

# High Stakes for Health

*Policy Trends for Colorado's  
2016 Legislative Session*

**January 7, 2016**

Allie Morgan and Joe Hanel



[coloradohealthinstitute.org](http://coloradohealthinstitute.org)



# Allie Morgan

Legislative Director



# Joe Hanel

Senior Communications Expert



# Webinar Basics

- How do I ask questions during the webinar?
- Recorded webinar and PowerPoint slides will be available afterward.
- Special thanks to our funders:



The Colorado Health Foundation™



**THE  
COLORADO  
TRUST**

*A Health Equity Foundation*

CARING *for*  
COLORADO  
FOUNDATION  
A Health Grantmaker

**ROSE**  
COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION

## Three Takeaways

- The biggest fights over funding will involve health issues.
- Tough topics will be time consuming.
- Turmoil in insurance markets might need attention.

Setting the Stage

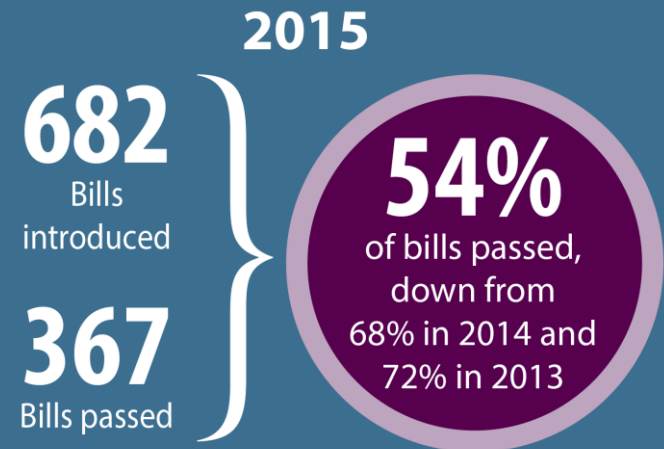
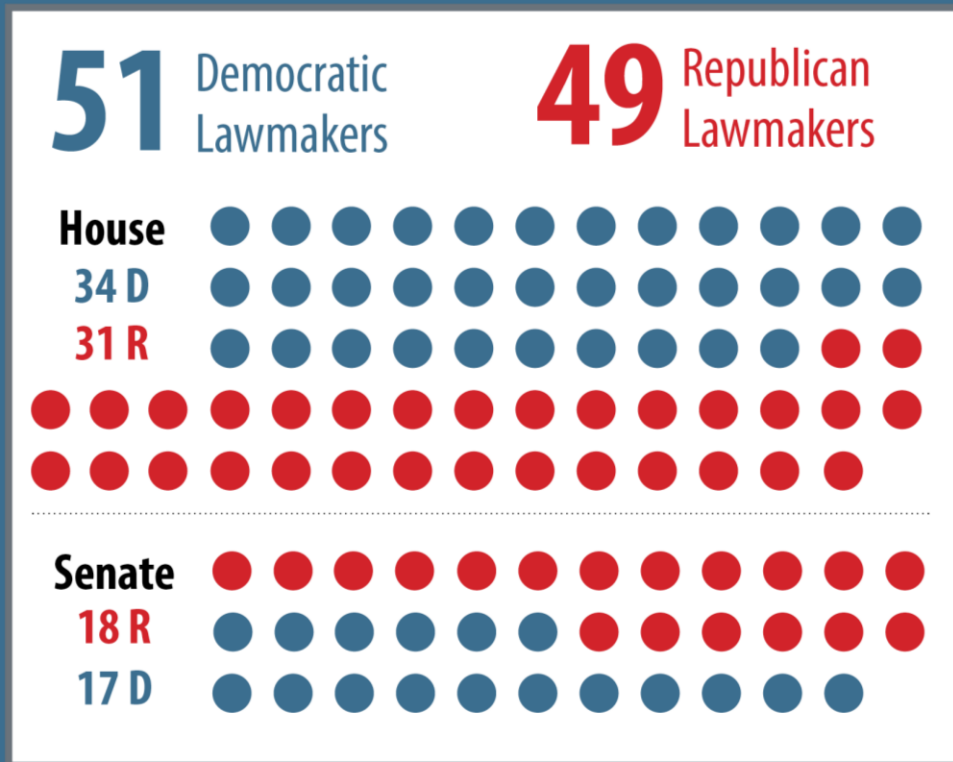
# The 2016 Session: Dates of Note

