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Bill #	Prime Sponsor	Title	Summary	Fiscal Note	Status
House Bills					
1009	White Isgar	Repeal Tourism Funding Limitation	Repeals the limitation on the transfer of gaming revenues to the travel and tourism promotion fund, state council on arts cash fund, film incentives cash fund and new jobs incentives cash fund when general fund revenues are not sufficient to fund the 6% GF appropriations growth.	CFI	Introduced Senate 1/30 to FIN
1024	Cerbo Tochtrop	Tax Exemption for Property of the Fire and Police Pension Association	For tax years commencing on or after 1/1/07, exempts real property used and occupied by the fire and police pension association and personal property used by the association from the levy and collection of property tax.	FI	Referred out of FIN 1/17 to APP
1046	Primavera	Department of Revenue Eliminate Certain Provisions of Law	Repeals the TABOR refund mechanism that refunds excess revenues through an income tax credit for contributions made to the Colorado Institute of Technology. Repeals the requirement that the DOR include in the income tax booklet that the income tax rate was reduced in 1999 and 2000. Repeals requirements that the Dept. post certain laws, revocation of drivers licenses and strikes language relating to moving a vehicle on state roads without an attached numbered plate.	NFI	Concurrent 2/14
1059	Massey	School Security Grant Program	Creates the school security infrastructure grant program and fund. Intended for new and renovation projects to enhance school security. The fund may receive appropriations from the capital construction fund and deposits of gifts, grants, donations. Department of Education to administer the grant program. Places certain limits on grant amounts, district awards, etc.	FI	Introduced Senate 2/16 assigned ED
1086	Labmert Schultheis	Amendment 41 Implementation Fund	Creates a fund in the state treasury for moneys that would have been expended by state agencies for lobbying purposes, including budgeted expenses for salary, entertainment, gifts and other expenses. General fund transfer to the fund on September 1 of each year. Money in the fund will be used for ethics commission to implement 41.	FI	PI 2/7
1100	Reisberg Morse	Increase Funds for Older CO Cash Fund	Increases the amount allocated to the older Coloradans cash fund from the receipts collected from the sales and use tax. \$5 million 2007 beyond. Decreased the allocation to the general fund by an amount equal to the increase.	FI	Introduced Senate 2/16 to HHS
1139	Curry & Buescher Penry	Severance Tax to Local Government	Increases the percentage of state severance tax revenues credited to the local government severance tax fund that are allocated to local governments on the basis of the residency of persons who work in the mineral extraction industries.	FI	Introduced Senate 2/16 to AG
1152	Stafford	Special District Impact Fees	Allows special districts to levy impact fees similar to those fees levied by other local governments.		PI 2/22 LG
1153	Witwer Kopp	Tax Rebate for Volunteer Firefighters	Allows volunteer firefighters to claim a tax rebate of \$125 per year for two years. Creates rebate fund.	FI	Referred out of FIN 2/1 to APP
1155	Lundberg	Oil Shale Severance Tax Revenues	For the 2009-2010 fiscal year and each year after, requires state revenues from the severance tax imposed on oil shale to be allocated based on specific percentages to the severance tax trust fund and local government tax fund, to state highway fund, and to a newly created property tax relief fund for those taxpayers who pay business personal property tax, tax on commercial real estate, and tax on real property.	CFI	PI'd FIN 2/1
1164	Marostica	Taxpayer Transparency Act	Requires the state treasurer to develop and operate a searchable database that contains information for all expenditures of state moneys.	FI	PI 2/2 FIN

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1177	Judd Sandoval	Set Residential Valuation Assessment	Sets the ratio of valuation for assessment for residential real property for the 2007 and 2008 property tax years at 7.96 percent of actual value for the property tax years 1/12007 - 1/1/2009. (Gallagher.)	NFI	Introduced Senate 2/7 to FIN
1182	Curry Isgar	Species Conservation Trust Fund	Appropriates money from the species conservation trust fund for programs submitted by the executive director of the department of natural resources to conserve native, endangered species. Transfers \$6 million on 1/1/07, \$7 million on 7/1 /08 and \$6 mill on 7/1/09 from the operational account of the severance tax trust fund to the capital account of the trust fund.	FI	From FIN 2/14 to APP
1188	Rose and Kester	Income Tax Credit for New Job Creation	For 1/1/07-1/1/18 allows an income tax credit to any taxpayer that creates a new job in the state as a result of opening or relocating a business, or expanding an existing business. If the job is 110-115% of average wage in the county the credit is \$1000 for each new job. For 115-120% the average wage in the county the credit is \$1250 for each job and \$1500 for each job if the wage is above 120% of the average wage. Taxpayer needs to retain the job for at least 1 year, allows for a carry forward.	FI	PI 2/22 FIN
