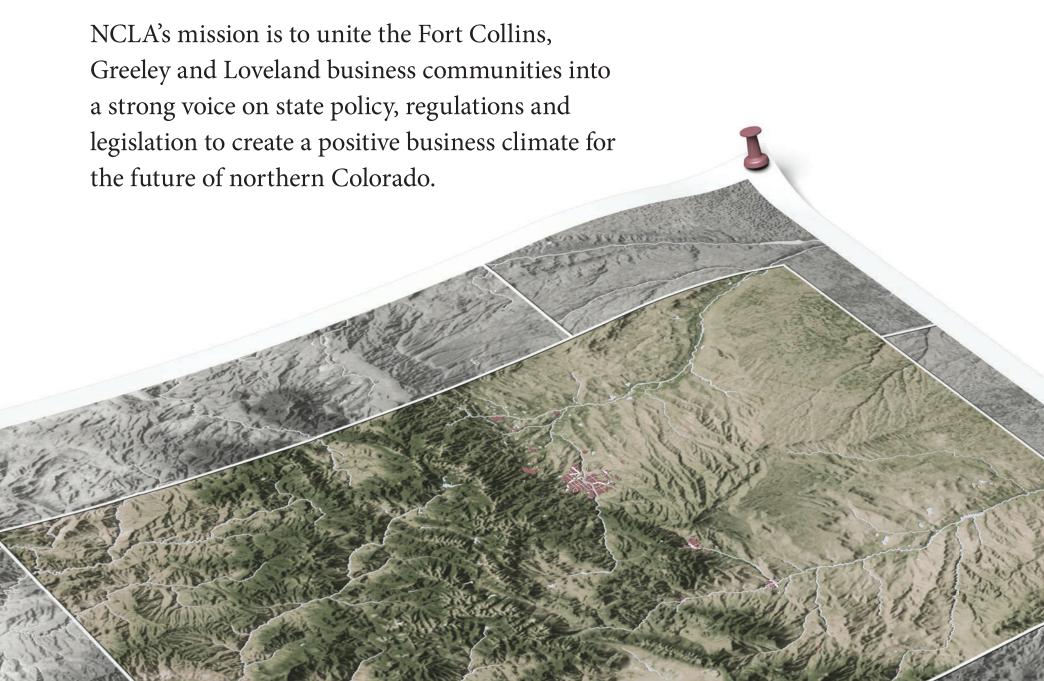


### THE NCLA'S MISSION



# CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES, DEFENDING BUSINESS AND KEEPING OUR ECONOMY VIBRANT

The 2014 legislative session was, thankfully, less controversial than last year's session. Even so, there were plenty of anti-business measures with which the Northern Colorado Legislative Alliance (NCLA) had to contend. This required vigilance, as the NCLA opposed numerous measures that threatened the employer-employee relationship, increased business and employer liabilities and increased the overall cost of doing business.

September's devastating floods resulted in a variety of bills intended to help homeowners, businesses and governments recover. NCLA was pleased to support these measures. The flood also demonstrated the vulnerability of one of Northern Colorado's most important highways, I-25, on which traffic came to a standstill when US 85 and US 287 were closed. We supported HB-1259, sponsored by Representative Brian DelGrosso, which would have allocated money from the general fund for our state's highway infrastructure. Unfortunately, the bill failed to make it out of the Appropriations Committee. Frustrated by the dwindling resources for highway expansion, NCLA decided to create a new coalition to lobby state and federal governments to allocate money for I-25. We will announce more information concerning The Fix North I-25 Business Alliance soon.

The NCLA is the state and regional government affairs group of the Fort Collins, Greeley and Loveland Chambers of Commerce, the Northern Colorado Economic Development Corporation and Upstate Colorado. The NCLA Board of Directors is made up of volunteers from each of these organizations. Sandra Solin of Capitol Solutions, our experienced, well-respected and competent professional issues manager, works on our behalf

daily during the legislative session. Amanda Miller of the Place Setting Company keeps us organized and handles our administrative functions.