---

- **Session begins:** Wednesday, January 13
- **State of the State address:** Thursday, January 14
- **Budget bill introduced:** Monday, March 28
- **Session concludes:** Wednesday, May 11

## Setting the Stage

# Razor-Thin Majorities



Setting the Stage

# The Toll of Term Limits



**16** Democrats Term-Limited  
or Departing

10 House  
6 Senate



**7** Republicans Term-Limited  
or Departing

5 House  
2 Senate

● ● Departing Legislators

Setting the Stage

# Last Year for Leaders

---



**Bill  
Cadman**  
*Senate  
President*



**Lucia  
Guzman**  
*Senate  
Minority  
Leader*



**Dickey Lee  
Hullinghorst**  
*Speaker of  
the House*



**Brian  
DelGrosso**  
*House  
Minority  
Leader*



**Dianne  
Primavera**  
*Chair  
House  
Public  
Health and  
Human  
Services*



**Beth  
McCann**  
*Chair  
House  
Health,  
Insurance,  
Environment*



**Kevin  
Lundberg**  
*Chair  
Senate  
Health and  
Human  
Services*

Setting the Stage

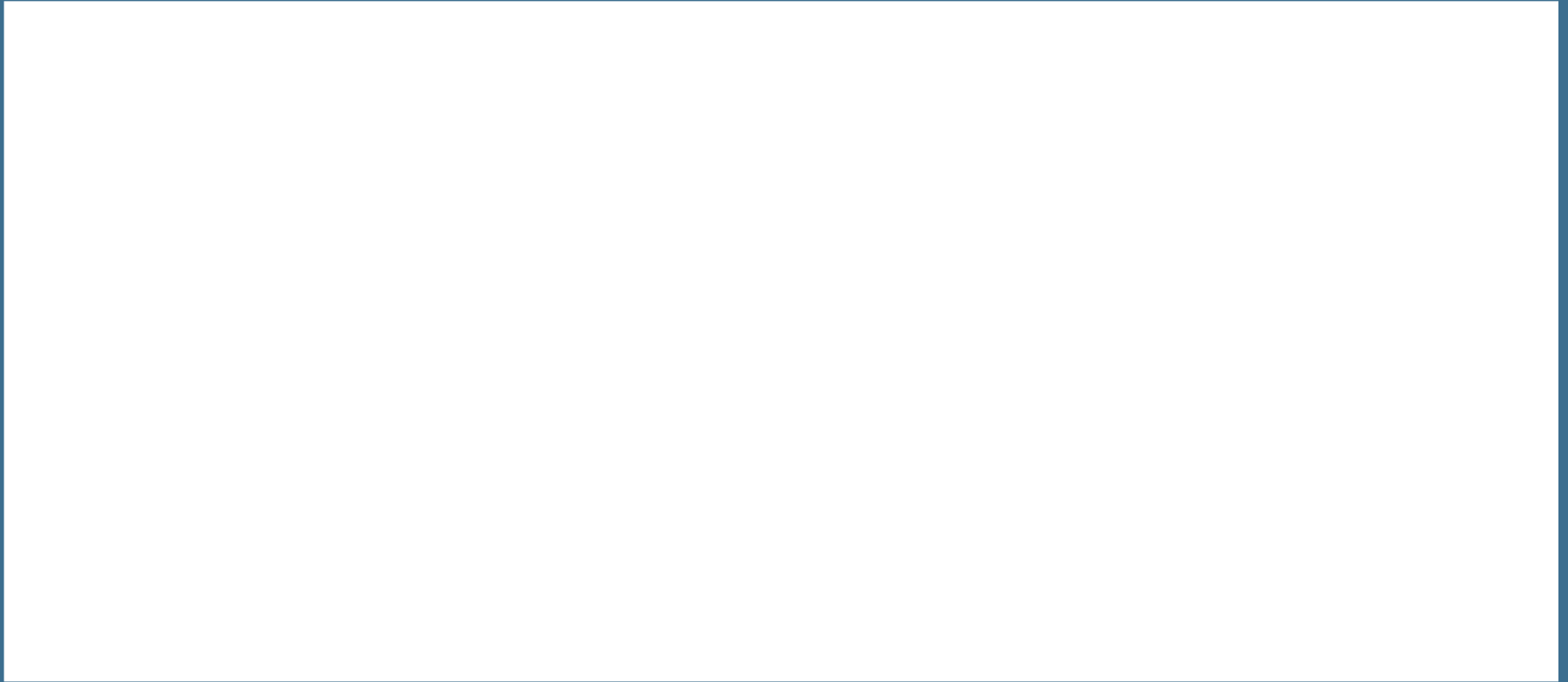
# 2016: Year of the Outsider?