1190	Liston Schwartz	RT Authority Tax Collection	Specifies that the amount of sales and use tax levied by a regional transportation authority that the dept. of revenue may retain as payment for administration and enforcement may not exceed the net incremental cost.		Referred to APP 2/22 from FIN
1193	May M. Spence	Contracts for Fixed Tuition Rates	Requires state sponsored higher ed institutions to offer to enter into a fixed-rate contract w/ freshman for tuition. Student can receive the fixed rate as long as they complete the program in allotted time and maintains a 2.0 GPA. Must refund the money if not.	FI	PI 2/13
1201	Peniston Taylor	Extend Pet Overpopulation Fund Checkoff	Extends the income tax voluntary check off for the pet overpopulation fund until 2011.	NFI	Passed 2nd reading House 2/26
1216	Frangas Shaffer	Enhance Medicaid Funding	Requires the Dept. of Health Care Policy and Financing to pay to the full amount of prospective patient funding received by the department. Establishes a catastrophic care capital construction grant program to provide for acute and rehabilitation hospitals with grants to pay for capital equipment and construction projects.		From HHS to APP 2/23 amended
1217	Buescher Johnson	Parks & Rec Fines	Requires the all moneys collected for fines from state parks be credited to the parks and outdoor recreation cash fund, rather than some diverted to the General Fund.		From AG to APP 2/14
1219	Roberts Boyd	Health Care Special Districts	Allows for health care special districts, allows for district to levy taxes to provide health care upon voter approval.	FI	From LG to FIN 2/21
1240	Lundberg Brophy	Supermajority for Revenue Increases	Requires 60% of both houses of the general assembly to approve any law (fines, fees, surcharges, etc.) that increases state revenues, excluding ballot issues.	CFI	PI State Affairs 2/15
1241	Lundberg Schultheis	Reduce Income Tax to Offset Ref. C Surplus	Reduces the state income tax rate for 1/12007 to 1/12012 fro 4.63% to 4.33% to offset the Ref. C money above legislative council estimates for the bluebook.	FI	PI State Affairs 2/26
1248	Benefield Kester	Drug & Alcohol After School Programs	Creates before and after school programs within Tony Grampsass programs. Creates a fund and deposits 4% of the money collected from alcohol taxes and license fees, plus gifts grants and donations. Reduces money to the GF and as a result to the HUTF.	FI	Passed 2nd reading House 2/26
1251	Gallegos Wiens	Referendum E Implementing Legislation	Implements the property tax exemption for qualifying disabled vets created by Ref. E. Exemption is 50% of the first \$200,000 of actual value of residential property.	FI	Passed 2nd reading House 2/26
1268	Weissman	Oil and Gas Interest for School Energy Efficiency	Requires oil and gas severance tax withholdings to be paid monthly rather than quarterly. Requires additional interest to be transferred to a new fund to be used for energy efficiency in public schools.		PI FIN 2/22

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1271	Kerr A. Tupa	Family Literacy Program	Eliminates the prohibition on General Fund moneys being appropriated for the family literacy education grant program. Makes a \$1 million dollar appropriation.	FI	From ED 2/16 to FIN
1273	Summers	Medical Care Expenses Reduce Income Tax	For the next 3 tax years, allows an individual to subtract expenses for medical care from the individual's federal taxable income for the purpose of determining the amount of an individual's state income tax liability.	FI	PI FIN 2/22
1277	Jahn	Sales & Use Tax Exemption for Cleanrooms	Exempts from the sales and use tax purchases of machinery in excess of a specified amount to be used in Colorado Cleanroom operations. Cleanrooms are environments with a low level of environmental pollutants such as dust, airborne microbes etc.	FI	Introduced 2/6 to FIN
1290	Kefalas	Dept. of Revenue Tax Incidence Study	Requires the Dept. of Revenue to prepare a biennial tax incidence study which shows the burden of taxes on individuals at different income levels and businesses of different sector and size. Permits members of the Finance committee to ask the DOR to prepare an incidence study for any bill or resolution that makes a tax policy change.	FI	PI FIN 2/23
1291	Borodkin Taylor	Legislative Oversight of Economic Development	Transfers legislative oversight of the business affairs and labor committee of the house of representatives regarding economic development activities of the state to the finance, economic development and international trade committee of the House.		Introduced 2/12 State Affairs
1302	Buescher Morse	Increase State General Fund Reserve	Increases the general fund statutory reserve from 4 percent to 8 percent by .5 percent each year in those years that state revenues are sufficient to fund the 6 percent general fund limit and SB1 transfer.	FI	Introduced 2/15 to FIN.