The NCLA's theme is "Business Vitality First." To keep Colorado a great place to live and work, there are many things that need the attention of state government. However, we won't have the financial means to do so unless we have a vibrant economy. "Business Vitality First" is our way of reminding legislators to keep focused on the most important things.

Speaking of legislators, we enjoy a good working relationship with our two-county regional delegation of State Senators Kevin Lundberg, Scott Renfroe, John Kefalas and Vicki Marble, with House Minority Leader Brian DelGrosso and State Representatives Randy Fischer, Dave Young, Joanne Ginal, Perry Buck, Lori Saine and Stephen Humphrey. We'd like to give a special thank you to Senator Renfroe and Representative Fischer, both of whom served their last terms this year.

Finally, about this document: it is a report to you, our investors, on how the session went and the work we did on your behalf. We hope you're pleased to know that while you were running your business, the NCLA had your back with state government and represented you well.

We appreciate your support,



BARBARA KOELZER

2013-2014 Chair

Northern Colorado Legislative Alliance
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The NCLA is a partnership of the Fort Collins, Greeley and Loveland Chambers of Commerce, the Northern Colorado Economic Development Corporation (NCEDC) and Upstate Colorado. The NCLA is the leading voice influencing state policy on issues affecting the unique business interests of northern Colorado.

### 2014 PRIORITY AGENDA

#### **OUR PRIORITY: BUSINESS VITALITY FIRST**

It is imperative that all public policy considerations be directed toward Business Vitality First—maintaining or enhancing the vitality and viability of Colorado businesses—the heart of Colorado's economy and the foundation of a sound and healthy government.

#### > BUSINESS VITALITY FIRST CREATES:

- Jobs
- Revenue for education
- Revenue for energy solutions

#### > NCLA SUPPORTS AND WILL ADVOCATE TO:

- Demand funding for improving Highway 85 and Interstate 25.
- Maintain the integrity of the workers compensation system for Colorado businesses
- Maintain the viability of enterprise zones as a job creation tool for Colorado

- Support efforts to find early stage capital for entrepreneurs in Northern Colorado
- Support elimination of business personal property tax
- Support reform efforts to streamline state government by eliminating duplicate or unnecessary government regulation.
- Support increasing water storage capacity of Northern Colorado, in particular, the development of the Northern Integrated Supply Project.
- Support and encourage economic growth in the innovative and traditional energy economy.
- Support a strategy to create a stable funding model for education.
- Support the implementation of the "Northern Colorado Economic Blueprint."

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### WHAT SETS THE NCLA APART

NCLA is a joint committee of key business organizations in Northern Colorado. What makes the NCLA unique — and is directly related to its effectiveness — is the careful delegation of policy-making authority to the NCLA board of directors by the sponsor chambers and economic development organization. This makes NCLA nimble and responsive to rapidly changing situations in the Legislature.

### **HOW THE NCLA OPERATES**

The NCLA board of directors is comprised of seven representatives from each of the three participating chambers of commerce and one representative from the NCEDC and Upstate Colorado.

Annually, the NCLA surveys its chamber and NCEDC members on important business and economic issues and meets with a host of area organizations to determine key concerns and needs. NCLA then updates its broad policy statements that serve as the guiding principles and adopts a specific legislative agenda for the upcoming legislative session.

### **HOW THE NCLA ACHIEVES OBJECTIVES**

The ingredients of a successful legislative program include clear priorities, informed and engaged business leaders, a knowledgeable and effective professional lobbyist and a coordinated effort between the business groups in the region. NCLA works to educate and mobilize businesses to contact legislators to express their views on policy, regulations and legislation that affect their ability to succeed. Additionally, the NCLA maintains a strong presence at the State Capitol and other applicable arenas to advise legislators, the governor, other elected officials and policymakers on issues that are in line with the NCLA's policy statements and priority agenda.



### MISSION TO COLORADO CAPITOL

A delegation of nearly 100 business people from the region visit the Legislature during the Legislative session.



### THE NCLA:

hosts events to thank local

and state elected officials for their
service to the region and to keep
them abreast of the NCLA's activities.

