



2026 Under the Dome - Week 4

Dozens of new bills were introduced this week, bringing the total number of bills introduced thus far to 254. Some of the most anticipated bills of the year are yet to come including the Public Utilities Commission Sunset and bills on price and wage surveillance, the Health Insurance Affordability Enterprise, and artificial intelligence.

The full House spent significant time on the floor this week debating resolutions on [Immigration](#), [Black History Month](#) and Military Appreciation. The immigration resolution [triggered hours of debate](#), highlighting tensions between Democrat state lawmakers and Republicans defending Trump administration actions.

In committees, the House of Representatives convened a bi-partisan ethics committee to review a [complaint filed by Rep. Brandi Bradley](#) (R-Roxborough Park) against Rep. Ron Weinberg (R-Loveland). Weinberg has already indicated that he will not run for re-election.

On Wednesday, the Regional Transportation District (RTD) Accountability Committee delivered a [presentation](#) to the Joint House and Senate Transportation Committees. The committee, comprised of individuals appointed by the Governor and legislature and one ad-hoc member appointed by RTD, recently issued a [90-page report](#) recommending significant overhaul of the agency, which delivers public transportation to eight front range counties.

The following afternoon, the House Business Affairs & Labor Committee took up [HB 1005](#) Worker Protection Collective Bargaining and [approved it on a party-line vote](#). Last year's iteration of the bill passed the House and Senate but was vetoed by Governor Polis after negotiations between labor and the business community collapsed. Polis has indicated his intention to veto the bill again this year unless a compromise is reached.

The House Education Committee approved [HB 1006](#) Thriving Institution Designations for Higher Education by a vote of 8-4 this week. The bill, which establishes an advisory committee of state, college and business leaders to establish designation criteria, will be heard next in the House Appropriations Committee.

Following significant debate, the full Senate approved [SB 004](#) Expand List of Petitioners for Protection Orders which adds healthcare facilities, behavioral health treatment facilities, K-12 schools and institutions of higher education as institutional petitioners that can petition a court

for temporary removal of an individual's access to firearms. The Senate also approved [SB 032](#) Promoting Immunization Access. Both bills now go to the House of Representatives for consideration.

The Senate Judiciary Committee [heard testimony](#) on a bill that would provide individuals injured during an immigration enforcement operation the avenue to sue federal agents in state court. The committee advanced [SB 005](#) Rights Violation in Immigration Enforcement Remedy on a party-line 5-2 vote. The Senate Finance committee approved [HB 1004](#) Continuation of Child Care Contribution Tax Credit. Both bills now head next to the Appropriations Committee.

The House introduced [HB 1101](#) Criminal Offenses Related to Critical Infrastructure Metals, adding criminal offenses related to critical infrastructure components to criminal offenses involving commodity metals.

Following Governor Polis's veto of a bill last year related to social media protections for youth, the topic is going to be revisited this session. So far, legislators have introduced [HB 1058](#) Protections for Minors Featured in Digital Content, [HB 1148](#) Protections for Youth on Social Media, [SB 011](#) Search Warrants Provided to Covered Platforms, and [SB 051](#) Age Attestation on Computing Devices, and more bills on the topic are expected.

The Joint Budget Committee heard public testimony on the state budget on Monday. The five hours of testimony included comments by more than 100 witnesses on a range of topics, dominated by dozens of families who would be impacted by proposed cuts to services for children with severe disabilities. The JBC also began voting to set the budget for state agencies for the FY 26-27 budget, taking action on Departments of Law, Personnel, Regulatory Agencies and Transportation. Several common policy decisions and votes regarding the potential conversion of Pinnacol Assurance were delayed.

The non-partisan Colorado Legislative Council Services office posted a [budget simulator](#) online, allowing everyone an opportunity to make budget decisions that reflect their own priorities. Check it out!

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