---



Setting the Stage

# 2017: Year of Opportunity?



Setting the Stage

# Health is a Hot Topic Again

---

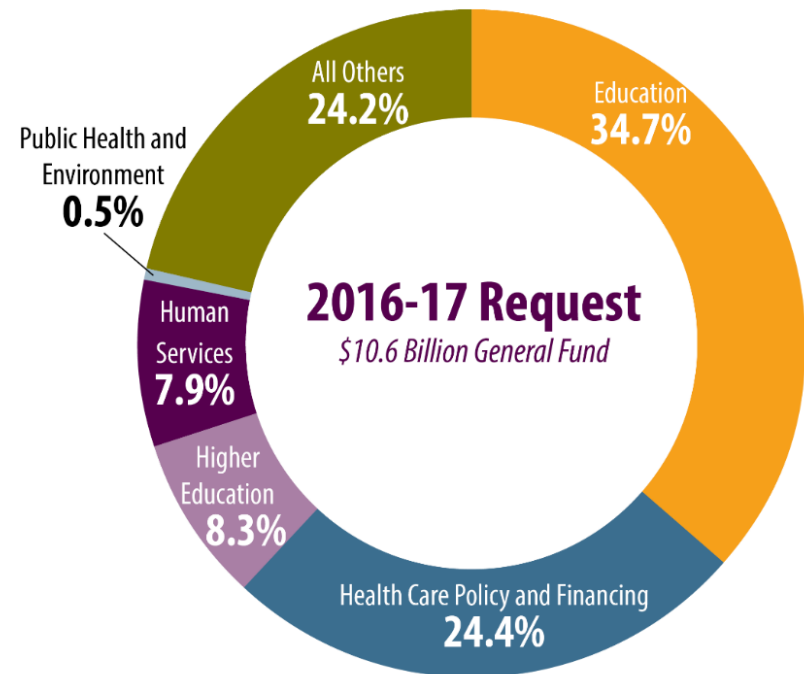
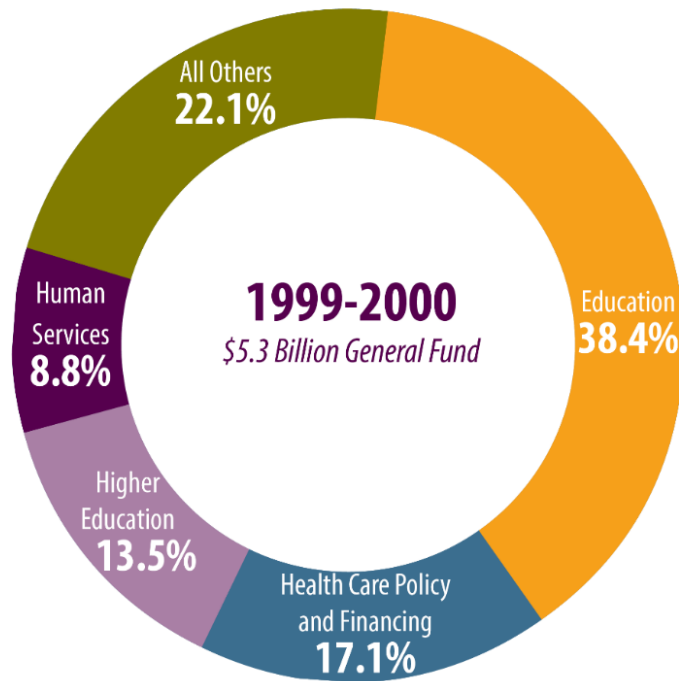