### IN ORDER TO MEET ITS OBJECTIVES, THE NCLA:

- Communicates NCLA's positions to local elected officials, legislators, the governor and his administration, Colorado's congressional delegation, and other policy makers.
- Meets regularly throughout the year but with an intense schedule during the
  legislative session to review and analyze pending legislation and formulate positions
  and strategies on each. During a legislative session the NCLA board will review
  dozens of bills in great detail.
- Meets with regional organizations annually to assess their needs and identify possible joint efforts.
- Surveys businesses annually to discover their needs and priorities.
- Drafts priority agendas and updates policy statements annually, and communicates priority issues to legislators and other decision makers.
- Hosts events to thank local and state elected officials for their service to the region and to keep them abreast of NCLA's activities.
- Issues 'calls to action' to businesses requesting they communicate their views to northern Colorado's legislators.
- Produces materials to inform businesses on issues important to them, including the weekly NCLA "Under the Dome" newsletter during the session, periodic press releases and announcements for chamber newsletters.

## NORTHERN COLORADO LEGISLATIVE 2014 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ROSTER

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### QUIET, COMPROMISE AND A FEW GAINS PERMEATED 2014 SESSION

For business, the 2014 Legislative Session presented itself as a year of relative quiet, unnecessary compromise and some economic development gains.

2014 was the second year of a Democrat-controlled Colorado legislature. 2014, however, presented a wholly different political landscape for the Democrat majority, a majority that was bruised by recall elections and a narrowing of the Senate majority margin to one vote. The result? A more strategic and purposeful majority whose eyes were on the November elections and on maintaining and growing their vote margins.

From flood recovery, energy and transportation funding to tax policy, labor and economic development, the Northern Colorado Legislative Alliance, meanwhile, actively engaged on those critical issues upon which the legislature deliberated for 120 days. Below, we've provided a summary of key issues and policies that defined the 2014 Legislative Session for the NCLA.

### FLOOD RECOVERY

Northern Colorado was rocked by a disaster that left the region quickly responding to rebuild. In the process, it became evident that there were gaps in both authority to act, needs and ability to respond swiftly in some critical areas.

WITH NCLA'S STRONG BACKING, A JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE WAS FORMED TO ADDRESS THE GAPS SO THE RIGHT POLICIES ARE IN PLACE IF AND WHEN THE **NEXT DISASTER HITS COLORADO.** 

House Bill 14-1001: Tax Credit for Property Destroyed by **Natural Cause** 

**NCLA Position: Support Outcome: Signed by Governor** 

After considerable work on the mechanics of this proposal to offset the property tax for business and home owners of property destroyed by the 2013 flood and future disasters, HB 1001 by Representative Jonathan Singer (D-Lyons) and Senator Jeanne Nicholson (D-Black Hawk) established a state reimbursement to county treasurers for property taxes forgone due to proration of assessed value after a property has been destroyed. The bill applies to real property destroyed by a natural cause as well as business personal property.

House Bill 14-1006: Tax Remittance for Local Marketing Districts **NCLA Position: Support** 

**Outcome: Signed by Governor** 

Significant to recovering from disaster is the ability of local communities to market to the world that their communities are open for business. Prior to passage of HB 1006, local marketing districts were recipients of quarterly allocations of tax proceeds leaving them in a potentially difficult cash flow position in the case of a disaster. HB 1006, sponsored by Singer and Senator Kevin Lundberg (R-Berthoud) and prompted by the Estes Park experience, mandates that proceeds flow monthly to assure good cash flow, especially in the case of a disaster.

### Senate Bill 14-007 County General Fund for Road & Bridge Flood Damage

NCLA Position: Support Outcome: Signed by Governor

Quickly rebuilding infrastructure in the region after the floods became the top priority for the state and local communities. The emergency, however, brought to light the statutory prohibition of county governments to use their general fund dollars for road and bridge projects. Senate Bill 14-007 by Lundberg and House Minority Leader Brian DelGrosso (R-Loveland) resolves the problem in the case where a disaster emergency is declared in an applicable county.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

I-25 serves as the major north-south spine for the multitude of significant east-west corridors that bind northern Colorado into a strong economic engine. Staying ahead of the congestion curve along this crucial corridor is imperative to maintaining northern Colorado's economic strength.

