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Legislation in Review 2014

*Analyzing the Key
Health Policy Trends*

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Today's Discussion

- Events that set the stage for the 2014 session
- Key health policy influencers at the capitol
- Health policy themes and major bills
- The budget: What it means for health care
- Predictions for 2015



Three Takeaways

- 2014 was a building year for health policy.
- Cost containment, retail marijuana and implementation of the Affordable Care Act were major themes.
- The improving economy allowed for significant investments in Colorado's health care system.



Colorado Health Institute: At the Capitol

- Nonpartisan health policy data, analysis and support
- Objective information for legislators, staff members and leaders statewide
- We do not take positions on bills





Setting the Stage

Three Events That Set the Stage

1. Full implementation of the ACA
2. Elections on the horizon
3. Recall elections



The Swing Voter Effect



Sen. Lois Tochtrop

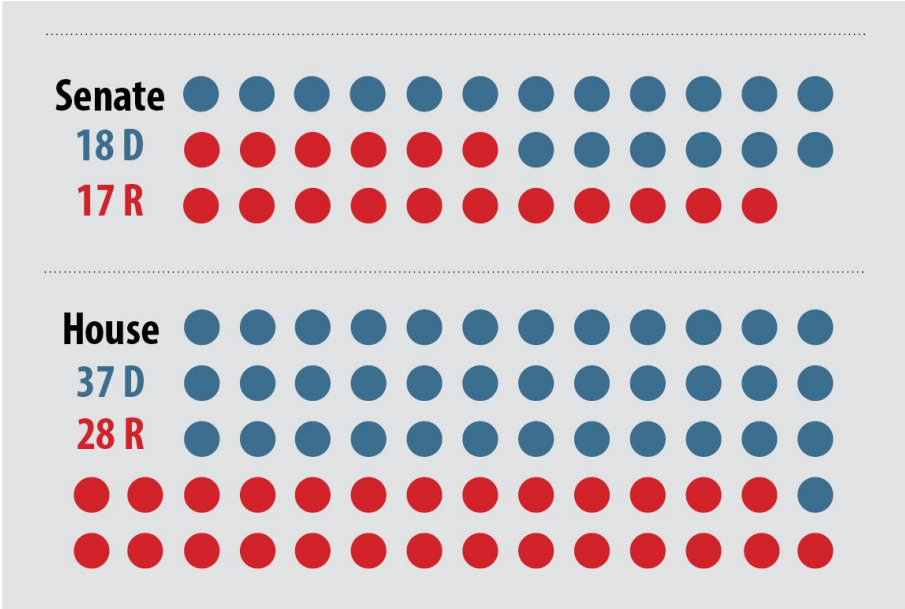


Sen. Mary Hodge



Sen. Cheri Jahn

Democrats Held a Razor-Thin Majority in the Senate



2014: By the Numbers

More bills introduced, fewer passed

661 Number of bills introduced,
an 8 percent increase from 2013

64.3% Percentage of bills
that passed in 2014

71.8% Percentage of bills
that passed in 2013



120

Days in the
Legislative
Session



3.5

Average
Number of Bills
Passed Per Day

Expect new faces at the capitol next year

15
Number of
Lawmakers Who
are Term Limited
This Year

83
of 100

Number of
Seats up for
Reelection in
November





*Themes of the
2014 Session*

Defining Health Policy “The Colorado Way”



Major Health Policy Themes

1. Containing Health Care Costs
2. Fine-tuning Health Reform
3. Blazing the Trail on Marijuana Policy
4. Investing in Health

A year characterized almost as much by the bills that didn't pass as those that did.

