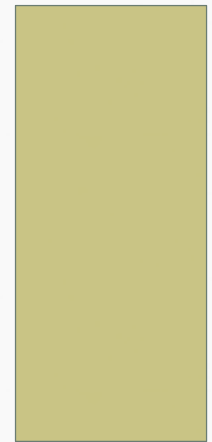


GOVERNMENT RELATIONS:

2018 SESSION IN REVIEW & ELECTION OVERVIEW



GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

- **Committee Charge:** To influence and inform members of the Colorado Legislature and State Departments with respect to the Colorado Community Centered System and to keep Alliance members informed of all relevant government and legislative activities.

2018 IDD OVERVIEW



2018 ALLIANCE BILL HIGHLIGHTS

- Alliance tracked 45 bills, along with the budget.
- 26/45 passed
- Alliance supported: 17 bills
- 14/17 bills Alliance supported passed
- No bills passed that Alliance opposed

HB18-1407

ACCESS TO DISABILITY SERVICES AND A STABLE WORKFORCE

- JBC BILL
- **Alliance position: Support**
- Provides for a 6.5% rate increase for DSP compensation
- Provides 300 new resources available to people on the DD comprehensive waiting list
- Creates new emergency rules for resources based on caregiver status

PASSED!

HB18-1407

ACCESS TO DISABILITY SERVICES AND A STABLE WORKFORCE

- Services included in the 6.5% increase:
 - GRSS
 - IRSS
 - Specialized Habilitation
 - Respite
 - Homemaker & Homemaker Enhanced
 - Personal Care
 - Prevocational Services
 - Behavioral Line Staff
 - Community Connector
 - Supported Employment – job development & job coaching

SB18-145

IMPLEMENT EMPLOYMENT FIRST RECOMMENDATIONS

- Sen. Kefalas & Rep. Ginal
- **Alliance position: Support**
- Requires all providers of supported employment to complete a training.
- Training is reimbursed at either \$300 or \$1200 per person.

PASSED!

SB18-174
SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR PERSONS W/ DD

- Sen. Gardner & Rep. Sias
- **Alliance position: Support**
- Changes statute to identify a person with IDD as a tenant & allows property rights to accrue as a tenant.

PASSED!

HB18-1376

REGULATE RESIDENTIAL SERVICES & SUPPORTS PROVIDERS

- Rep. Pabon & Sen. Aguilar
- **Alliance position: Amend...and then Neutral.**
- Gives HCPF authority to promulgate rules for IRSS and creates system for Host Homes to be inspected by the Division of Housing.

FAILED

SB18-1223
DECLARE AUTISM EPIDEMIC IN CO

- Rep. Reyher & Sen. Crowder
- **Alliance position: Oppose**
- Directs HCPF to convene the Governor's expert emergency epidemic response committee to determine if there's an epidemic of autism and take measures to protect the public's health.

FAILED

OTHER BILLS OF INTEREST THAT PASSED:

- HB18-1267: Income tax credit for retrofitting home for health
- HB18-1285: Renumeration-exempt disability parking placard
- HB18-1326: Support for transition from institutional settings
- HB18-1333: Concerning Part C Child Find Responsibilities of State Depts
- SB18-231: Transition to Community-based Services Task Force
- SB18-254: Expand Access to Behavioral Health Care Providers & Funds RCCF placements for high-need kids

POTENTIAL BILLS IN 2019 SESSION...

- Host Homes/IRSS
- Subminimum wage
- Employment First Recommendations
- Settings Rule
- Waiver Redesign
- Regional Centers

ALLIANCE'S FOCUS IN 2019

- Alliance PLAN committee prioritizing future policy direction now, but expected emphasis on:
 - Increasing common policy rates so we don't lose ground
 - Ensuring freed up funding from Comp resources are reinvested
 - Collaborating with advocates and other stakeholders on issues related to host homes and other high-impact policies

2018 SESSION IN CONTEXT



SESSION WINNERS

- Transportation
 - \$495M and deal for \$3B more in bonding
- PERA
 - \$225M increase
- K-12
 - \$150M increase
- Higher Ed
 - 9% increase
- IDD
 - \$67M increase
 - 1% common policy rate increase

SESSION CHALLENGES

- Record # of Bills
 - 721 bills introduced
 - 126 bills were voted on in final 3 days of session
- #metoo impact
- Leadership changes mid-session
- Finally...some room in the state budget:
“I’ve never seen so many people so upset about the state having expendable funds”

2018 ELECTION OVERVIEW



GOVERNOR'S RACE

- Most money raised, loaned, and spent in any Colorado election - ever!
- Republicans and Democrats have very competitive primaries.
- Polls show **Polis** will be Democrat nominee and **Stapleton** will be Republicans nominee, but anything can happen!

STATE RACES TO WATCH

- Control of the House is likely not in play, Democrats will hold.
- Senate could be controlled by either party.
- Unity effort running 9 independents, could be influential.
- Races to watch:
 - Neville (R) vs. Story (D) in Jefferson County
 - Martinez Humenik (R) vs. Winter (D) in Adams County
 - Jensen (R) vs. Danielson (D) in Jefferson County

THANK YOU

QUESTIONS?

Join the 2018-2019 Government Relations Committee to impact Alliance's legislative priorities and strategy.