A third lane from Highway 14 in Fort Collins south to Highway 66 outside of Longmont is one of the highest transportation funding priorities for the Northern Colorado Legislative Alliance, the region's business coalition. Under traditional funding scenarios, the \$1.2 billion project is projected to be completed in 75 years. Given this timeline, the NCLA supports, and will lead in collaboration with our elected officials, the pursuit of any and all funding options to expedite funding of this critical corridor.

Despite the increasing demands upon the transportation system, it has not been funded by the state general fund in many years, especially with the downturn in the economy.

### House Bill 14-1259: General Fund Transfer To State Highway Fund

**NCLA Position: Support** 

**Outcome: Killed, House Appropriations Committee** 

House Minority Leader DelGrosso attacked the significant statewide transportation funding shortfall with a proposal to direct a \$100 M cash appropriation for transportation projects throughout the state. Certain caveats in the bill made it particularly beneficial to the northern transportation region, including appropriations of the funds being allocated on a per lane mile basis and restrictions on the use only for road construction. Under the weight of other funding priorities, the House Appropriations Committee defeated the bill. DelGrosso has committed to revisiting the issue in 2015 with NCLA continued support.

### TAX POLICY

Business personal property tax (BPPT) has the notable distinction of being the most onerous tax Colorado imposes upon its business owners. Most public policy makers acknowledge that fact. However, repealing the tax outright has been an impossible feat. While NCLA continues to consider a comprehensive solution, this legislative session, the NCLA continued its leadership on providing relief for small and capital-intensive businesses.

ADDRESSING THE BPPT ISSUE IN A COMPREHENSIVE MANNER HAS BEEN DIFFICULT WITH COLORADO'S COMPLEX TAX POLICY, WHICH INCLUDES THE GALLAGHER AMENDMENT AND TABOR. THE GOAL OF DOING SO, HOWEVER, REMAINS TOP OF MIND FOR NCLA.

During the upcoming interim period, NCLA will review current opportunities to address the issue in a more comprehensive and meaningful manner.

## Senate Bill 14-183: Business Incentive Agreement Maximum Term NCLA Position: Strong Support Outcome: Signed by Governor

Senate Bill 183 by Senator Mark Scheffel (R-Douglas County), Senate Majority Leader Rollie Heath (D-Boulder), House Assistant Minority Leader Dan Pabon (D-Denver) and Representative Chris Holbert (R-Douglas County) rebuilds upon NCLA's success on BPPT relief for two years running and is the final piece of a three-phase effort to provide local governments greater latitude in providing relief of business personal property tax (BPPT) for attracting and retaining capital-intensive businesses. Business Incentive Agreements (BIAs) are an economic development tool created in response to the onerous BPPT and its deterrence for new capital investment. BIAs are agreements between a local government and a business organization in trade for a commitment to capital investment in their Colorado business.

During 2013, NCLA secured passage of legislation, House Bill 13-1206, to bolster the retention of capital-intensive businesses who might otherwise consider leaving Colorado to find a better tax climate in light of Colorado's onerous business personal property tax. HB 1206 gave full discretion to local governments to negotiate BIAs with qualified businesses to offset the business personal property tax. Under SB 14-183, the measure is taken one step further to allow the local government to negotiate all terms of the agreement, including the contract time period that is currently capped at 10 years. The cap was moved to 35 years. It is anticipated this will promote strong interest in Colorado, and northern Colorado in particular, by the capital-intensive technology and manufacturing sector.

### House Bill 14-1279: Income Tax Credit For Business Personal Property

NCLA Position: Support Outcome: Signed by Governor

With passage of HB 1279 by Representative Dave Young (D-Greeley) and Scheffel, businesses will be eligible for a refund on the amount of BPPT paid up to a \$15,000 valuation. Under current law, businesses are exempt from the tax up to \$7,000 in valuation. For the first time, the state is a participant in the BPPT relief game by providing the necessary general fund funds to cover the refund obligation.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

With state revenues projecting upwards during 2014, policy makers opted to pursue a multitude of economic development incentive proposals, many of which included tax credits and exemptions.