Theme 1:

Containing Health Care Costs



SB 14-187: Cost Containment Commission

- 12-member group will conduct in-depth analysis of Colorado's health care cost drivers
- Will recommend ways to contain costs while improving access and quality



Theme 1:

Containing Health Care Costs

Proposed But Failed: The Bills that Didn't Make It

- **HB 14-1115:** Medicaid Expansion Private Insurance Pilot Program – *Killed by Appropriations*
- **SB 14-16:** Regulating Freestanding Emergency Rooms – *Killed on the Senate floor*
- **HB 14-1108:** Copayments for Physical Rehabilitation Services – *Vetoed by the Governor*

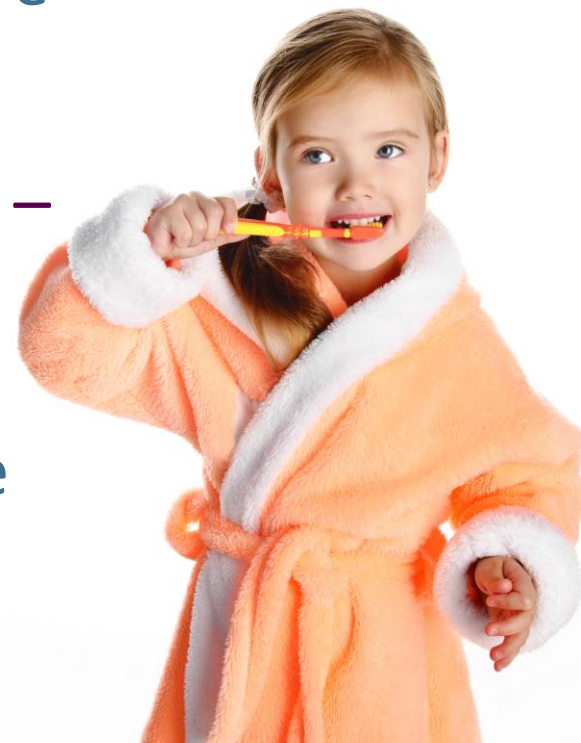


Theme 2:

Fine Tuning Health Reform

Bills that passed:

- **SB 14-67: Aligns Medicaid with Federal Law** – Consolidates Colorado’s Medicaid and CHP+ eligibility categories to ensure consistency with the ACA.
- **HB 14-1053: Pediatric Dental Benefits** – Ensures requirements for children’s dental benefits are the same whether a plan was purchased inside or outside Colorado’s insurance marketplace.



Theme 2:

Fine Tuning Health Reform

Republican-sponsored bills that failed:

- **HB 14-1106:** Tax Deduction for ACA Penalty
- **HB 14-1134:** Health Care Navigator Registration Act
- **HB 14-1135:** Restricts General Funds for Medicaid Expansion
- **HB 14-1192:** Repeals the Health Benefit Exchange
- **HB 14-1257:** Performance Audit of the Health Benefit Exchange



Theme 3:

Blazing the Trail on Marijuana Policy

Bills that passed:

- **HB 14-1361:** Establishes Equivalents for Marijuana Concentrates
- **HB 14-1366:** Packaging Standards for Edible Marijuana Products
- **HB 14-1398:** Authorizes Marijuana Financial Service Cooperatives
- **SB 14-155:** Medical Marijuana Health Effects Grant Program



Marijuana Revenue Spending Plan



\$5.5 million

for a marijuana public awareness advertising campaign.

\$9.8 million
for school-based behavioral health community programs focused on substance abuse prevention and intervention.



\$1.6 million

for law enforcement training and assistance.

\$1.5 million
for substance abuse treatment and prevention for adolescents and pregnant women.

\$900,000
to administer surveys assessing youth attitudes and behaviors.

\$2 million
for youth diversion services to keep kids out of jail and **\$2 million** for county jail and post-release substance abuse disorder services for adults.

\$2 million
in community grants for prevention and intervention programs.



The Grab Bag:

Other Bills Worth Mentioning

- **SB 14-050:** Enforcing Financial Assistance in Colorado Hospitals
- **SB 14-088:** Suicide Prevention Commission
- **SB 14-144:** Residency Programs in Rural Areas
- **HB 14-1281:** Investigational Drugs for Terminal Patients
- **HB 14-1288:** Student Immunizations
- **HB 14-1301:** Safe Routes to School



The Grab Bag:

Other Bills That Didn't Pass

- **HB 14-1253:** Mental Health Civil Commitments
- **HB 14-1263:** Increasing Age Limit for Tobacco Products
- **HB 14-1297:** Health Data Regarding Oil and Gas

