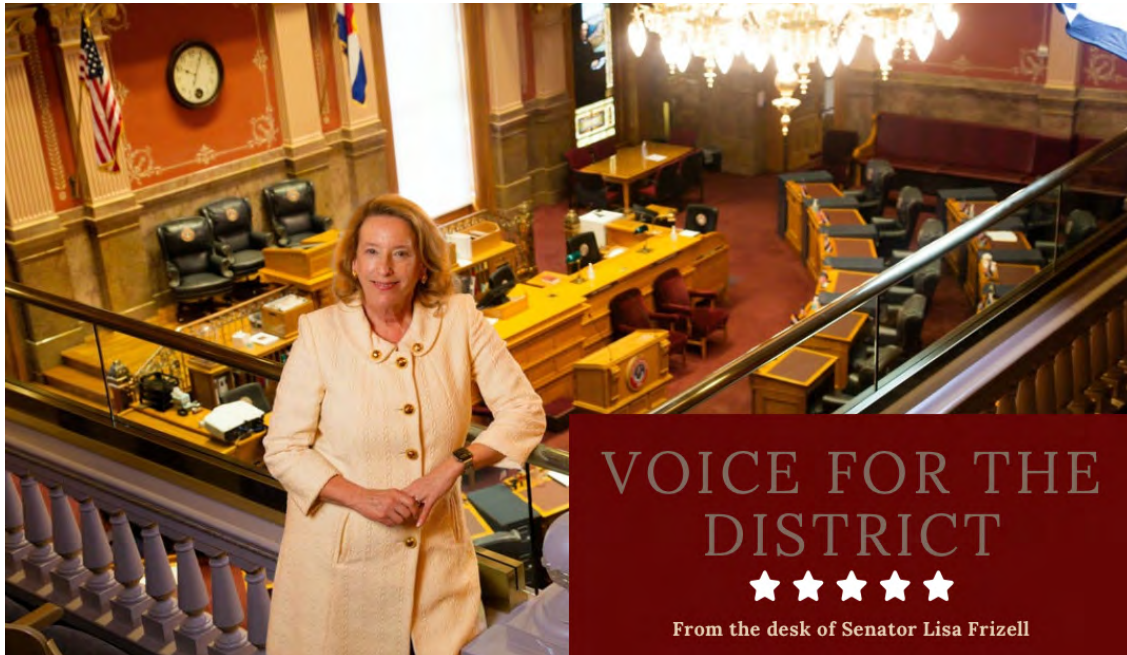




2026 Legislative Session

Week Five - First Bills Clear Committee

Greetings Lori,

This has been a successful week with my first two bills passing through Senate committees - please read on for more updates and information! Thank you for your continued support in my efforts to better Colorado.

Committee Updates

On Wednesday, [SB26-011](#) 'Search Warrants Provided to Covered Platforms' passed unanimously in the Judiciary Committee. As mentioned in previous newsletters, this bill requires social media companies to comply with court-ordered search warrants in a timely manner —and after working with families who have tragically lost loved ones, and had death investigations impeded by social media companies, providing this tool to law enforcement has become a big priority for me. In no other case are companies or individuals allowed to disregard or stall response to a Warrant, and this bill is widely supported by the Colorado District Attorneys' Council, the Fraternal Order of Police, the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police, the Town of Castle Rock, and many, many others. I look forward to a speedy passage of SB26-011 on the Senate floor next week, and sending it on to the House.

Thursday, [SB26-076](#) 'Certification & Practice of Certified Public Accountants' was also passed in the Business, Labor, and Technology Committee with a unanimous vote. This bi-partisan bill I co-sponsored with Senator Lindstedt creates more avenues for individuals to obtain a CPA license and enforces that these avenues be used. No amendments were made to this bill that we brought on behalf of the Colorado Society of CPS's.



Susan G. Komen Day

On Wednesday, I was happy to welcome advocates from [Susan G. Komen](#) to the Senate floor -the vast majority of which are either survivors or are currently battling breast cancer. We are all used to seeing community events put on by the Komen Foundation, but you may not know that they have invested nearly \$3.6 billion in groundbreaking research, community health outreach, and programs like early detection screening programs in more than 60 countries. This work helped reduce the breast cancer mortality rate by 44% since 1989.

If you are looking for breast health resources, please visit Komen's Patient Care Center for information, emotional support, financial assistance, and help navigating the health care system. This Breast Care Helpline can be reached at 1-877-465-6636, helpline@komen.org, and komen.org

It was a pleasure to meet personally with the Senior Regional Manager of Policy and Advocacy for Susan G. Komen, along with survivors —including one of my constituents!