1309	Wissmann	Oil and Gas Interest for School Energy Efficiency	Requires estimated tax and withholding payments related to oil and gas severance tax to be made on a monthly basis instead of quarterly. Requires interest earned to be transferred to a new fund for public school energy efficiency.	FI	From FIN to APP 2/22
Senate Bills					
14	Taylor Balmer	State Nursing Home Funding	Requires the General Assembly to appropriate from the General Fund to the Central Fund 10 percent of the total gross revenue accrued by the Central Fund during the preceding year. The state Department shall use the funds to pay for operational expenses and capital improvements to state nursing homes.	FI	Referred from HHS 2/2 amended to APP
26	Bacon Pommer	Local Revenues for Full Day Kindergarten	Authorizes school districts, upon voter approval, to impose additional mill levy for funding the district's full day kindergarten costs. Also allows districts to ask voters for capital construction needs. Districts must use evidence based research to develop kindergarten programs, continue to allow 1/2 enrollment, not participate in the full day kindergarten component of the Colorado preschool program.	Local CFI	Concurrence 2/7
44	May R.	Repay State Cash Funds	Requires the General Assembly to repay specified Cash Funds that were raided during the 2002 and 2003 legislation sessions. Funds include: Auto dealers license fund, employment support fund, major medical insurance fund, off-highway vehicle recreation fund, public utilities commission motor carrier fund, real estate recovery fund (repealed in 2005), subsequent injury fund, trade name registration fund, unemployment compensation fund, workers comp fund.	FI	PI'd State Affairs 1/17
55	Boyd	Fund for Crime Victims Services	Increases fees levied for the benefit of crime victims on certain criminal actions, adds surcharges to traffic infractions and offenses to fund the crime victim compensation fund.	FI	Introduced House 2/5 to JUD

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72	Morse	Reimburse Tuition for Deployed Military	Permits Colorado universities and colleges to request reimbursement from the Colorado commission on higher education for refunds made to students who were deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan during the academic year.		Referred from State Affairs 2/6 to APP
81	Bacon Pommer	Innovative Higher Ed Research Fund	Creates the higher ed competitive research authority and research fund. Requires General Fund appropriations of \$2 million into the fund each year commencing July 1, 2007 but before July 1, 2010. To provide matching funds for federally sponsored research projects.		PI'd 2/5 Education
92	Shaffer	School District Energy Rates & Funding	Grants authority to the Colorado PUC to determine rates, charges, rules and practices for gas and electric service that offer rate relief to the public school districts. Appropriates a portion of the severance tax trust fund to the existing legislative commission on low-energy assistance for direct payments to public school districts to help defray the costs of student transportation and other energy needs. Prohibits year to year increases that exceed 15%.		ED
97	Fitzgerald Madden	Allocate Tobacco Settlement Moneys	Reallocated tobacco settlement funds that are currently credited to the general fund or the tobacco litigation settlement cash fund. 49% to UCDHSC, 12% to mental health, 8.5% indigent care, 7% CDPHE for county boards of health on per capita basis, 5% to CHIP in conjunction with an increase in eligibility from 200%-205% FPL, 4.5% for state employee group plans, 4% top DPHE for a newly created cervical cancer immunization program, 3% to division of drug and alcohol, 6% to newly created short-term innovative health program grant fund, 1% to regional pediatric trauma center to offset Medicaid shortfall.		Referred to APP 2/6 from State Affairs
98	Fitzgerald White	City Open Space & Park Sales and Use Tax	States that any increment of sales or use tax imposed by any county for the specific purpose of funding the acquisition or management of open space and parks within the county shall be exempt from the statutory limit on the total amount of sales tax or use tax that may be imposed by the state, county, city or town. No such incremental increase may exceed specified rates, only applies upon voter approval.	CFI	Introduced House 2/5 to LG
110	Tapia Buescher	Natural Resource Damage Assessment Cost	Requires natural resource damage assessment costs and other costs recovered by the state to be returned to the fund from which such costs were originally paid.		Passed 2nd reading 2/13
