

2019

Western Colorado Legislative Scorecard



You care about healthy, just and self-reliant communities.

Do your legislators?



Western Colorado Alliance for Community Action brings people together to build grassroots power through community organizing and leadership development. We believe that right now, today, we have the ability and opportunity to create a future where engaged local voices are leading communities across Western Colorado that are healthy, just and self-reliant.

Key Votes by Western Colorado Legislators in 2019

KEY

- ★ Pro-healthy communities vote
- ✘ Anti-healthy communities vote
- ★ Underlined: Vote in committee
- a** Abstained

The higher a score, the more the legislator's votes align with values that contribute to healthy, just and self-reliant communities in Western Colorado.

LEGISLATION (Numbers correspond to descriptions on facing page)

PUBLIC LANDS	EXTRACTION	CLIMATE					HOMEGROWN PROSPERITY	HEALTH CARE			
		1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9

	LEGISLATOR (Party-District)	SCORE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
SENATORS	Bob Rankin (R-8)	25%	★	★	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	★	✘	✘	✘	
	Don Coram (R-6)	42%	★	★	✘	★	✘	✘	✘	★	<u>★</u>	a	✘	✘	
	Larry Crowder (R-35)	42%	★	★	✘	★	✘	✘	✘	✘	★	a	✘	★	
	Kerry Donovan (D-5)	100%	★	<u>★</u>	★	★	<u>★</u>	★	★	★	<u>★</u>	★	★	<u>★</u>	★
	Ray Scott (R-7)	25%	★	✘	✘	★	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	★	a	✘	✘
REPRESENTATIVES	KC Becker (D-13)	100%	★	★	<u>★</u>	★	★	<u>★</u>	<u>★</u>	<u>★</u>	★	★	★	★	
	Marc Catlin (R-58)	42%	★	★	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	★	★	<u>★</u>	✘	
	Julie McCluskie (D-61)	100%	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	
	Barbara McLachlan (D-59)	100%	<u>★</u>	<u>★</u>	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	
	Perry Will (R-57)	33%	★	★	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	★	✘	★	✘
	Dylan Roberts (D-26)	100%	★	<u>★</u>	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	<u>★</u>	<u>★</u>
	Janice Rich (R-55)	25%	★	★	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	★	✘	✘	✘
	Donald Valdez (D-62)	92%	★	★	✘	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
	Matt Soper (R-54)	25%	★	★	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	★	✘	✘	✘

Each year, **Western Colorado Alliance** engages at the State Capitol with our legislators on bills important to our mission and our membership. Through our Legislative Committee, we **track** dozens of bills, take positions of **support** or **opposition**, provide remote **testimony** as well as in person testimony, **call** our legislators, **write** emails, **engage** in a People's Lobby Trip from western Colorado to Denver, and keep our membership **up to date**. This scorecard focuses solely on our rural legislators and the votes they took on priority bills deemed important to **Western Colorado Alliance** and our mission to build communities across western Colorado that are healthy, just, and self-reliant.

The Bills We Tracked in 2019

1

HB19-1006

This bill increases grant funding through the Department of Higher Education for allocation to the State Forest Service for increased forest restoration and wildfire risk mitigation.



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HB19-1261

This bill creates a framework for our state to reduce carbon emissions with a goal of a 50% reduction by 2030, and a 90% reduction by 2050.



2

HB19-1113

This bill eliminates the self-bonding option for mining permits, and requires all reclamation bonds to include financial assurances sufficient enough to protect water quality including treatment and monitoring.



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HB19-1314

This bill creates a Just Transition office in the Department of Labor and Employment. This office will assist with benefits to coal transition workers to enable them to support themselves and their families, give access, education, and training for job transitions, and more. This bill also creates a just transition advisory committee to advise the director regarding implementation of the bill.



3

SB19-181

This bill prioritizes the protection of public safety, health, welfare, and the environment in the regulation of the oil and gas industry by modifying the oil and gas statute and by clarifying, reinforcing, and establishing local governments' regulatory authority over the surface impacts of oil and gas development.



9

HB19-1132

This bill establishes a grant program in the department of education to encourage providers that are entitled to federal money for lunches for students to purchase food products from Colorado growers, producers, and processors.



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HB19-1003

This bill increases the maximum size of a community solar garden from two megawatts to five megawatts. Additionally it expands customer access from "same or adjacent counties" to the entire service area of the utility they are subscribing to.



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SB19-010

This bill allows grant funding be used in schools for behavioral health care services including counseling, therapy, referrals to community organizations, and training for students and staff on behavioral health issues, including prevention, identification and treatment for substance abuse and disorders.



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SB19-096

This bill requires state agencies to collect data around greenhouse gas emissions from polluting entities in our state, in order to inform policy on how to curb these emissions.



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HB19-1004

This bill creates a framework for implementing a competitive state option for more affordable health care coverage in Colorado, specifically designed to benefit mountain and rural communities currently paying much higher health insurance costs.



6

SB19-236

This bill renews the Public Utilities Commission for seven years and reforms it to take meaningful steps to address climate change. It codifies Xcel Energy's proposed carbon reduction target of 80% by 2030 & 100% by 2050 and it clarifies that the PUC has oversight responsibilities with Tri-State – which will help protect rural electric cooperative customers.



