



## **Alliance Membership Meeting**

October 19, 2023

**9:00-10:00am**

## **Alliance State Forum with the Office of Community Living (OCL)**

October 19, 2023

**10:00am**

## **Alliance CCB/CMA Committee**

October 19, 2023

**11:30am**

**The Alliance Membership Meeting will be recorded, and meeting highlights will be provided after.**

**<https://www.alliancecolorado.org/membershipmeetings>**



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## 10.17.23 BOD Updates (Celeste)



**Celeste Ewert**

Alliance Board President  
(FY2023-24)  
and

Executive Director of [Envision](https://envisionco.org)  
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### •Action Items

- [September 2023 Financials](#)
- [September 2023 BOD Meeting Minutes](#)

### •Member Feedback (Standing Agenda Item)

- General Feedback from BOD and Staff (Summit feedback will be covered later in the meeting.)
- Peer Networks Feedback
  - Employment
  - Nurses

### •High Priority Items (Workflow Chart & High Priority Document)

- Evolution of Alliance Phase II: Consultant Selection Updates
  - [Proposal from Home and Community-Based Strategies](#) (Added 10.16.23)
- CDPHE/HCPF/Alliance Relations
  - FYI- [CDPHE/HCPF/Alliance Spreadsheet](#)
  - FYI- [CDPHE/HCPF/Alliance Member Feedback \(Word Doc\)](#)
- Host Home Oversight Stakeholder Committee
- NEW ISSUE: In 2025, HCPF will require a Class B License for all Personal Care and Homemaker Services (hands on and hands off). HCPF said this is a federal rule requirement and they have no plans, or authority, to continue the current “carve out”

practice. They are willing to set up time to discuss, because they would love to hear why a Class B License would be a burden on PASAs. Apparently, this was discussed during the Community First Choice stakeholder meetings.

### •Committee Reports (To Review Action Items from Committees)

- GRACE and EI Updates

### •Discussion Items

- Supported Employment Training & Opportunity Now Grant
- [MEMO Alliance Summit Feedback, Discussion Items, and Recommendations](#) (Added 10.16.23)
  - Note: 2024 Summit dates cannot be moved
- Member Dues Updates

### •Staff Updates

- Direct Care Workforce Stabilization Board
- Public Health Emergency Unwind
  - Specific cases you would like escalated please complete the webform at our website: <https://hcpf.colorado.gov/county-member-complaints>
- Update from ANCOR Policy Summit & Hill Day
- FYI- [Updated: Alliance High Priorities Doc.](#)
- FYI- [New: Alliance Workflow Graphic](#)

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## Policy Committee Reports



### Randy Brodersen

CEO of [North Metro Community Services](#)

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### Shari Repinski

CEO of [Rocky Mountain Human Services](#)

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### Government Relations Advisory Committee of Excellence (GRACE)

- Election Updates (Emma Hudson)
  - Ballot Measures and IDD Resources (Kim Tenure, DP)
  - Colorado state politics now
  - What's changing in 2024 - - seat and leadership changes
  - Tone of upcoming session
  - State Budget
  - Potential Legislation
  - Looking Ahead
  - We need you
- Alliance's 2024 Policy Priorities Update
- GRACE Subcommittee on Long Term Rates Update



**Developmental  
Pathways**

# **Voting Season 2023**

Statewide Ballot Measure Breakdown & Resources

**October 2023**

# Proposition HH: Property Taxes & TABOR



On the ballot:

Shall the state reduce property taxes for homes and businesses, including expanding property tax relief for seniors, and backfill counties, water districts, fire districts, ambulance and hospital districts, and other local governments and fund school districts by using a portion of the state surplus up to the proposition HH cap as defined in this measure?



## A YES Vote Means...

- You are voting to have this measure pass.
- Because this is a complicated ballot measure and some of the data is based on estimates or projections that may change, we don't know all the potential long-term outcomes if this measure passes.

*To learn more opinions about a YES vote, visit:*

- <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb23-303>
- <https://www.coloradofiscal.org/yes-on-prop-hh/blog/>
- <https://www.bellpolicy.org/2023/05/31/proposition-hh-property-tax-relief-that-doesnt-hurt-public-services/>



## A NO Vote Means...

- You are voting for the measure to fail.
- This means none of the stated actions in measure will pass.

*To learn more opinions about a NO vote, visit:*

- <https://advancecolorado.org/PropHH>
- <https://commonsenseinstitute.org/prop-hh/>

# Proposition II: Nicotine Tax



On the ballot:

Without raising taxes, may the state retain and spend revenues from taxes on cigarettes, tobacco, and other nicotine products and maintain tax rates on cigarettes, tobacco, and other nicotine products and use these revenues to invest twenty-three million six hundred fifty thousand dollars to enhance the voluntary Colorado preschool program and make it widely available for free instead of reducing these tax rates and refunding revenues to cigarette wholesalers, tobacco product distributors, nicotine products distributors, and other taxpayers, for exceeding an estimate included in the ballot information booklet for proposition EE?



