

Key Votes in Colorado's 2015-'16 Legislative Session

During the most recent legislative session at the Statehouse, lawmakers had the opportunity to either defend taxpayers, or to fight them. Below is a compilation of nine bills that Colorado Taxpayers Advocate Fund tracked through the 120-day session, including each legislator's vote and a brief description of each bill. See how your lawmaker voted to make government work and spend more efficiently.

*An "E" represents that the legislator was not present for the vote on this bill

Legislator	SB16-050	SB16-056	SB16-106	SB16-210*	HB16-1041	HB16-1129	HB16-1148	HB16-1159	HB-1284	Score
Rep. Arndt (D)	Yes	Yes	No	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	87.50%
Rep. Becker, J. (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	E	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	87.50%
Rep. Becker, K.C. (D)	Yes	Yes	No	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	75.00%
Rep. Brown (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100.00%
Rep. Buck (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	E	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	87.50%
Rep. Buckner (D)	Yes	Yes	No	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	87.50%
Rep. Carver (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	E	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100.00%
Rep. Conti (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100.00%
Rep. Coram (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100.00%
Rep. Court (D)	Yes	Yes	No	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	87.50%
Rep. Danielson (D)	Yes	Yes	No	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	87.50%
Rep. DelGrosso (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100.00%
Rep. Dore (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100.00%
Rep. Duran (D)	Yes	Yes	No	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	87.50%
Rep. Esgar (D)	Yes	Yes	No	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	75.00%
Rep. Everett (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	E	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	87.50%
Rep. Fields (D)	Yes	Yes	No	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	87.50%
Rep. Foote (D)	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	66.67%
Rep. Garnett (D)	Yes	Yes	No	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	75.00%
Rep. Ginal (D)	Yes	Yes	No	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	87.50%
Rep. Hamner (D)	Yes	Yes	No	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	87.50%
Rep. Hullinghorst (D)	Yes	Yes	No	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	75.00%
Rep. Humphrey (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	77.78%
Rep. Joshi (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	E	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	87.50%
Rep. Kagan (D)	Yes	Yes	No	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	87.50%
Rep. Klingenschmitt (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	E	No	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	85.71%
Rep. Kraft-Tharp (D)	Yes	Yes	No	E	Yes	Yes	E	Yes	Yes	85.71%
Rep. Landgraf (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	E	Yes	Yes	E	Yes	Yes	100.00%
Rep. Lawrence (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100.00%
Rep. Lebsack (D)	Yes	Yes	No	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	87.50%

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Rep. Lee (D)	Yes	Yes	No	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	75.00%
Rep. Leonard (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	E	87.50%
Rep. Lontine (D)	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	66.67%
Rep. Lundeen (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	E	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	87.50%
Rep. McCann (D)	Yes	Yes	No	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	87.50%
Rep. Melton (D)	Yes	Yes	No	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	87.50%
Rep. Mitsch Bush (D)	Yes	Yes	No	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	75.00%
Rep. Moreno (D)	Yes	Yes	No	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	87.50%
Rep. Navarro (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	E	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	87.50%
Rep. Neville (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	88.89%
Rep. Nordberg (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100.00%
Rep. Pabon (D)	Yes	Yes	No	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	87.50%
Rep. Pettersen (D)	Yes	Yes	No	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	87.50%
Rep. Primavera (D)	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	77.78%
Rep. Priola (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100.00%
Rep. Rankin (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100.00%
Rep. Ransom (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	E	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	87.50%
Rep. Rosenthal (D)	Yes	Yes	No	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	87.50%
Rep. Roupe (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100.00%
Rep. Ryden (D)	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	77.78%
Rep. Saine (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	E	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	87.50%
Rep. Salazar (D)	Yes	Yes	No	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	87.50%
Rep. Sias (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100.00%
Rep. Singer (D)	Yes	Yes	No	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	75.00%
Rep. Thurlow (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100.00%
Rep. Tyler (D)	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	66.67%
Rep. Van Winkle (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100.00%
Rep. Vigil (D)	Yes	Yes	No	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	87.50%
Rep. Willett (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	E	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	87.50%
Rep. Williams (D)	Yes	Yes	No	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	E	Yes	85.71%
Rep. Wilson (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100.00%
Rep. Windholz (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	E	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	87.50%
Rep. Winter (D)	Yes	Yes	No	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	87.50%
Rep. Wist (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	E	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	87.50%
Rep. Young (D)	Yes	Yes	No	E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	87.50%

