pleasure of the Governor:

- Brehan T. Riley, MS, RD, SNS of Denver, to serve as a representative of the Colorado Department of Education, appointed.

The 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.

Effective December 31, 2016, for terms expiring January 1, 2019:

- Minette Carrier Church, PhD of Colorado Springs, to serve as a recognized professional in the field of historic archaeology, reappointed;
- Kathleen Lamoine Corbett, PhD of Denver, to serve as a recognized professional in the field of architectural history, reappointed;
- John C. Gritts of Golden, to serve as a member of the public, appointed;
- Jonathan C. Horn of Montrose, to serve as a recognized professional in the field of historic archaeology, reappointed.
- Dianna L. Litvak of Denver, to serve as a recognized professional in the field of history, reappointed;
- Carla Louise McConnell, RA, AICP of Denver, to serve as a recognized professional in the field of architectural history, reappointed;
- Marilyn Armagast Martorano, RPA of Longmont, to serve as a recognized professional in the field of prehistoric archaeology, reappointed;
- Sarah R. Payne, PhD., of Fort Collins, to serve as a recognized professional in the

field of history, reappointed.

The State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) advises the Colorado Department of Human Services on implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004. Part C of the Act, relates to the support and services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.

For a term expiring June 30, 2017:

- Angela June Magoon, Ms, CCC-SLP of Brighton, to serve as a service provider of early intervention services, and occasioned by the resignation of Jessica Suzanne Beltran of Denver, appointed.

The State Medical Assistance and Services Advisory Council assists the Dept. of Health Care Policy and Financing in the preparation and implementation of a comprehensive medical plan for low-income families.

For a term expiring November 12, 2018:

- Robert Ward of Englewood, to serve as a member of the public, and occasioned by the resignation of Blair Wyles of Franktown, appointed;

for terms expiring November 12, 2020

- Aaron Joseph Burrows, MD of Denver, to serve as a doctor of medicine/physician, reappointed;
- Penny M. Grande, MS, RN of Parker, to serve as a member of the public, reappointed;
- Kimberley Evelyn Jackson, DO, of Denver, to serve as a member of the public, reappointed;
- Peter R. McNally, D.O. of Lone Tree, a doctor of osteopathy, reappointed;
- Janet Irene Puglisi, BSN, RN of Longmont, to serve as a representative of home health care, reappointed;
- Margaret Mary Tomcho, MD, MPH, MBA of Denver, to serve as a doctor of medicine, appointed.

The Pollution Prevention Advisory Board develops pollution prevention goals and objectives; reviews environmental regulatory programs, laws and policies to identify opportunities and incentives; provides direction for pollution prevention outreach, education, training and technical assistance programs and supports non-regulatory public and private efforts that promote pollution prevention.

In addition, the Board administers the Pollution Prevention Grants and the Recycling Resources Economic Opportunity Grants and Rebates.

For a term expiring July 1, 2017:

- Alison Kendall Bauer, PhD of Denver, to serve as a representative of higher education, and occasioned by the resignation of Jarrett N. Smith of Denver,

appointed.

Friday, Dec. 9, 2016 - Gov. John Hickenlooper today announced Boards and Commissions appointments to the Colorado Commission on Low Income Energy Assistance.

The Colorado Commission on Low Income Energy Assistance works through the Low Income Energy Assistance Program to collect and distribute money to eligible recipients for use in the payment of electric and gas utility bills.

For a term expiring December 2, 2017:

- Hannah Marie Ahrendt of Littleton, to serve as a representative of the private sector, and occasioned by the resignation of Jeffrey Keen Black of Denver, Colorado, appointed;

for terms expiring December 2, 2018:

- Kathryn LaCoste of Denver, to serve as a representative of consumers, appointed;
- Geneva Jo Lottie of Denver, to serve as a public member, reappointed;
- Mary Kathleen Loux, RN, MSN, CEN, NE-BC of Lakewood, to serve as a representative of the public sector, reappointed;
- Joseph M. Pereira of Westminster, to serve as the designee for the Governor's Energy Office, reappointed;
- Gillian Shaw Weaver of Denver, to serve as a member of the public, appointed.

Monday, Dec. 12, 2016 - Gov. John Hickenlooper today announced Boards and Commissions appointments to the Justice Assistance Grant Board, Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways Commission and Workers' Compensation Cost Containment Board.

The Justice Assistance Grant Board advises the Division of Criminal Justice on issues related to federal block grant monies designated to improve the criminal justice system and reduce drug abuse and violent crimes.

For a term expiring July 31, 2019:

- Chief of Police Paul Douglas Shultz of Canon City, and occasioned by the resignation of Police Commander David A. Moore of Longmont, appointed.

The Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways Commission works with state agencies, the U.S. Forest Services, Bureau of Land Management, local byways organizations, as well as public and private resources, to assist in the development of byways management plans, including interpretation, promotion and protection of distinctive byways characteristics. They also help coordinate the budgeting process and allocation of federal, state, and private funds for the purpose of byway improvement.

