Debating Policy, Wrestling with Political Identity

2018 Legislative Preview

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“Public policy I guess matters. What they do under those big dome buildings has real implications for people.”

- Nick Podhajsky, Iowa
Since We Last Met...
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HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW TODAY...

IT DOESN'T.
Here's how Colorado is combating the prescription opioid and heroin epidemic

Colorado is exploring opioid prescription limits, prescriber report cards and new treatment options.

Forgotten victims: Opioid epidemic sparks change in Colorado child welfare system

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Drug Poisoning Deaths in Colorado, 1999-2016

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Behavioral Health

Confronting the Opioid Crisis: Six Bills Build Momentum for Legislative Changes

November 27, 2017 | by Teresa Manocchio

Behavioral Health | Substance Use

Between 2012 and early 2017, I was part of a policy team at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that helped to advise then-Secretary Sylvia Burwell on a wide range of health policy topics, including the best available evidence to combat the opioid epidemic.
Legislators unveil 6 bills to fight Colorado opioid epidemic

Nick Coltrain, nickcoltrain@coloradoan.com  Published 7:19 a.m. MT Nov. 3, 2017 | Updated 9:11 a.m. MT Nov. 3, 2017
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Hospital Bills

• Regulating freestanding emergency departments

• Out-of-pocket spending/surprise medical bills

• Hospital data transparency
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Unresolved Issues

• Move to single geographic rating region
• Division of Insurance reinsurance study
• Proposals inspired by Cost Commission

“We can’t just increase everybody’s rates and not come up with a solution.”
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Insurance Issues

Hamner and Gibbs: A healthcare crisis in Colorado’s High Country

Millie Hamner and Dan Gibbs
Guest Column
November 7, 2017

Over the last few years, the rising cost of health insurance in Summit County has become a crisis for many individuals and families who purchase health insurance on the individual market. Unfortunately, the Colorado Division of Insurance recently reported that we will not see any

• Pain of rising premiums in private market
• Ongoing debate about role, cost of public insurance
• Crucial open enrollment period ends Jan. 12
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Hard-Hitting Debate
What is the most important issue for 2018?

- Opioid Epidemic
- Health Care Price Transparency
- Freestanding EDs
- Insurance Premiums

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Keeping an Eye on Congress

- Tax reform
- CHIP program
- Community health center funding
- Budget talks
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Colorado’s Budgetary Outlook

• Projected surplus of $667 million (or 6 percent)

• Growth from:
  1) Expanding state economy
  2) Passage of Senate Bill 267

• Governor’s budget proposal gives impression that things are stabilizing
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Impacts of Senate Bill 267

• Part of compromise: Lowers Taxpayer’s Bill of Rights (TABOR) cap $200 million

• Eliminates TABOR refunds in near-term

• Removes hospitals from center of state budget debate
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FY 2018-19 Budget Request

Total Funds
- Total: $30 Billion

- Health Care Policy and Financing: 34.2% ($10.3B)
- Public Health and Environment: 1.9% ($581M)
- Human Services: 7.0% ($2.1B)
- Education: 19.5% ($5.9B)
- Higher Education: 15.1% ($4.5B)
- All Other Departments*: 22.3% ($6.7B)

General Fund
- Total: $10.6 Billion

- Health Care Policy and Financing: 26.4% ($2.9B)
- Education: 37.8% ($4.2B)
- Higher Education: 8.9% ($982M)
- Human Services: 8.4% ($927M)
- Public Health and Environment: 0.5% ($50M)
- All Other Departments*: 18.1% ($2.0B)

Source: FY 2018-19 Governor’s Budget Request.

*Includes the following departments: Treasury, Public Safety, Local Affairs, Revenue, Natural Resources, Military and Veterans Affairs, Governor, Personnel and Administration, Labor and Employment, Regulatory Agencies, Law, Agriculture, Legislature and State.
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Politics Over Policy?

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House vs. Senate Standoff

• Where are the roadblocks?
  • Not in health committees
  • 2017: House State Affairs killed 38 bills
  • 2017: Senate State Affairs killed 63 bills – half of all bills killed in the Senate
Senior Year for Legislative Leaders
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Races to Watch

**SD 5**
Kerry Donovan (D)
*Incumbent*

**SD 16**
Tim Neville (R)
*Incumbent*

**SD 20**
Cheri Jahn (D)
*Term-Limited*

**SD 22**
Andy Kerr (D)
*Term-Limited*

**SD 24**
Beth Martinez Humenik (R)
*Incumbent*
A Crowded Field for Governor

- Many candidates, many dollars

“Any day now, I expect John Elway, Todd Helton, Wonder Woman, and Santa Claus to jump into this (governor’s) race. In fact, if you’re reading this, you have a one-in-seven chance of running for Governor of Colorado.”

- George Brauchler, exiting race November 13
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Democratic Candidates

Noel Ginsburg  
Mike Johnston  
Cary Kennedy  
Donna Lynne  
Jared Polis
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Republican Candidates

Cynthia Coffman
Victor Mitchell
Doug Robinson
Walker Stapleton
Tom Tancredo
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Straw Poll: Who Will Win the Primaries?

DEMOCRATS
- Noel Ginsburg
- Mike Johnston
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- Donna Lynne
- Jared Polis

REPUBLICANS
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Possible Directions for Gov’s Office
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Finding their Identities

Who am I?
will win the Democratic gubernatorial primary.

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