*What to Watch:  
Fights Over  
Funding*

## Fights Over Funding

# General Fund: Then and Now



Fights Over Funding

# The Provider Fee and TABOR

---



Fights Over Funding

# TABOR Refund Possibilities

---

Default: **\$200 million**

Hickenlooper Plan: **\$100 million**

Enterprise Fund: **\$0**

Fights Over Funding

# Provider Rate Cuts

---



Fights Over Funding

# Cost Commission

---

- Legislators expect a lot from the commission
- First report issued in November
- Asking JBC for \$424 million



## Colorado Commission on Affordable Health Care

2015 Report to the Colorado General Assembly and Colorado Governor

November 13, 2015



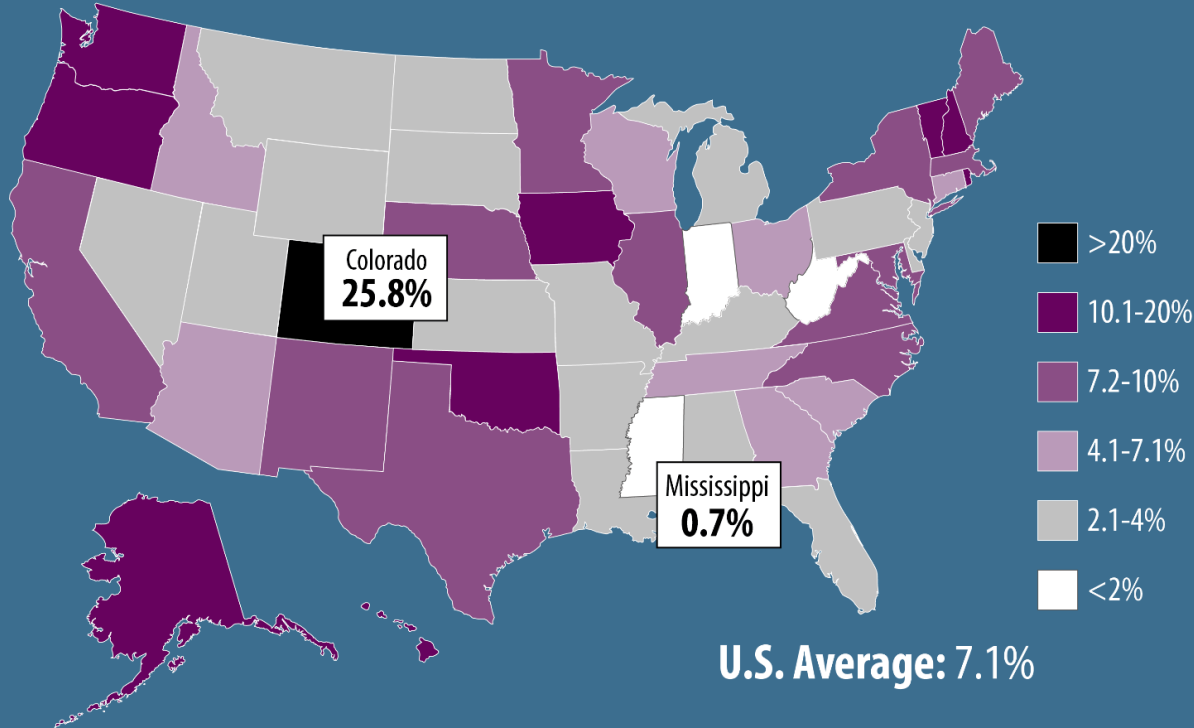
*What to Watch:  
Tough Topics*

Tough Topics