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Sen. Aguilar (D)	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	66.67%
Sen. Baumgardner (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	88.89%
Sen. Cadman (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100.00%
Sen. Carroll (D)	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	77.78%
Sen. Cooke (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100.00%
Sen. Crowder (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100.00%
Sen. Donovan (D)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	88.89%
Sen. Garcia (D)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	88.89%
Sen. Grantham (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100.00%
Sen. Guzman (D)	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	66.67%
Sen. Heath (D)	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	66.67%
Sen. Hill (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	88.89%
Sen. Hodge (D)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	88.89%
Sen. Holbert (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	88.89%
Sen. Jahn (D)	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	66.67%
Sen. Johnston (D)	E	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	75.00%
Sen. Jones (D)	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	66.67%
Sen. Kefalas (D)	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	66.67%
Sen. Kerr (D)	E	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	75.00%
Sen. Lambert (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100.00%
Sen. Lundberg (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100.00%
Sen. Marble (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	88.89%
Sen. Martinez Humenik (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100.00%
Sen. Merrifield (D)	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	66.67%
Sen. Neville (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	88.89%
Sen. Newell (D)	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	66.67%
Sen. Roberts (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100.00%
Sen. Scheffel (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100.00%
Sen. Scott (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100.00%
Sen. Sonnenberg (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	88.89%
Sen. Steadman (D)	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	66.67%
Sen. Tate (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100.00%
Sen. Todd (D)	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	77.78%
Sen. Ulibarri (D)	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	E	75.00%
Sen. Woods (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100.00%

About the Legislation

1. **SB16-050** (Neville T. & Jahn/Saine & Ryden): For the purpose of collecting local sales taxes, the Colorado Department of Revenue assigns retailers a unique location code which reflects the amount of sales tax the retailer is responsible for paying. Incorrect codes can be assigned, however, resulting in the incorrect amount of sales tax being paid. This bill holds retailers harmless for the underpayment of local sales taxes under certain conditions, giving them the freedom to operate without the fear of undeserved repercussions.

Signed by Governor

2. **SB16-056** (Lambert/Lee): This bill ensures that a state employee cannot face retaliation or punishment for revealing information regarding a state agency that may be acting fraudulently, wastefully, or misaligned with best practices. The Office of Legislative Legal Services, the Department of Law, and the State Court Administrator are distinguished as Whistleblower Review Agencies and are responsible to determine whether or not the information shared is confidential under specific standards. *Signed by Governor*

3. **SB16-106** (Holbert/Salazar): As of January 1st, 2017, an administrative law judge (ALJ) that hears campaign finance complaints must annually complete four credit hours of continuing legal education courses that are substantially related to election or campaign finance law and have been certified by the Colorado Supreme Court. Noncompliance with election and campaign finance laws can be costly to citizens and donors, so this legislation requires that ALJ's are well-equipped to oversee these cases. *Signed by Governor*

4. **SB16-210** (Baumgardner/DelGrosso): As a solution to Colorado's growing transportation problem, this legislation would have asked voters for the approval of \$3.5 billion in tax revenue anticipation notes (TRANS). TRANS bonds are short term securities with competitive interest rates, issued for the purpose of capital development projects, and which are repaid with tax revenue collected by the borrowing entity; Colorado utilized this form of financing in 1999 to complete the T-REX project and several other highway development measures. With voter approval, these bonds would have been allocated to a specific list of projects to give Coloradans greater ease of commuting throughout the state. *Killed in House State, Veterans, & Military Affairs*

5. **HB16-1041** (Lebsock/Holbert): In order to obtain the necessary state licenses to operate a retail or medical marijuana business in Colorado, a person seeking licensure must post a \$5,000 surety bond with the Marijuana Enforcement Division in the Colorado Department of Revenue. This bill eliminates that bonding requirement, lowering the barriers to enter the marijuana industry. *Signed by Governor*

6. **HB16-1129** (Lawrence & McCann/Crowder & Heath): To improve the fight against charitable fraud, lawmakers expanded the authority of the attorney general or the appropriate district attorney to bring civil charges of \$10,000 against an individual for each violation of charitable fraud. Penalty fees collected through these charges are to be paid to charity within two years. In addition, a person seeking to apply for registration as a paid solicitor must disclose any possible conflict of interest that might exist between them and the organization. *Signed by Governor*

7. **HB16-1148** (Sias/Roberts & Kefalas): Because Connect for Health Colorado is a marketplace for the public, this bill requires its board to consult with Coloradans when deciding which future matters of governance might require public scrutiny. This legislation also establishes technical and advisory groups to assist with public hearings, and to provide guidance to the Connect for Health Colorado Board specifically on matters that will affect consumers. *Signed by Governor*

8. **HB16-1159** (Lee/Holbert): The Colorado Fraud Investigators Unit, established in 2006 within the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, is tasked with disseminating information and creating focused goals in the investigation of identity theft, financial fraud, or cybersecurity breaches. Because the Unit plays a vital role in keeping sensitive information secure, the Legislature voted to authorize annual appropriations to the Unit until September 1, 2025, with a sunset review to take place prior to its scheduled repeal. *Signed by Governor*

9. **HB16-1284** (Hill & Garcia/Nordberg & Moreno): In order for the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) to provide present and future benefits to retirees, it manages various investment portfolios that differ in risk, return, and asset classes. While PERA recognizes the federal government's sovereignty in matters of American foreign policy, it is also bound by a fiduciary responsibility to minimize its controllable risks and to continually work toward securing long-term capital flow. This legislation requires PERA to identify a list of companies that hold economic sanctions against Israel and to notify each company on the list that it may be divested by PERA if it continues the economic restrictions; PERA must divest its holdings from any company that does not release the sanctions within 180 days of the notification. *Signed by Governor*



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