

PROTECTING THE COLORADO WAY OF LIFE



Protecting Your Reproductive Rights

Democrats built on years of progress to protect the fundamental right to reproductive health care. Last November, Colorado voters overwhelmingly approved Amendment 79, which enshrined the right to abortion care in the Colorado Constitution. This year, Democrats passed legislation to implement the ballot measure and remove the state's prohibition on using public funds to cover abortion care, ensuring reproductive health care is accessible to all Coloradans, including those on Medicaid ([SB25-183](#)).

Democrats passed legislation to strengthen Colorado's reproductive shield law and protect providers and out-of-state patients by allowing a practitioner to request to have their name excluded from a medication abortion label and prohibiting Colorado entities from cooperating with hostile out-of-state investigations related to legally protected health care ([SB25-129](#)). We also passed legislation to ensure emergency access to abortion and miscarriage care by creating a state-level version of the federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act ([SB25-130](#)).

Safeguarding Your Freedoms

Trump's administration, the Republican-controlled Congress, and his team of reckless advisers are threatening the Colorado we know and love by clawing back federal funding and dismantling civil rights protections and health care coverage. This year, we met the challenges of the Trump administration head on to protect our freedoms, our values, and the Colorado way of life.

The Colorado Defense Fund protects Colorado taxpayers and critical state services from funding freezes and federal actions that threaten the Colorado way of life. HB25-1321 sets aside \$4 million to protect our state's interests from federal efforts to freeze funding, halt contracts, or otherwise disrupt essential services for Coloradans. Coloradans pay more in federal taxes than our state receives back in federal funding, making federal funding freezes even more painful and unjust for our taxpayers.

Health Care

Amid threats to eliminate the Affordable Care Act, Democrats also passed legislation to proactively protect insurance coverage for preventive health care services. SB25-196 directs the Commissioner of Insurance to consider rules to reinstate federal guidelines on preventive care in the event they are eliminated or modified ([SB25-196](#)).

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LGBTQ+

In the 2024 election, Colorado voters approved Amendment J, which removed outdated language in the Colorado Constitution banning same-sex marriage. This year, Democrats passed legislation to implement Amendment J and make corresponding changes in Colorado statute to remove the provision that states that marriage is valid only if it is between a man and a woman ([SB25-014](#)).

The Trump administration continues to target essential gender-affirming health care. To protect this life-saving care, new legislation will codify gender affirming health care coverage requirements in state law and exempt testosterone prescriptions from certain tracking requirements to reduce stigmas ([HB25-1309](#)).

Education

The freedom to read is a cornerstone of a strong democracy, yet politicized book bans continue to attack age-appropriate literature in our schools, especially books that feature marginalized voices. Democrats created safeguards against book bans in public schools by requiring local school boards to establish a standard policy on the acquisition, use and removal of library resources ([SB25-063](#)).

Civil Rights

In anticipation of efforts to further dismantle the national Voting Rights Act of 1965, new legislation codifies stronger voter protections, expands access to voting information for historically excluded communities, and prohibits discriminatory election practices, even if federal protections are rolled back ([SB25-001](#)). Democrats also passed the Freedom from Intimidation in Elections Act to expand protections against intimidation, threats, or coercion while voting, attempting to vote, assisting others in voting, or helping to administer an election ([HB25-1225](#)).

Democrats upheld fairness, dignity, and equality in Colorado law by strengthening and expanding protections under the Colorado Anti-Discrimination Act to better protect Coloradans who experience discrimination, and particularly those with disabilities ([HB25-1239](#)). Democrats passed legislation to protect civil rights and Colorado's immigrant communities by strengthening existing data privacy protections and clarifying constitutional protections for immigrants at public locations, and removing the outdated affidavit requirements for individuals to access a Colorado driver's license or in-state tuition ([SB25-276](#)).