## A YES Vote Means...

- You are voting for this measure to pass.
- The state would keep the extra tax money and use it to pay for the UPK program without adding additional tax.
- The current tax on nicotine products would remain the same.



## A NO Vote Means...

- You are voting for this measure to fail.
- The extra tax money would be refunded to wholesalers and distributors of cigarettes, tobacco, and nicotine products.
- Future taxes on nicotine products would be reduced.



# Every. Vote. Matters: Accessibility & Support

- Disability Law Colorado: <https://disabilitylawco.org/issues/category/voting-rights>

- Secretary of State (Accessible Voting):

<https://www.coloradosos.gov/pubs/elections/accessibleVoting.html>

- DP's 2021 Voter Engagement Town Hall:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QY9mYj8SaHM&t=1s>

- US Election Assistance Commission:

[https://www.eac.gov/voter\\_resources/resources\\_for\\_voters\\_with\\_disabilities.aspx](https://www.eac.gov/voter_resources/resources_for_voters_with_disabilities.aspx)



# Every. Vote. Matters: Voter Guides

- DP's Voter Guide: <https://www.dpcolo.org/2023-voter-guide/>
- The Arc of Aurora, Think+ Change, et al.: <https://thinkchange.training/2023-co-ballot-guide-tool/>
- The Blue Book: <https://leg.colorado.gov/content/initiatives/initiatives-blue-book-overview/ballot-information-booklet-blue-book>
- CPR: <https://www.cpr.org/2023/10/17/vg-2023-colorado-voter-guide-prop-hh-ii-november-election/>
- The Colorado Sun: <https://coloradosun.com/2023/10/16/colorado-election-2023-voter-guide/>





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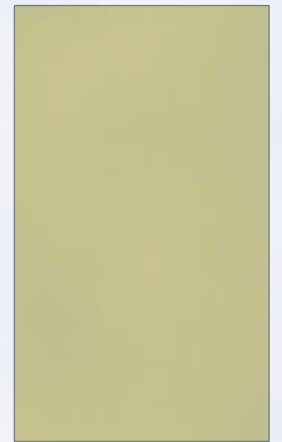
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# 2024 COLORADO LEGISLATIVE SESSION

~ INSIGHTS & EXPECTATIONS ~

EMMA HUDSON, MPH MPA  
EMMA HUDSON CONSULTING, LLC



# AGENDA

- Colorado state politics now
- What's changing in 2024
- Tone
- State Budget
- Potential Legislation
- Looking Ahead
- We need you!



# REMINDER: CO POLITICS NOW



# REMINDER: 2023 SESSION

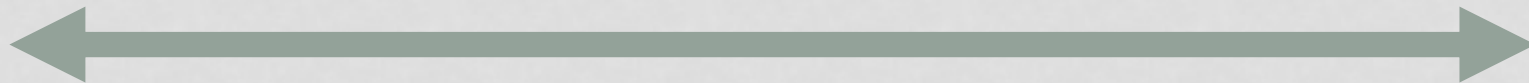
- Dems controlled all statewide offices (Gov, Treasurer, etc) and enjoyed a full state-government trifecta.
- Dems held *large* margins in both chambers:
  - 20 Ds vs 15 Rs in the Senate
  - 41 Ds vs 24 Rs in the House

Progressive Dems

Business friendly Dems

Moderate Republicans

Deep Conservatives

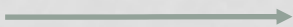


# CHANGES ARE COMING



# RESIGNATIONS & APPOINTMENTS

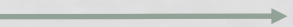
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SD 21  
Adams/Arapahoe



**Senator Dafna  
Michaelson-  
Jenet**



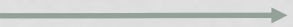
Rep Serena  
Gonzales-Gutierrez  
HD 4  
Denver



**Rep Tim  
Hernandez**



Rep Dafna Michaelson-Jenet  
HD 31  
Adams



**Rep Manny  
Rutinel**



# LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP

## SENATE

- President:  
Steve Fenberg
- Majority Leader:  
***Robert Rodriguez***
- Asst Majority Leader:  
***Faith Winter***
  
- Minority Leader:  
Paul Lundeen
- Asst Minority Leader:  
Bob Gardner

## HOUSE

- Speaker:  
Julie McCluskie
- Majority Leader:  
Monica Duran
- Asst Majority Leader:  
Jennifer Bacon
  
- Minority Leader:  
Mike Lynch
- Asst Minority Leader:  
Rose Pugliese



# WHAT'S THE TONE?



# DRAMA & GOSSIP

- Lawsuits
- Leadership elections
- Election year
- Caucus in-fighting
- Governor struggles