WHILE MANY WERE UNSUCCESSFUL, A FOCUS UPON ADVANCED INDUSTRIES – INCLUDING HIGH TECH, BIOSCIENCE AND RENEWABLE ENERGY, AMONG OTHERS – SAW SUCCESS IN 2014.

House Bill 14-1012: Advanced Industry Investment Income Tax Credit NCLA Position: Support Outcome: Signed by Governor

Three years ago, the NCLA, working with then-Representative John Kefalas (R-Fort Collins and now Senator), proactively sought and passed legislation to create the oft-named Angel Investor Tax Credit. The \$750,000 program found important success at a time when the economy was in a significant slump and finding capital for startups was difficult. For those startups who took advantage of the program to encourage angel investment, the program made the difference between success and failure.

The program was reframed in a 2014 proposal, House Bill 14-1012, by Senator Kefalas to align with the Office of Economic Development's Advanced Industry targets, and this time around will provide \$750,000 in allowable tax credit funds for 2015, 2016 and 2017 with \$375,000 available in 2014. The credit is equal to 25% of the qualified investment with a maximum credit of \$50,000 for each investment.

House Bill 14-1014: Modify Job Growth Incentive Tax Credit

NCLA Position: Support Outcome: Signed by Governor

HB 1014 by Minority Leader DelGrosso built upon the success of the job growth incentive tax credit passed in 2010 and renewed in subsequent years. The tax credit is extended to firms that create 20 or more jobs in urban areas, and five jobs in rural Colorado, pay wages of at least 110% of local wage and is equal to one-half of the amount the employer is required to pay in federal social security and Medicare taxes on the created jobs.

### **OIL AND GAS**

During the session, anti-fracking advocates read the legislative tea leaves and concluded they would have a difficult time overcoming the one-vote margin in the Senate to impose substantial regulations on fracking. Covering their political bases, they have opted to pursue two non-legislative solutions. They have lauded the actions of the Air Quality Control Commissions to approve more stringent rules against methane emissions from oil rigs. In February, they submitted a proposed constitutional amendment to give local governments more control over drilling.

In the shadow of looming ballot initiatives dictating local control, several in the oil and gas industry engaged in last minute negotiations in the waning days of the 2014 Legislative Session with the Governor's office and anti-fracking advocates to define a more

moderate solution. The negotiations, however, left more questions than answers and the possibility of a special session in their wake.

That is not to say some some legislative approaches weren't pursued.

House Bill 14-1297: Analyze Health Data Regarding Front Range Oil/Gas

NCLA Position: Oppose

**Outcome: Killed, Senate Appropriations** 

Rep. Joann Ginal (D-Fort Collins) introduced legislation that directed the Department of Public Health and Environment to conduct an analysis of the human health and quality of life within Larimer, Weld, Boulder and Adams counties with the intent of understanding any possible effects of oil and gas operations on communities within the select counties. Although appreciative of the intent behind the proposal, NCLA opposed the legislation on the grounds that data presently exists, making HB 1297 unnecessary, and concern of an unintended consequence of unnecessarily hindering continued growth in the oil and gas sector.

### **LABOR**

While there is always room for improvement in creating a positive business climate in Colorado, there are some areas of public policy where Colorado has found equilibrium. For Colorado's employers and employees, Colorado's labor laws are nationally recognized as balanced, fair and working.

The NCLA was disappointed in some of our business brethren who succumbed to the threats of labor and gratuitously negotiated on various labor policies despite NCLA affirming votes to assure the defeat of any measure brought forth by labor. Specifically, modifications to the current worker's compensation system were offered despite labor's failure to demonstrate meaningful problems with the current system and excessive new steps for employers to take to protect an employee's wages.

## FORTUNATELY, THE ULTIMATE POLICY PROVISIONS WILL HAVE LIMITED CONSEQUENCE ON COLORADO BUSINESS' BOTTOM LINE.

However, a wedge has been created in the coalition of business organizations by labor such that precedence dictates that business will negotiate under pressure and Colorado's balanced business climate will be undermined by efforts by labor to nick away for employee advantage.