For a term expiring January 1, 2019:

- Daniel Cressy of Golden, to serve as a representative of the U.S. Forest Service, and occasioned by the resignation of Christopher F. Sporn of Littleton, appointed.

The Workers' Compensation Cost Containment Board promotes cost containment and risk management programs in the administration of workers' compensation programs.
For terms expiring December 13, 2019:

- Edward Dean Davis of Centennial, representing employers with good risk management experience with respect to their workers' compensation insurance, and as a Democrat, reappointed;
- Sarah Hayes of Lafayette, representing executives with good risk management experience in the insurance industry, and as Democrat, reappointed.

The State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education is the governing body for the state community college system and the coordinating board for local district colleges. It also coordinates the activities of area vocational schools.
Effective December 31, 2016 for terms expiring December 31, 2020:

- Stratton Rollins "Rollie" Heath, Jr. of Boulder, a Democrat and a resident of the Second Congressional District, appointed;
- Russell Joseph Meyer of Parker, a Democrat and a resident of the 4th Congressional District, reappointed.

The State Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Council advises the Department of Public Health and Environment on matters relating to emergency medical and trauma services programs. The Council's duties include developing curricula for the training of emergency medical personnel, establishing requirements for ambulance vehicles and services, and determining the eligibility of facilities to receive trauma center designation.
For a term expiring July 1, 2017:

- Terri Lee Foechterle of Olathe, an officer or employee of a public provider of prehospital care, and an Unaffiliated, and occasioned by the resignation of Fred L. Morrison of Gypsum, appointed.

The Hospital Provider Fee Oversight and Advisory Board works with the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing and the Medical Services Board to develop the hospital provider fee model, monitor the implementation of House Bill 09-1293, help with the preparation of annual reports on this program, and ensure that the Medicaid and Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) eligibility expansions are implemented as intended.
For a term expiring May 15, 2017:

- Shepard J. Nevel of Denver, a consumer of health care who is not a representative or an employee of a hospital, health insurance carrier, or other health care industry entity, and occasioned by the resignation of Mirna Ramirez-Castro of Thornton, appointed.

The Statewide Independent Living Council is mandated under the Federal Law and acts in partnership with Colorado Rehabilitation Services to plan independent living programs in the state.

For a term expiring October 1, 2017:

- Stephen Alan Heidenreich of Breckenridge, to serve as a representative of a client assistance program representing people with disabilities, and occasioned by the resignation of Jason Ryan Eaton, MSW of Denver, appointed;

for a term expiring October 1, 2018:

- Richard Warren Newell of Highlands Ranch, to serve as a representative of individuals with disabilities, and occasioned by the resignation of Mario Rocha Alvarado of Aurora, appointed.

The Colorado Juvenile Parole Board, one of six in the country, grants, denies, modifies, suspends or revokes parole for juvenile delinquents committed to the Department of Human Services.

For a term expiring November 15, 2018:

- Barbara Hickman of Denver, to serve as a representative of the Colorado Department of Education, and occasioned by the resignation of Candace Marie Hawkins of Thornton, appointed.

The Board of Trustees for Colorado Mesa University makes policy for the school and oversees its operation.

Effective December 31, 2016 for terms expiring December 31, 2020:

- Tilman "Tillie" Bishop of Grand Junction, a Republican, reappointed;
- Bror Douglas Quimby of Colorado Springs, a Republican, reappointed;
- David James Reed of Montrose, a Republican, appointed.

The Board of Trustees of the University of Northern Colorado is the governing body for the school. Powers and duties include the responsibility to adopt and enforce regulations and policies, and the option to enter into resource-sharing programs with other institutions of higher education to maximize the availability of educational programs.

Effective December 31, 2016 for a term expiring December 31, 2020:

- Anthony Darren Salazar of Denver, to serve as an Unaffiliated, reappointed.

The Utilities Consumer Council provides guidance on policy matters and annually evaluates the performance of the Office of Consumer Council. The OCC's advocates on behalf of residential, small business, and agricultural consumers in energy matters before the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and other courts.

For terms expiring July 1, 2019:

- Tony Calvin Hass of Trinidad, to serve as a representative with experience in agriculture and from the Third Congressional District, and occasioned by the

- resignation of Karen Phyllis Wilkes of Westminster, appointed;
- Lisa Dator Hough of Westminster, to serve as a representative with experience in energy regulation and from Congressional District Four, and occasioned by the resignation of Barbara Jean Fernandez of Longmont, appointed.

The Colorado Wildlife Habitat Stamp Committee annually reviews proposed projects for expenditure of Colorado wildlife habitat stamp funds and makes recommendations to the director and the wildlife commission.

For a term expiring December 31, 2019:

Andrew Christian Treharne of Denver, to serve as a sportsperson, and occasioned by the resignation of Kyle Miller of Denver, appointed.

The Board of Trustees for Adams State University makes policy for the school and oversees its operation.

For terms expiring December 31, 2020

- Honorable Pamela Sue Bricker of Del Norte, an Unaffiliated, appointed;
- Reeves Alderson Brown of Denver, a Republican, appointed;
- Wendell Lorenzo Pryor of Denver, a Democrat, reappointed.