# 2024 STATE BUDGET OUTLOOK



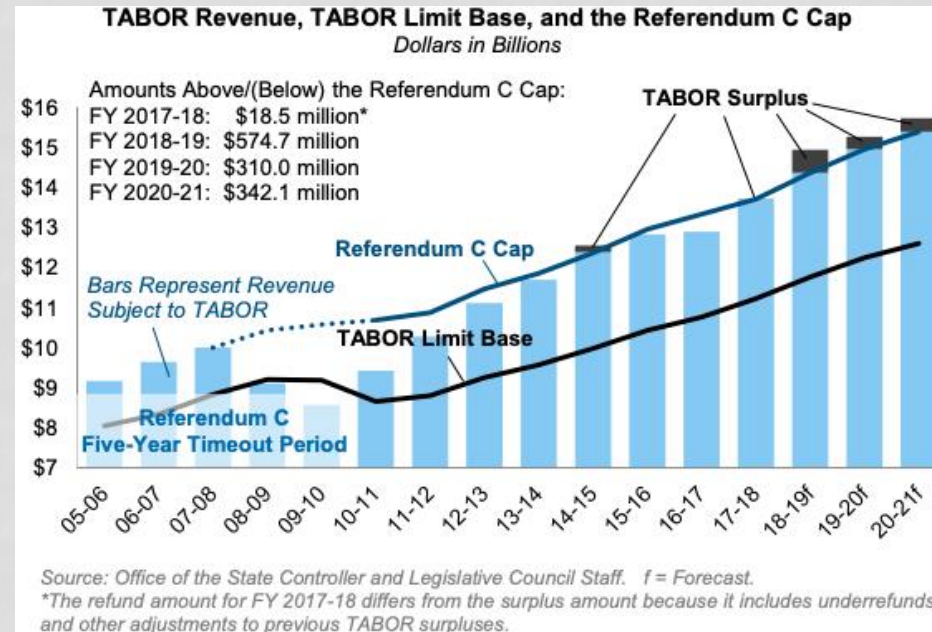
# SHOW ME THE MONEY

## ECONOMY

- Subdued growth
- Housing costs are creating upward pressure on inflation

## TABOR

- Well above cap



“TABOR and its mandate to return extra revenue to taxpayers is directly responsible for about a third of the long-term budget gap”

- Phyllis Resnick, lead economist with the [Colorado Futures Center](#) at Colorado State University

## WHAT THEY'RE SAYING...

- No love for Gov
- Frustration with Depts
- FTE hesitation
- Fund existing programs
- Fiscal Cliffs everywhere due to dried up Fed funding

# 2024 POTENTIAL LEGISLATION



# [SOME] DISABILITY RELATED POTENTIAL LEGISLATION

- REP ORTIZ: "Accessibility at electric car charging stations"
- REP ORTIZ: "Accessibility at airports in Colorado"
- REP ORTIZ: "Secure basic access for candidates with disabilities"
- REP ORTIZ: "Securing basic access by fulfilling ADA room reservations for people w/ disabilities"
- REP ORTIZ: "Protection of basic access in parking"
- REP ENGLISH: Banning the use of seclusion in schools
- REP YOUNG: School short days for children who live with a disability, either intentionally shorting or calling for parent to pick up
- REP LUKENS: Incentives to increase PERAs
- REP BACON: School to prison pipeline / bill of rights for kids in DYS (REP JOSEPH)
- REP AMABILE: Jail standards commission (increased oversight)
- REP AMABILE: Expand juvenile diversion rubric to include IDD and BH factors
- NFB Rep Young maybe Rep Marshall prescriptions are not accessible for vision impairment
- REP YOUNG & SEN GARDNER: Guardianship reforms to match uniform law code
- REP SHARBINI: Student legal representation (if district sues parent under IDEA, state will provide legal support)
- REP EVANS: Disabled first responders get access to disabled license plate paid for by state
- SPONSOR TBD: Judge *can* dismiss a case if the waitlist for restoration is longer than the jail term
- SPONSOR TBD: Bill to remove requirement that modifications for disability made to rental housing must be removed upon exist

# LOOKING AHEAD





# FUTURE FORECAST

- Mostly the same legislature as 2023
- Senate leadership shake-up
- Caucus drama
- Election = messaging bills
- Rising inflation (TABOR not keeping pace)
- Limited revenue for 2024, TABOR refunds
- 2024 Election *may* further democrat margins

# ALLIANCE COIDD POLITICAL COMMITTEE



# ENGAGE LIKE YOU MEAN IT

- Campaign investment MATTERS
- Big OPPORTUNITY to engage with elected
- Support Candidates who care about people with IDD



<https://www.coiddalliance.com/>

# THANK YOU



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# QUESTIONS?