12

HB19-1120

...addresses the high youth suicide rates in Colorado and allows youth 12 years of age or older to seek and obtain confidential mental health services from a professional. This bill also requires the Dept. of Education to consult with professionals as well as a youth advisory council when setting up a system of mental health standards across the state.



SB19-243

This bill would have prohibited the use of polystyrene by food establishments. Due to time loss at the end of the session, it never made it past its Senate Second Reading, and for that reason is not included in the scorecard to the left.

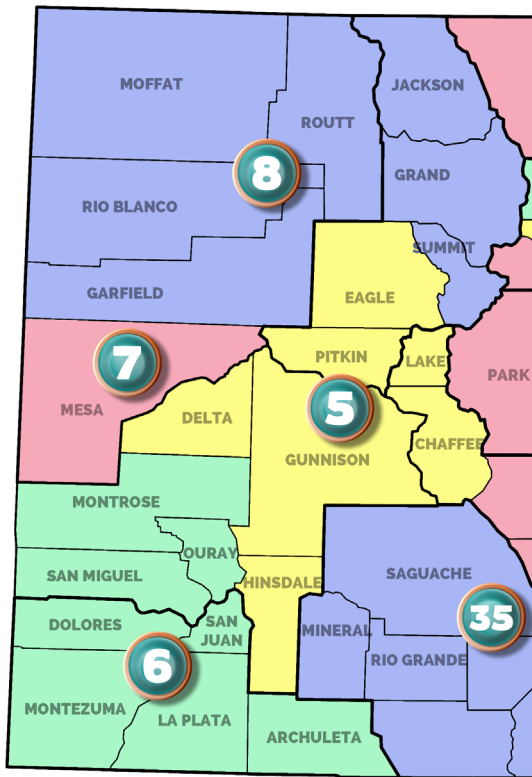


Who represents you in Denver?

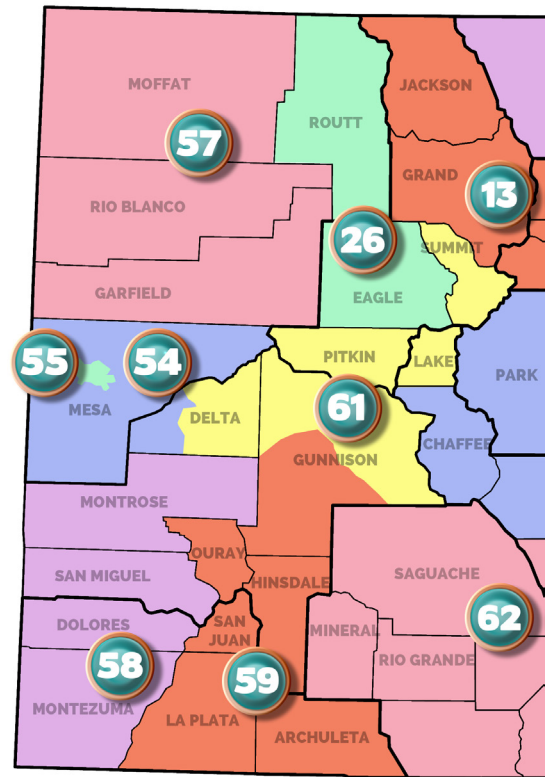
COUNTY	SENATOR	REP.	COUNTY	SENATOR	REP.
Archuleta.....	Coram (SD6).....	McLachlan (D59)	Mesa	Scott (SD7)	Soper (D54)
Delta.....	Donovan (SD5).....	McCluskie (D61)	Mesa	Scott (SD7)	Rich (D55)
Delta.....	Donovan (SD5).....	Willett (D54)	Mineral.....	Crowder (SD35).....	Valdez (D62)
Dolores.....	Coram (SD6).....	Catlin (D58)	Moffat	Rankin (SD8).....	Wilson (D57)
Eagle	Donovan (SD5).....	Roberts (D26)	Montezuma.....	Coram (SD6).....	Catlin (D58)
Garfield	Rankin (SD8).....	Wilson (D57)	Montrose.....	Coram (SD6).....	Catlin (D58)
Grand	Rankin (SD8).....	Becker (D13)	Ouray.....	Coram (SD6).....	McLachlan (D59)
Gunnison	Donovan (SD5).....	McLachlan (D59)	Pitkin	Donovan (SD5).....	McCluskie (D61)
Gunnison	Donovan (SD5).....	McCluskie (D61)	Rio Blanco.....	Rankin (SD8).....	Wilson (D57)
Hinsdale.....	Donovan (SD5).....	McLachlan (D59)	Routt	Rankin (SD8).....	Roberts (D26)
Jackson.....	Rankin (SD8).....	Becker (D13)	Saguache.....	Crowder (SD35).....	Valdez (D62)
Lake	Donovan (SD5).....	McCluskie (D61)	San Juan	Coram (SD6).....	McLachlan (D59)
La Plata.....	Coram (SD6).....	McLachlan (D59)	San Miguel.....	Coram (SD6).....	Catlin (D58)

Western Colorado Legislative Districts

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