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.

For a term expiring December 31, 2020:

- William Dean Singleton of Denver, to serve as an Unaffiliated, reappointed.

The Colorado Dental Board makes rules and regulations, examines and licenses dentists and dental hygienists, and conducts hearings regarding the suspension or revocation of licenses.

For terms expiring January 1, 2020:

- Sarah Elise Butler of Highlands Ranch, to serve as an at-large public member, reappointed;
- James Edward Dost, DDS of Englewood, to serve as a professional member, appointed;
- Mason O. Miner, DDS of Durango, to serve as a professional member, reappointed;
- Yanira A. Owens of Aurora, to serve as a dental hygienist professional, appointed;
- Patricia Ann Schonberger of Brush, to serve as a dental hygienist professional, reappointed.

The Executive Clemency Advisory Board makeS advisory recommendations for executive clemency to the Governor. This includes advising the Governor on the screening of applications for persons who are requesting or petitioning the Governor for commutation of

sentence or pardon.

For terms expiring January 15, 2020:

- Kelly Marie Kissell of Castle Rock, to serve as a representative of victims' rights', reappointed;
- Dianne Louise Tramutola-Lawson of Denver, to serve as a representative of defendants' rights', reappointed.

The Board of Trustees for Fort Lewis College makes policy for the school and oversee its operation. No more than four of the members shall be from any one political party and two shall be residents of southwestern Colorado.

Effective December 31, 2016 for terms expiring December 31, 2020:

- Ernest Domingo House, Jr. of Aurora, to serve as an Unaffiliated, reappointed;
- Richard C. Kaufman of Centennial, to serve as a Democrat, appointed;
- Dianne Arlene Pacheco-Van Voorhees of Arvada, to serve as a Democrat, appointed.

The Government Data Advisory Board is responsible to provide policies and protocols regarding sharing data among local and state providers.

To serve at the Pleasure of the Governor:

- Beth Bean of Denver, to serve as a representative of the Department of Higher Education, appointed;
- Marcia A. Bohannon of Conifer, to serve as a representative of the Department of Education, appointed;
- Tobin Follenweider of Littleton, to serve as a representative of the Department of Natural Resources, appointed;
- Neil Hagenbrok of Denver, to serve as a representative of the Department of Labor and Employment, appointed;
- Thomas Anthony Jones of Thornton, to serve as a representative of the Colorado Department of Law, appointed;
- Robert James Kemp of Castle Rock, to serve as a representative of the Department of Local Affairs, appointed;
- Jack Reed of Parker, to serve as a representative of the Department of Public Safety, appointed;
- Erik Edwin Sabina of Denver, to serve as a representative of the Department of Transportation, appointed.
- Christopher Stewart Wells of Denver, to serve as a representative of the Department of Public Health and Environment, appointed;
- Herbert Kay Wilson, Jr. of Westminster, to serve as a representative of the Department of Human Services, appointed.

The Board of Trustees of Metropolitan State University of Denver is the governing body for the Metropolitan State University of Denver. The Board is responsible for all contracts, property, rules, and regulations governing the Metropolitan State University of Denver.

Effective December 31, 2016 for a term expiring December 31, 2019:

- John Paul Pogge of Greenwood Village, an Unaffiliated, reappointed;

effective December 31, 2016 for a term expiring December 31, 2020:

- James Michael Mulligan of Denver, an Unaffiliated, appointed.

The Board of Trustees of the Colorado School of Mines makes policy for the school and oversees its operation.

Effective December 31, 2016 for terms expiring December 31, 2020:

- Timothy John Haddon of Denver, an Unaffiliated, to serve as a graduate of the Colorado School of Mines, reappointed;
- Charles S. McNeil of Cherry Hills Village, a Republican, to serve as a non-graduate, appointed;
- Jesus Juan Salazar of Denver, a Democrat, to serve as a graduate of the Colorado School of Mines, appointed.

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

For terms expiring January 1, 2022:

- Howard L. Carver of Silverthorne, who has experience in the management and operation of insurance companies, not competing with Pinnacol Assurance, reappointed;
- Jeffrey L. Cummings of Arvada, an employer whose liability is insured by Pinnacol Assurance, reappointed.

The Colorado State Fair Authority Board of Commissioners directs and supervises the Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition. The Fair is held annually at 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, 2020:

- Virginia "Ginny" Vietti of Frisco, a Democrat residing in the Second Congressional District, reappointed;
- Ralph Paul Youngs of Steamboat Springs, an Unaffiliated residing in the Third Congressional District, appointed.

The Board of Trustees for Western State Colorado University makes policy for the school and oversees its operation.

For a term expiring December 31, 2020:

- Keith Daniel Kennedy of Monument, a Republican, appointed.

The Colorado Commission on Judicial Discipline monitors and disciplines misconduct of judges and justices of the state courts of Colorado and provides education programs to judges on their ethics obligations under the Colorado code of Judicial Conduct.

For a term expiring June 30, 2019:

- Drucilla Pugh of Pueblo, to serve as a non-attorney, appointed.

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