# Contraception Funding

## Colorado Leads the Nation

Percentage of Title X Clients Aged 15–19 Using LARC, 2013



Tough Topics

# Planned Parenthood

---



Tough Topics

# Aid in Dying

---



Tough Topics

# Still Working on Marijuana

---



Tough Topics on the Ballot

# Tobacco Taxes and E-Cigarettes

---



Tough Topics on the Ballot

# The Push for Universal Coverage



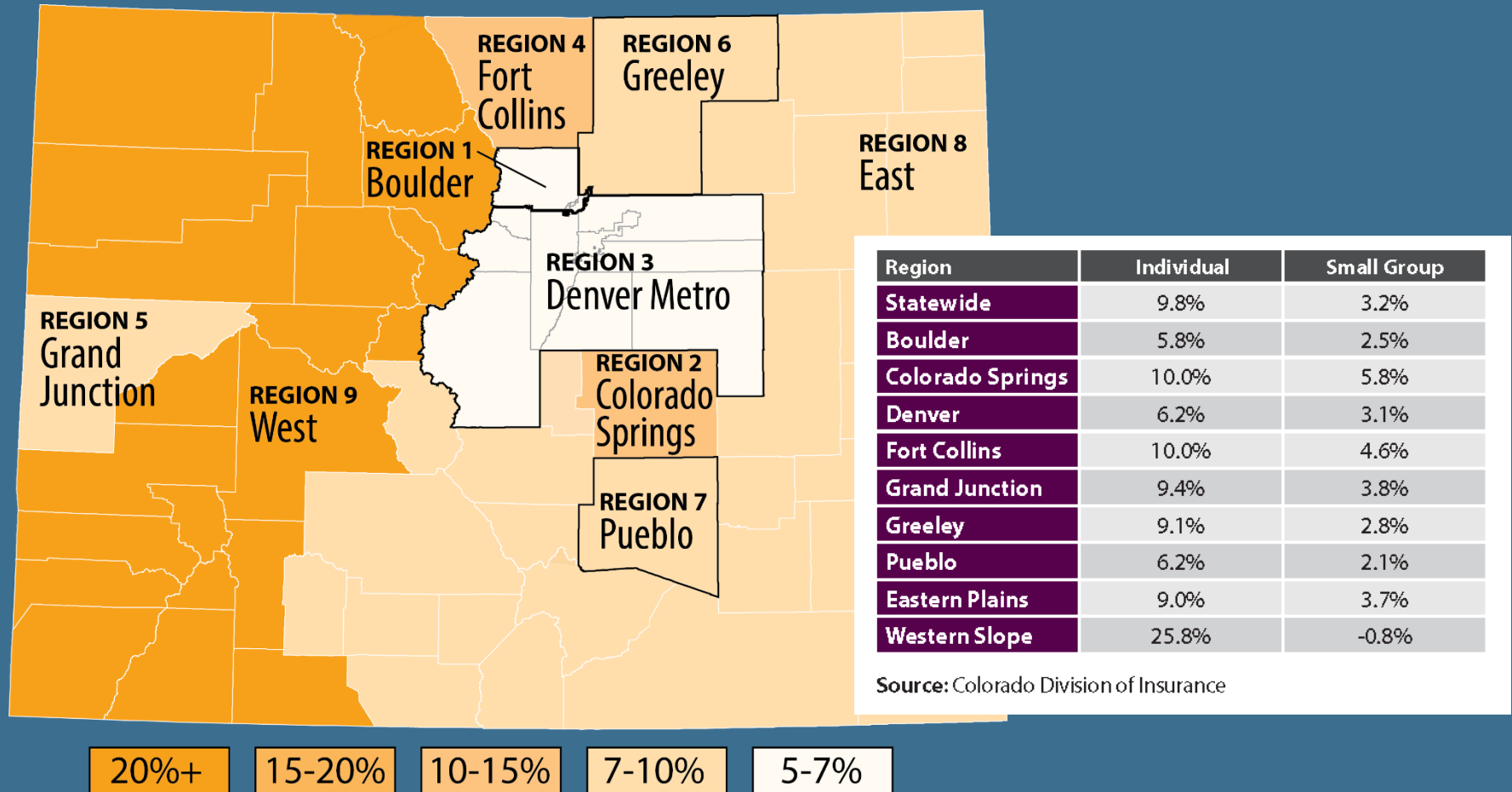
Vic Vela/The Colorado Statesman



*What to Watch:  
Uncertainties  
Over Insurance*

## Uncertainties Over Insurance

# Uneven Price Increases



# Narrow Networks

---

- Insurers are saving money by limiting choices of providers.
- New national legislation coming to Colorado?
- Bill probably will not set minimum size for networks.