House Bill 14-1383 Worker's Compensation Physician Choice NCLA Position: Oppose

**Outcome: Signed by Governor** 

Under current law, employers provide two options of doctors from which employees may choose should the need for worker's compensation arise. The doctor choice provision, which also includes the option to make a change should the first choice not be an appropriate fit, was finely negotiated years ago between business and labor and is attributed to making Colorado's worker's compensation system fair and balanced between employer and employee.

With the passage of HB 14-1383, sponsored by Rep. Angela Williams (D-Denver), Chair of the House Business Affairs and Labor Committee, employees now have the benefit of an increase in the number of doctors from which employees may choose from two to four, with a provision for rural areas of the state. While worker's compensation insurers, including Pinnacol, revealed that insurance premiums are not anticipated to increase, it is expected that businesses will incur increased operational costs to administer the increase in the number of doctors with whom employers must newly establish a relationship.

The NCLA Board of Directors took a position to actively oppose HB 1383. NCLA's opposition was premised upon a currently highly ranked and balanced worker's compensation system that is working for both employer and employee and the anticipated increased cost to business. We stood with numerous statewide business organizations and chambers in our opposition, however, the Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry opted to negotiate and support the measure, believing doing so will forestall additional costly reforms in the future. We disagreed.

Senate Bill 14-005: Wage Protection Act

NCLA Position: Oppose Outcome: Signed by Governor

Labor groups lined up to push legislation again this year to respond to what they say is a vast problem for Colorado's employees: Wage theft or a failure by employers to pay wages. As introduced, the legislation by Senator Jessie Ulibarri (D-Commerce City) and Rep. Singer created untenable thresholds and requirements upon employers to address a problem the Department of Labor proves is minimal. The business community killed a similar bill during the 2013 legislative session, a politically more tenuous year.

Prior to passage of SB 5, employers faced civil penalties if they failed to compensate employees for work performance. To recover wages and penalties from an employer, an employee had to submit a written demand to the employer with certain financial penalties accruing to the employer.

CACI, alongside the Denver Chamber, negotiated with labor and crafted a compromise that provides for a series of required notices the division must send in writing, response deadlines for those notices and an appeals process. However, a misdemeanor offense, the issuance of a citation creating the rebuttable presumption of willful intent, and the increased penalties were left untouched. Additionally, while other obligations upon the employer were untouched, including the obligation to maintain employee wage

records for three years, an employer may have any action by the employee dismissed if the employer reimburses its employee for the full amount claimed.

Despite attempts at compromise and consideration of the various amendments, the NCLA Board opted, by unanimous vote, to maintain its opposition SB 5, as the negotiated bill established an unnecessary and burdensome process for all employers to abide by in order to solve a problem that exists in very small percentage of employer-employee circumstances.

### Senate Bill 14-196: FAMLI Insurance Program Wage Replacement

NCLA Position: Oppose

**Outcome: Killed, Senate Appropriations** 

Senator Ulibarri introduced a bill creating a new family leave insurance program to be applicable to all businesses in the state and administered by state government. Defeated, Senate Bill 196 would have provided up to 12 weeks of compensation for employees who take leave of employment to care for a new baby, to care for a family member or to care for themselves in the case of an inability to work due to illness or injury. The program would have been funded by a new payroll deduction of 0.42 percent of gross pay from all employees of Colorado businesses. Senator Ulibarri is anticipated to revisit the issue a third time in 2015.

### House Bill 14-1377: Colorado Retirement Security Task Force

**NCLA Position: Oppose** 

Outcome: Killed, Senate 2nd Reading

Believing barriers exist for Coloradoans to have retirement security, Speaker of the House Mark Ferrandino (D-Denver) and Joint Budget Committee Vice-Chair Pat Steadman (D-Denver) introduced House Bill 14-1377 to promote retirement security for Coloradans. The bill was defeated in the Senate but proposed to establish the Colorado retirement security task force tasked with developing recommendations for establishing a statewide secure retirement plan for private sector employees. The task force was

to also analyze any potential state savings in public assistance expenditures that a potential statewide secure retirement plan may provide. Concerns arose in the business community that such a program would be a mechanism to salvage the state's beleaguered Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) system. A national trend, we expect this bill to be back in 2015.