118	Shaffer King	Supplemental Funding for Courthouse Security	Creates a court security cash fund and commission to provide supplemental funding to counties with the most limited financial resources through grants for ongoing security needs. Requires a \$5 surcharge on certain court actions and civil penalties.		JUD
125	Kopp	Subsequent Inj. Major Medical Insurance Fund	Eliminates the tax on premiums paid by employers insuring employees against liability for personal injury or death to their employees that is used to fund the subsequent injury fund and the major medical insurance fund.	FI	State Affairs
128	Penry King	General Fund Money in Support of Homeless Youth Shelter	Repeals the restriction on using general fund moneys to implement the "Homeless Youth Act." May have some effect on counties that serve homeless youth and overspend their allotment of Child Welfare Block Grant funds.	CFI	HHS
133	Tapia Buescher	HCPF Cash System of Accounting	Requires the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing to use a cash system of accounting for Old Age Pension health and medical care funds, Children's Basic Health Plan and "Clawback" provisions of Medicare drug plan.		FIN
134	Windels Massey	Higher Ed Mineral Impact Fees	Allows state supported institutions of higher ed to expend moneys from the local government mineral impact fund without separate legislative authority.		ED

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154	Boyd Cerbo	Exempt Assets Debt Collection Bankruptcy	Increases the value of property that is exempt from attachment or execution. Adds refunds for child tax credits to the exemption for certain income tax refunds. Adds maintenance and other court ordered domestic support payments to property exempt from attachment or execution. Increases the amount of wages that may be protected from garnishment. Increases the amount of the homestead exemption based on who is occupying the home.		Introduced 2/7 to FIN
182	Bacon Pommer	Innovative Higher Ed Research Fund	Creates the higher ed competitive research authority and research fund. Requires General Fund appropriations of \$2 million into the fund each year commencing July 1, 2007 but before July 1, 2010. To provide matching funds for federally sponsored research	FI	Introduced 2/12 assigned to ED
185	Isgar Curry	Increase in Mining Fees	Increases the fees for the extraction of minerals and construction materials. Adds an oil shale application and amendment fee.	FI	Introduced 2/12 assigned to AG
189	FitzGerald Buescher	Tobacco Moneys for Supplemental Appropriations	Holds money received and not currently allocated for health care in 07-08 fiscal year to be reserved in a newly created health care supplemental appropriations and overexpenditures account in the tobacco settlement cash fund. Requires interest and income on the deposit an investment of the moneys to be credited to the breast and cervical cancer prevention treatment fund to hold this program harmless. Allows \$6,200,000 to be used for overexpenditures or supplemental appropriations for CHIP. Allows other funds to be used for overexpenditures or supplemental appropriations for CBMS.		
198	Isgar Roberts	Severance Tax Coalbed Methane Seepage	Creates a coal bed seepage cash fund. Authorizes the oil and gas conservation commission to use the money in the fund for determining the most cost effective methods of mitigating seepage in La Plata county and the installation of wells to monitor the seepage in Arcellidae county. Treasurer must transfer roughly \$4.452 million from the severance tax fund to the seepage cash fund.	FI	Introduced 2/20 to AG
199	Windels Pommer	School Finance	For 07-08 increases per pupil funding base to \$5,068.15 for a 3.2% inflation + 1. For 07-08 and each year after allows a district to count and receive funding for pupils who are enrolled in first grade who are at least 5 years old before Oct. For 07-08 allows a district that sells lands or buildings to deposit the proceeds into the districts capital reserve fund. For 07-08 and beyond allows 18,360 kids to participate in preschool and kindergarten statewide. Increases maximum number of preschool kids in a class to 16. Allows district to sell facilities even if the facilities could be used by a charter school. Modifies funding for at-risk kids. For 07-08 increases the state education fund appropriation for national credential fee assistance from \$100k to \$125k.	FI	Introduced 2/20 to ED
200	Isgar Buescher	Uranium Mill Tailing Remedial Action	Requires money in the local government severance tax fund to be distributed to the department of public health and environment to be used for cleanup of uranium mill tailings. Changes composition of oversight committee and requires reports and recommendations to be made to the JBC.	Local CFI	Introduced 2/22 to AG