Uncertainties Over Insurance

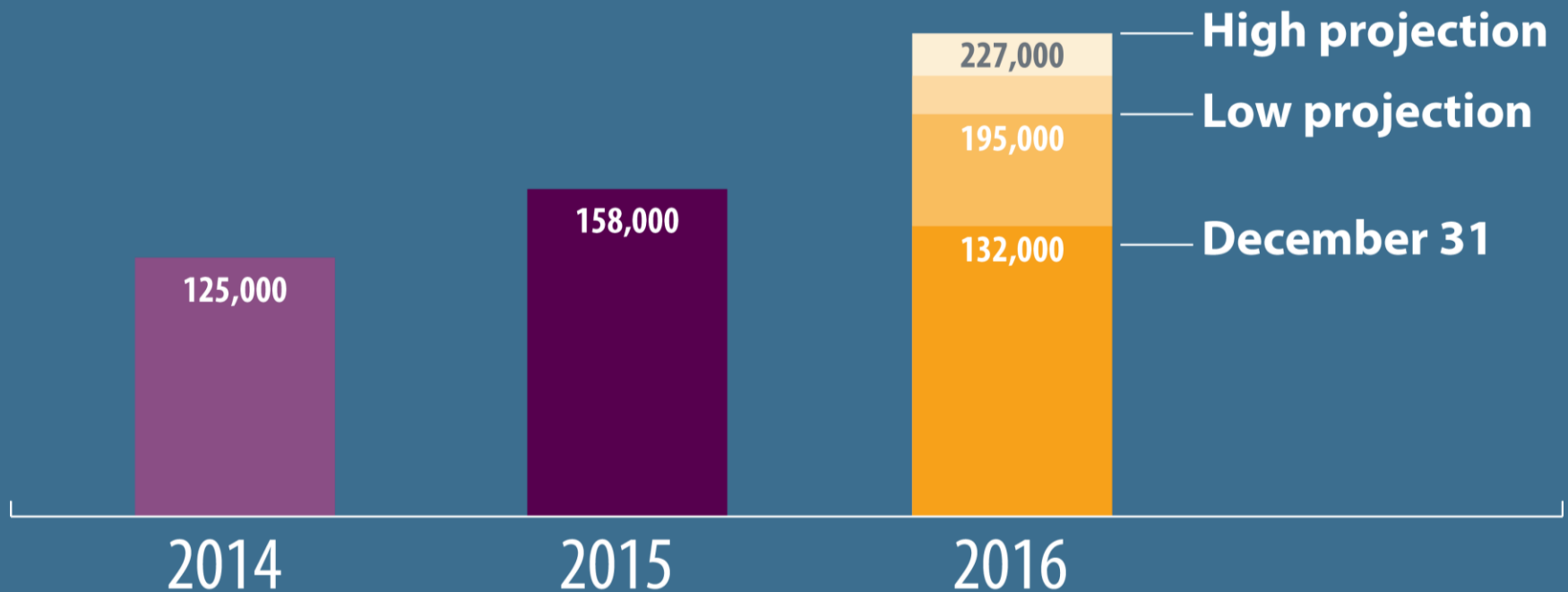
# The Co-op Fails

---



## Uncertainties Over Insurance

# Connect for Health's Task



Note: These are *gross enrollments*. Not all customers will complete enrollment by paying for their policies.