Bad Bills:

[SB26-014](#) 'Modification to Defense of Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity' has made it to the House Chamber after passing Third Reading on Tuesday. This bill updates the Affirmative Defense of Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity by requiring examination reports to be submitted to

the court, which must provide a copy to the Department of Human Services, and by allowing community placement for treatment or rehabilitation. Placing unstable defendants in lower-quality community treatment centers risks public safety by exposing them to increased stressors in less restrictive environments that may not be equipped to manage their needs.

[SB26-016](#) ‘Prohibit Discharge Preproduction Plastic Materials’ will be heard on Third Reading next week after passing through the Senate Transportation & Energy committee on party lines. This bill prohibits the discharge of plastic pellets through land application or into state waters. Under current state law, offenses surrounding criminal pollution are already clearly defined. For this reason, additional regulation concerning the release of plastic pellets, which are undeniably a pollutant, only adds burdens to Colorado business owners. At a time when Colorado consumers are struggling under an affordability crisis, the last thing that private enterprises need are duplicative regulations that scapegoat industry for accidental pollution.

[SB26-042](#) ‘Revenue Classification Taxpayer Bill of Rights’ passed through the Finance committee on Tuesday, even with every Republican member voting NO. This bill exempts two revenue sources from TABOR spending limits: revenue from the state excise tax on aviation gasoline distributed to governmental or airport entities operating FAA-designated public-use airports, and civil fines and penalties imposed by the state. This is just another partisan reduction of the TABOR surplus, estimated to be \$31 million the first year, and slightly more in out-years.

[SB26-043](#) ‘Record Keeping & Regulation of Sale of Firearm Barrel’ has been very contentious this week, and passed through the State, Veterans, and Military Affairs committee despite hours of Public Testimony in opposition. The bill requires a firearm barrel to be sold or transferred in person by a federally licensed firearm dealer. Rather than empowering law enforcement to address real threats to public safety, this bill expands bureaucratic recordkeeping and criminalizes the actions of law-abiding citizens.

Good Bills:

My colleague, Senator Byron Pelton, passed [SB26-015](#) ‘Commercial Sexual Activity with a Child Offenses’ through the Judiciary committee on

Wednesday. The bill changes terminology related to child prostitution to commercial sexual activity in various related crimes. This is a necessary bill that addresses the sexual exploitation of all children in Colorado.

[SB26-019](#) ‘Early Childhood Local System Consolidation’ has successfully passed through the Senate and has been introduced in the House. This bill strengthens Colorado’s early childhood care and education system by aligning administration of the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) and Colorado Universal Preschool, and creating significant efficiencies. I’m grateful that Senator Scott Bright (R-Platteville) is lending his considerable expertise in early childhood learning and childcare to this and several other important policies. There will be more to come on this, but his voice is critical to improving the access and efficiency of our Colorado programs.

[SB26-045](#) ‘Nuclear Workforce Development & Education Program’ passed unanimously through the Senate Education committee this week. This bill creates a Colorado Nuclear Workforce Development and Education Council in the Colorado School of Mines to address nuclear energy demands. There is no fiscal note because programming will be funded by industry — who recognize that Colorado has few education opportunities to accommodate the need for professionals in nuclear energy production.



Christian Home Educators of Colorado ([CHEC](#)) visited the Capitol this week! This organization encourages families to honor Jesus Christ by embracing home discipleship that is free from government control. Colorado has a long history of homeschool success, and CHEC has played a major part in that.

It was great to meet with students from a Catholic Homeschool group in the Senate chamber before convening on Wednesday and speak with them about my role as a legislator.



Castle Rock Youth Commission

The Town of Castle Rock's Youth Commission Members visited the Capitol Thursday as part of the Colorado Association of School Boards Student Winter Legislative Kick-Off! Thank you all for visiting with me. I always love to hear from younger generations about their views on politics, and important policy issues.

Golden Apple Award

I was honored to be named as a School Choice Champion with the Golden Apple Award by the Colorado Coalition of Cyberschool Families ([CCCCF](#)). It was also a pleasure to explore the Destinations Academy Mobile STEM Lab —which is a unique way for online students to gain hands-on experience in the medical field.



Stay Informed

As the session continues, I would like to provide you with some resources to stay informed on what is happening at the Capitol. To watch current or previous debates on the floor of the House or Senate, you can visit the Colorado Channel on YouTube. Click [here](#) to watch.

The Colorado General Assembly [website](#) is also a great resource. Some of the information on this site includes tracking bills, listening to committees, and finding contact information for legislators. Committee proceedings the session will now be recorded and available for the public to view live, or archived meetings!

Thank you for allowing me to serve you,



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