### **2014 VOTEWATCH BILLS**

The following is an update of the NCLA's position on "Vote Watch" bills that intersect with our 2014 Priority Legislative Agenda.

VOTEWATCH BILL	BILL DESCRIPTION	NCLA POSITION	BILL OUTCOME		
HB 14-1005	Relocate Ditch Headgate Without Change Case	SUPPORT	Governor Signed		
HB 14-1012	Advanced Industry Investment Income Tax Credit	SUPPORT	Governor Signed		
HB 14-1259	General Fund Transfer To State Highway Fund	SUPPORT	Killed in Committee		
HB 14-1279	Income Tax Credit For Business Personal Property	SUPPORT	Governor Signed		
HB 14-1297	Analyze Health Data Regarding Front Range Oil Gas	OPPOSE	Killed in Committee		
HB 14-1327	Measures Expand Deployment Communication Networks	SUPPORT	Governor Signed		
HB 14-1377	Colorado Retirement Security Task Force	OPPOSE	Lost in Senate		
HB 14-1383	Workers' Compensation Physician Choice	OPPOSE	Governor Signed		
SB 14-001	College Affordability Act	SUPPORT	Governor Signed		
SB 14-005	Wage Protection Act	OPPOSE	Governor Signed		
SB 14-007	Cnty General Fund For Road & Bridge Flood Damag	SUPPORT	Governor Signed		
SB 14-035	Renewable Energy Std Repeal SB 13-252	SUPPORT	Killed in Committee		
SB 14-183	Business Incentive Agreement Maximum Term	SUPPORT	Governor Signed		
SB 14 -196	FAMLI Insurance Program Wage Replacement	OPPOSE	Killed in Committee		
SB 14-197	Transportation Enterprise Transparency Act	OPPOSE	Governor Veto		

### NCLA 2014 VOTEWATCH SCORECARD

**KEY** 

Legislator voted against NCLA position on bill

✓ Legislator voted with NCLA position on bill

Legislator was the prime sponsor of the bill

VOTEWATCH BILL	NCLA POSITION	RECORDED VOTE	BILL OUTCOME	BUCK	DELGROSSO	FISCHER	GINAL	HUMPHREY	KEFALAS	LUNDBERG	MARBLE	RENFROE	SAINE	YOUNG
HB 14-1005	SUPPORT	House 3rd Senate 3rd	Governor Signed	~	~	~	~	~	*~	*~	~	~	~	*~
HB 14-1012	SUPPORT	Sen 3rd Hse RePass	Governor Signed	~	~	~	~	~	*~	~	~	~	~	~
HB 14-1259	SUPPORT	Hse App	Killed In Committee	~	*~	×	~	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	×
HB 14-1279	SUPPORT	House 3rd Senate 3rd	Governor Signed	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	*~
HB 14-1297	OPPOSE	Hse 3rd Sen App	Killed In Committee	~	~	×	*×	~	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	~	×
HB 14-1327	SUPPORT	Sen 3rd Hse RePass	Governor Signed	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
HB 14-1377	OPPOSE	House 3rd Sen COW	Lost On Senate Vote	~	~	×	×	~	×	~	~	~	~	×
HB 14-1383	OPPOSE	House 3rd Senate 3rd	Governor Signed	~	~	×	×	~	×	~	~	~	~	×
SB 14-001	SUPPORT	House 3rd Senate 3rd	Governor Signed	×	~	~	~	×	~	~	~	~	×	~
SB 14-005	OPPOSE	Hse 3rd Sen Repass	Governor Signed	~	~	×	×	~	×	~	~	~	~	×
SB 14-007	SUPPORT	Sen 3rd Hse 3rd	Governor Signed	~	*~	~	~	~	~	*~	~	~	~	~
SB 14-035	SUPPORT	Sen State Affairs	Killed In Committee	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	*~	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	*~	N/A
SB 14-183	SUPPORT	Sen 3rd Hse 3rd	Governor Signed	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
SB 14 -196	OPPOSE	Sen St Affairs Sen App	Killed In Committee	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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