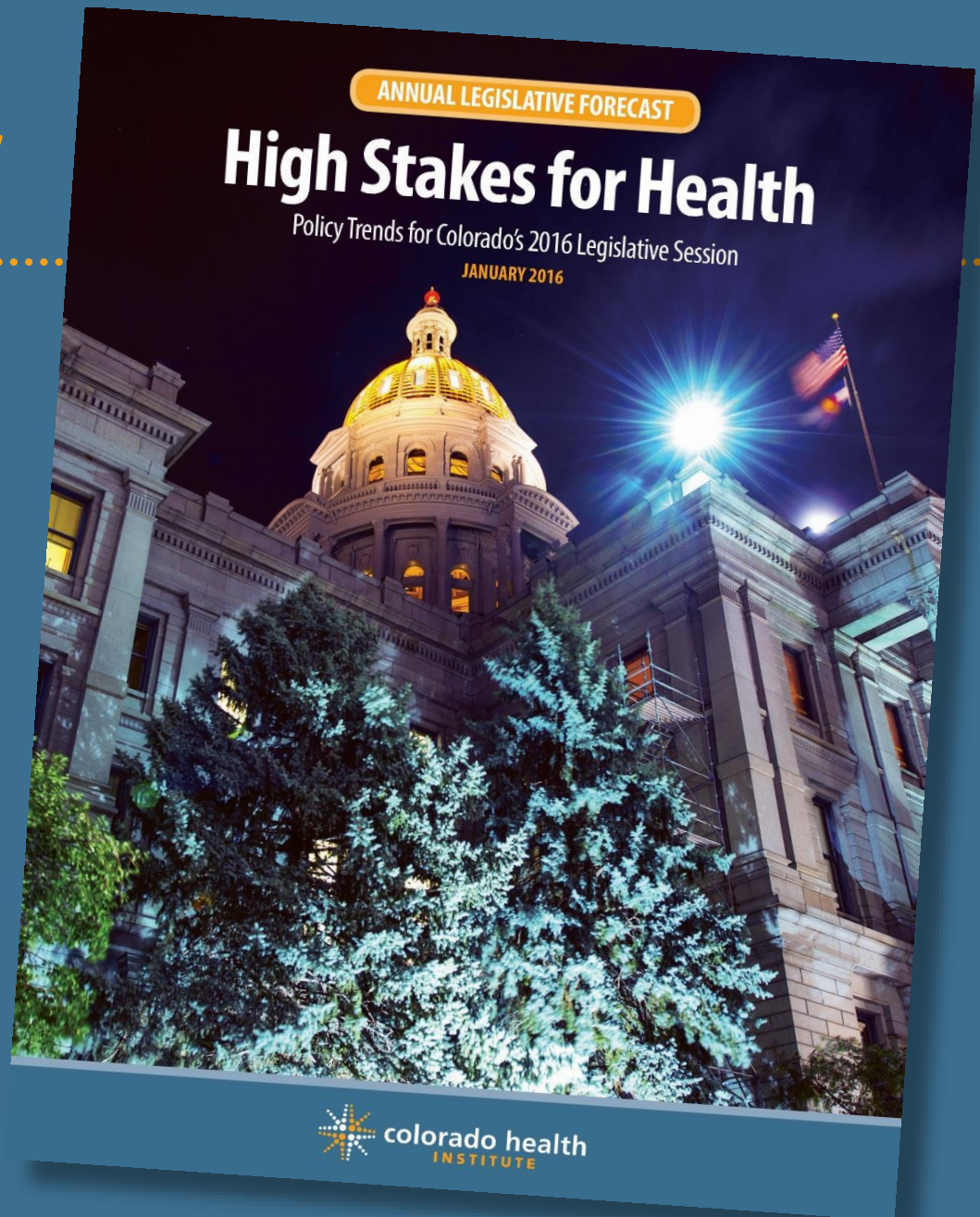
## • • • Three Takeaways • • •

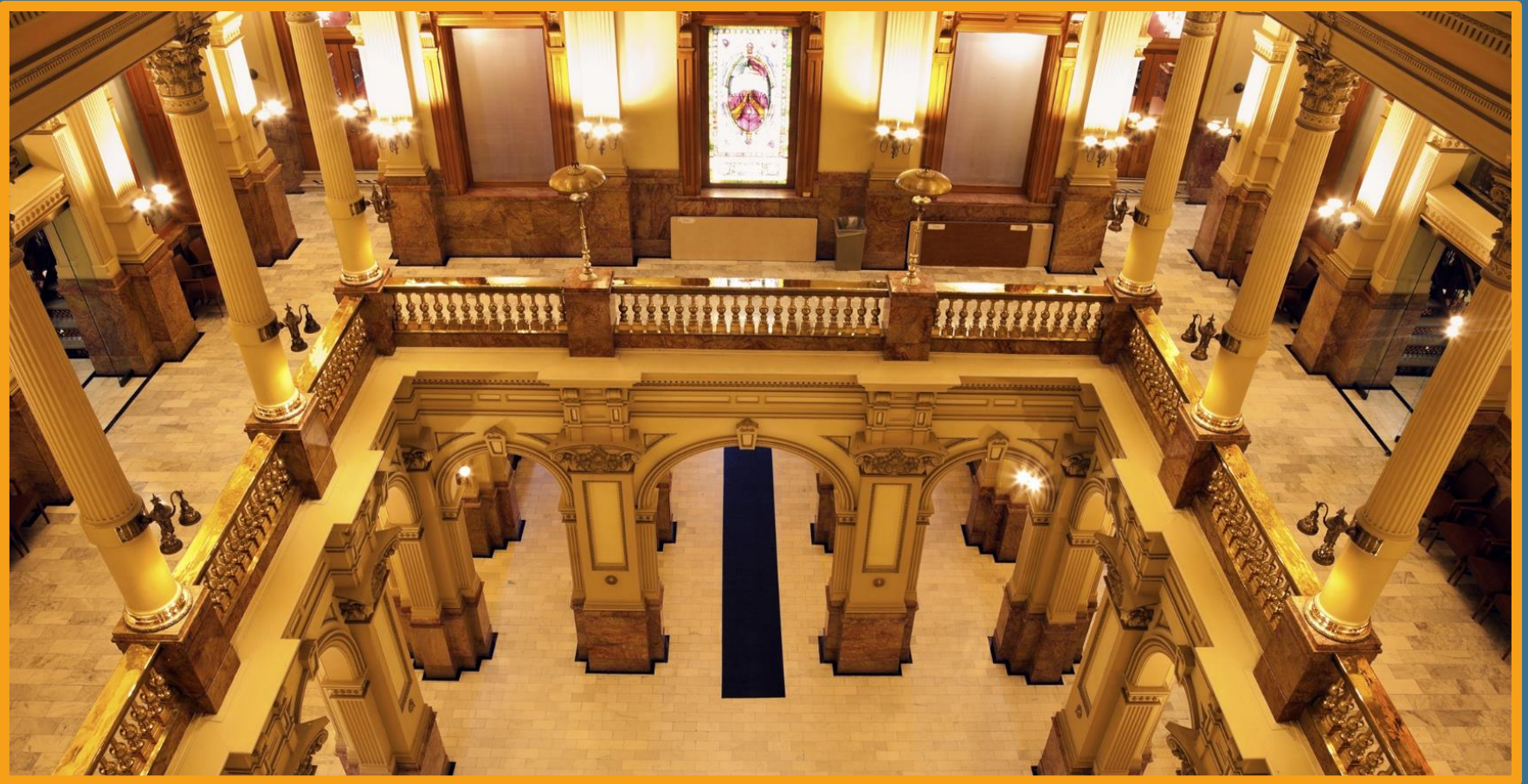
- The biggest fights over funding will involve health issues.
- Tough topics will be time consuming.
- Turmoil in insurance markets might need attention.

Read All About It

Online Now

[bit.ly/22LCuHn](http://bit.ly/22LCuHn)





Allie Morgan | 720.382.7083 | [morgana@coloradohealthinstitute.org](mailto:morgana@coloradohealthinstitute.org)

Joe Hanel | 720.382.7093 | [hanelj@coloradohealthinstitute.org](mailto:hanelj@coloradohealthinstitute.org)