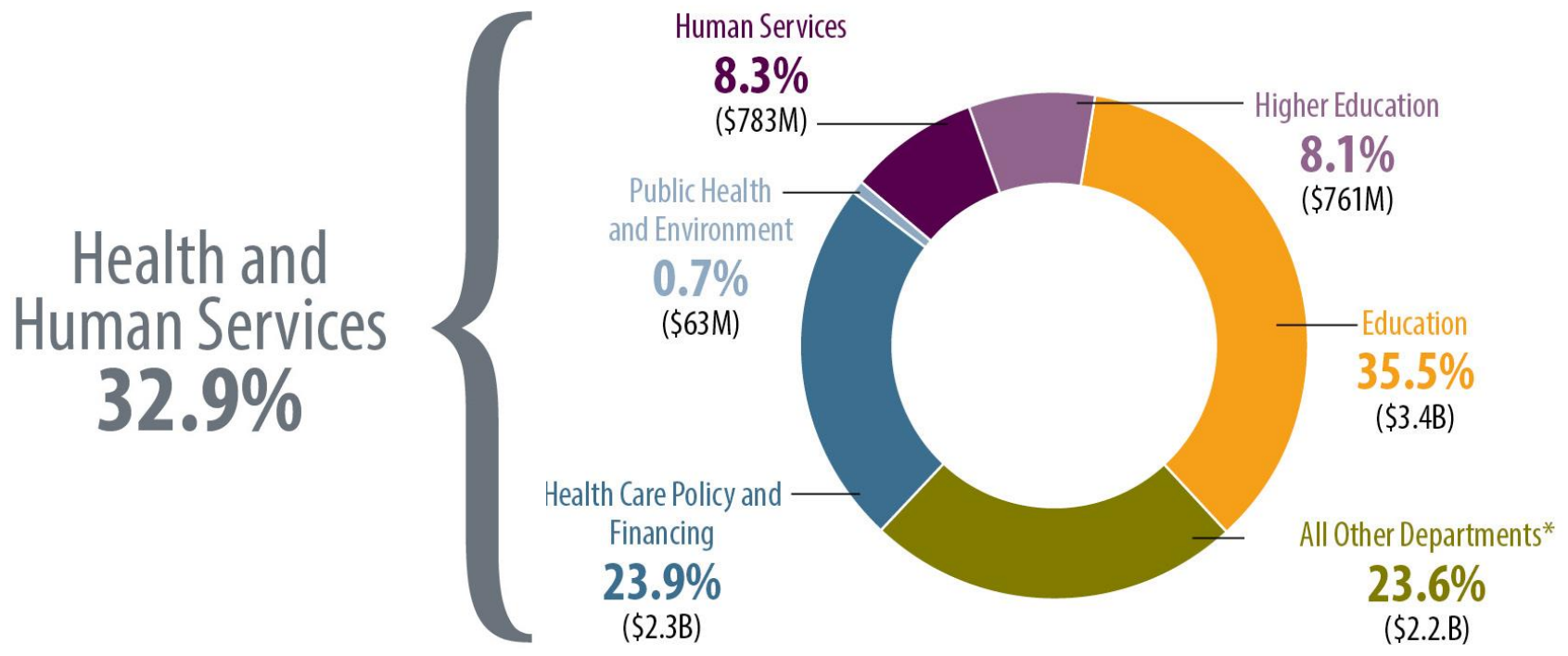


*Health Care
and the Budget*

Fiscal Year 2014-15: General Fund Appropriations by Department

FY 2014-15 General Funds

Total: **\$9.4 Billion** Increase from Last Year: **16.7%**



FY 2014-15 Total Funds

Total: \$24.2 billion (7.6% increase)



Health Highlights from the Budget

- Increased reimbursement rates for most Medicaid providers
- Expanded Medicaid and CHP+ coverage for eligible pregnant women and children who are legal immigrants.
- 36.2 percent increase in HCPF's behavioral health funding
- Major oral health investments
- Millions for residency training
- Lots of money for health technology



Looking Ahead

Four Trends to Anticipate in 2015

1. Heightened focus on health care spending and cost containment.
2. More regulations for retail marijuana.
3. The return of several failed bills from 2014.
4. Policies responding to health reform data.

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