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## Policy Committee Reports



### Matt VanAuken

Alliance Board Member

(Term Ends 6/30/24)

& Executive Director/CEO of  
[Developmental Pathways \(CCB\)](#)

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### CMA/CCB Committee

- The CCB/CMA Committee met on September 21st to discuss the Care and Case Management System, future meetings, ARPA Grant parameters, JBC/OSBP staff tours, and talked about CMA membership.
- Review notes [HERE](#).

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### Rob DeHerrera

Alliance/OEC EI Task Force  
Chair and Executive Director  
at [Developmental Disabilities  
Resource Center](#)

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### Early Intervention

- Alliance Statement on EI RFP to CDEC
  - Ensure no disruption of services for families.
- CDEC Workforce Investment Committee
- EI Budget
- Department Communications
- Policy Recommendations to GRACE
  - Make 2-year workforce investment permanent. (\$3.5 million)
  - Fund an EI cost-benefit analysis study
  - Other legislative priorities are TBD based on the Governor's budget request.

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## Policy Committee Reports



**Cindy Opheim**

Housing Committee  
Chairperson  
and  
CEO at [Cottonwood Community  
Alternatives, Inc.](#)

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### Alliance Housing Committee

- HCV discussion and how to access
- Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Program
- ANCOR Connect 2024
- View the agenda/notes [HERE](#).
- **Interested in joining the committee? Contact Maria.**



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## Non-Policy Committee Reports



### Dr. Nicholas Manning

IDEA Committee Co-Chair  
and  
Director of People Operations at  
[Support, Inc.](#)

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### Andrea "Dre" Morales

IDEA Committee Co-Chair  
and  
Program Manager of Diversity,  
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### [Alliance Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility \(IDEA\) Committee](#)

- IDEA met on September 27<sup>th</sup> to debrief about the IDEA presentations at the Summit, review a [Language and Social Justice article](#) review (led by Bebly), and start a discussion on the book *Neither Wolf Nor Dog*. View the agenda/notes [HERE](#).
- IDEA Webinars
  - TBA

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## Staff Updates: Important Upcoming Dates to Note (Kylie)



Don't forget our December 7 Membership Meeting will be a HYBRID meeting with the option to attend in-person!

- [Alliance CCB/CMA Committee](#)  
October 19 @ 11:30am - 12:30pm
- [Safe4All Impacting Lives: STRATEGIC PARTNER WEBINAR \(repeat webinar from 10/16\)](#)  
October 20 @ 10:00 - 11:00am
- [Alliance Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility \(IDEA\) Committee](#)  
October 25 @ 12:00 - 1:00pm via zoom
- [FREE ALLIANCE SUMMIT EXHIBITOR WEBINAR: giv.plus](#)  
October 30 @ 10:00am via zoom
- **Holiday Social**  
December 6 in Denver (Location TBA)  
*Have any ideas or a place we can host the Holiday Social?? Contact Kylie*
- [Alliance Membership Meeting](#)  
December 7 @ 9:00 - 10:00am  
HYBRID MEETING - in-person location TBA (Denver Metro area)
- [Alliance's 2024 Community Awareness Day at the Avalanche is Jan 16!](#)
- **IDD Awareness Day at the Capitol**  
March 20, 2024  
Lunch venue TBA
- **ANCOR Conference in Santa Fe**  
April 8-10, 2024
- **Alliance on the Road: Weld County (in-person meetings and events)**  
June 19–20, 2024

Remember, you can always reference the Alliance Calendar here: [www.alliancecolorado.org/alliance-calendar](http://www.alliancecolorado.org/alliance-calendar)

CAN Members can reference: [www.alliancecolorado.org/canmembersonly](http://www.alliancecolorado.org/canmembersonly)



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## Staff Updates

- High Priority Work Updates
  - Evolution of Alliance Phase II
  - CDPHE/HCPF/Alliance Relations
  - Host Home Oversight Committee
  - Class B License for Personal Care (hands on and hands off)
- State Updates
  - CDLE Workforce Stabilization Board
  - PHE Unwind (Also covered at the Alliance State Forum)
- Federal Updates
  - Administrative (Rules, Rules, and more Rules)
    - Access Rule
    - Overtime Rule
  - Legislative
    - Updates from the US Capitol
- Other
  - **HOLD THE DATE:** We will host the 2024 IDD Awareness Day on March 20th at the Capitol. Lunch venue TBA.
  - Alliance Political Committee Update (Non-Alliance)





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## Membership Discussion and Feedback Forum (Kylie)

- Future agenda items.
- Feedback for the Alliance BOD.
- Questions for fellow members.
- Questions for state partners.
- Feedback for staff.

