

House Democrats Appropriations Caucus Meeting

Monday, April 29, 2024 at 8:00pm

Location: Virtual

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Agenda:

Discussion of operations and bills before the Appropriations Committee

Attendees: Members of the House Appropriations Committee and House Majority staff

Minutes:

- 8:04 - Rep. Sirota convened the meeting and asked if members had concerns about any bills scheduled for tomorrow.
- Discussion of upcoming bills:
 - HB24-1134, Adjustments to Tax Expenditures to Reduce Burden
 - HB24-1223, Improved Access to the Child Care Assistance Prog, including an anticipated memo from JBC Staff showing lower out-year costs
 - HB24-1316, Middle-Income Housing Tax Credit
 - HB24-1434, Expand Affordable Housing Tax Credit, including the potential for adjustments in the Senate
 - HB24-1439, Financial Incentives Expand Apprenticeship Programs
 - HB24-1282, Ninth-Grade Success Grant & Performance Reporting, including the broader sustainability of the State Ed. Fund
 - HB24-1369, Colorado Agriculture Special License Plate, including opposition to license plate bills
 - HB24-1311, Family Affordability Tax Credit, including an anticipated amendment and relationships to other tax credit proposals
- 8:17 - adjourned

House Democrats Appropriations Caucus Meeting

Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 8:00pm

Location: Virtual

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Agenda:

Discussion of operations and bills before the Appropriations Committee

Attendees: Reps. Sirota, Bird, Amabile, Velasco and House Majority staff

Minutes:

- 8:04 PM: Rep. Sirota convened the meeting and asked if members had concerns about any of the bills on Friday's agenda
- Discussion of upcoming bills:
 - HB24-1312, State Income Tax Credit for Careworkers, including anticipated amendments
 - HB24-1448, New Public School Finance Formula, including anticipated amendments and concerns from some members and stakeholder groups
 - HB24-1302, Tax Rate Information to Real Property Owners, including continuing work the sponsor is pursuing
 - HB24-1465, Prog Changes Refinance Coronavirus Recovery Funds
 - HB24-1466, Refinance Federal Coronavirus Recovery Funds, including the significance for the budget as a whole
 - HB24-1142, Reduce Income Tax Social Security Benefits
 - HB24-1247, Digital Education Materials, including an anticipated amendment
- 8:28 PM: Meeting adjourned.

House Democrats Appropriations Caucus Meeting

Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 8:00pm

Location: Virtual

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Agenda:

Discussion of operations and bills before the Appropriations Committee

Attendees: Reps. Kipp, Sirota, Boesenecker, Herod, and Amabile and House Majority Staff

Minutes:

- 8:01 Rep. Sirota convened the meeting and asked if members had concerns about any of the bills on Thursday's agenda.
- Discussion of upcoming bills:
 - HB24-1022, Publish Bill Drafts Online before Session, including opposition from some members
 - HB24-1247, Digital Education Materials, is tentatively planned for Friday with an expected amendment
 - HB24-1373, Alcohol Beverage Retail Licensees, including that it is a priority for several members
 - HB24-1355, Measures to Reduce the Competency Wait List, including the out-year costs noted in the fiscal note as accounted for elsewhere
 - HB24-1462, Third-Party Audit Department of Corrections, including costs accounted for in the budget
- Discussed timing and location of Thursday's hearing and a potential hearing on Friday
- 8:17 adjourned

House Democrats Appropriations Caucus Meeting

Sunday, April 21, 2024 at 8:00pm

Location: Virtual

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Agenda:

- Discussion of operations and bills before the Appropriations Committee

Attendees: Reps. Herod, Sirota, Boesenecker, Amabile, and Jodeh and House Majority Staff

Minutes:

- 8:02pm Rep. Sirota convened the meeting, noting the long calendar for Tuesday, April 23rd.
- Rep Sirota opened a discussion of bills on the calendar for Tuesday, including whether any members had concerns. Bill discussion included:
 - HB24-1054, Jail Standards Commission Recommendations
 - HB24-1059, Compensation for State Elected Officials
 - HB24-1153, Physician Continuing Education
 - HB24-1217 Amabile--Sharing of Patient Health-Care Information
 - HB24-1320 Educator Safety Task Force
 - SB24-003, CBI Authority to Investigate Firearms Crimes, and the opposition from some district attorneys
 - HB24-1379, Regulate Dredge & Fill Activities in State Waters, and the large volume of constituent outreach in support
 - HB24-1135, Offenses Related to Operating a Vehicle, and the changes made in Judiciary Committee
- Discussed tentative plans for a Thursday Appropriations hearing. The calendar may include many tax credit bills with pending amendments and a liquor bill sponsored by Rep. Amabile
 - Discussed TABOR refund 'trigger' for pending CTC and EITC bills, and sunset dates to allow future review of available revenue over the TABOR cap
 - Discussed HB24-1448, New Public School Finance Formula, and concerns with the studies
- 8:37 Concluded

House Democrats Appropriations Caucus Meeting

Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 8:00pm

Location: Virtual

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Agenda:

- Discussion of operations and bills before the Appropriations Committee

Attendees: Reps. Herod, Sirota, Boesenecker, Amabile and House Majority Staff

Minutes:

- 8:09 Rep. Sirota convened the meeting
- Rep. Sirota emphasized that scheduling a bill does not indicate any expectation that the bill passes or any committee member votes a particular way
- Discussion of bills on the calendar for tomorrow, including whether any members had concerns and discussion of upcoming bills
 - Discussion of HB24-1338 and the funds made available for it by HB24-1449
 - Discussion of HB24-1448 and opposition from some school districts
 - Discussion of HB24-1338 and anticipated alternate J amendment that may have slightly reduced FTE. Discussed large funding need and priorities for various communities.
- 8:33 Concluded