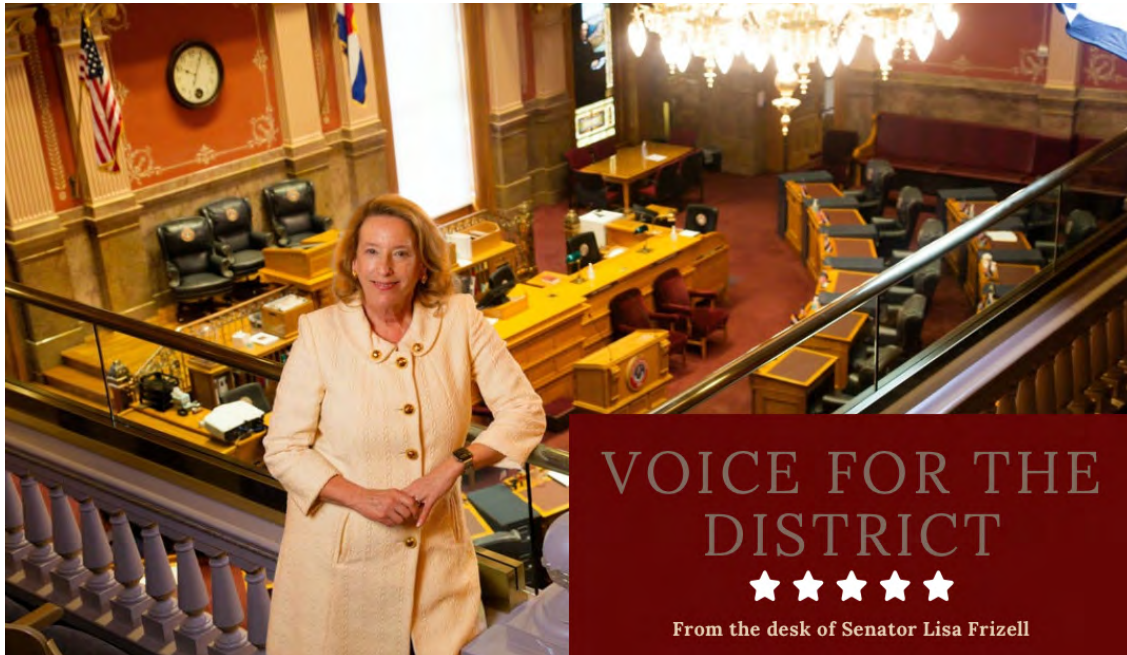




2026 Legislative Session

Week Six - Starting on the State Budget

Greetings Senator Lisa Frizell,

Welcome back, and thank you for taking the time to read my weekly update! As we rapidly approach funding decisions for the 2026 - 27 State Budget, the General Assembly spent this week considering Supplementals to the current budget. It has been a battle for the Minority caucus, but we will continue the fight. Please read on for more

information.

Supplementals

While the legislature sets the budget during session, there are always adjustments that need to be made during the interim. “Supplemental” legislation is introduced toward the beginning of session to account for any necessary adjustments and make any further budget changes required. The Joint Budget Committee approves and addresses over expenditures from Judicial Branch agencies, the Governors Departments, and independent elected officials. Please visit the General Assembly website for a detailed breakdown of the [budget process](#). This week, the Senate heard several Supplemental bills related to appropriation changes and statutory changes. Here is just one of the Supplemental bills that were vigorously debated:

[HB26-1155](#): Department of Health Care Policy and Finance Supplemental increases funds allocated to this department by \$21,000,000, removing funding previously used towards disability services, Medicaid insurance coverage, child health care, and public school health programs. These funds will be reallocated towards medical coverage for illegal immigrants residing in Colorado. This increase also creates five additional, completely redundant jobs that waste taxpayer money. This bill was reengrossed by the Senate on Friday, February 20th and is a direct attack on Colorado Residents’ healthcare options. My Democrat colleagues have made it clear they care more about the health and safety of illegal immigrants rather than the citizens they were elected to represent.

Upcoming KOA Interview

On Monday, February 23rd at 7:30AM, I’ll be a guest on Ross Kaminsky’s Radio show to discuss general legislation and significant updates. I look forward to speaking with him and urge you to follow the conversation by tuning into station 94.1 FM, station 805 AM, or visiting their [website](#)!

Bill Updates

There have been a plethora of bills introduced into both the House and

the Senate so far this session, 279 bills in the House and 118 bills in the Senate. This week alone, 37 bills were introduced on Thursday and Friday. Of the total 431 bills introduced, 161 are bipartisan, 211 are sponsored by Democrats and the remaining 59 are Republican bills. To date, 16 of the Republican bills have been killed and only one from the Democrats. All bipartisan bills are still moving forward.

[SB26-011](#)

On February 17th, SB26-011 passed on Second Reading in the Senate Chamber with recommendations and amendments from the Judiciary Committee. On Wednesday, it passed Third Reading with a 31-2 vote and will be heard in the House Judiciary Committee in the coming days. I was pleased to see this bill on the Consent Calendar, and look forward to its journey through the lower chamber. As previously mentioned, this bill requires social media companies to comply with search warrants -just as any other business or individual must do.

[SB26-076](#)

This policy to update CPA certifications also passed on Tuesday in the Senate Chamber on Second Reading and passed Third Reading on Wednesday with a unanimous vote. As previously described, it expands the options available to people obtaining a CPA certification. I anticipate the progression of this bill into the House within the next few days.

[SB26-046](#)

This bill was heard in the Finance Committee on Tuesday the 17th. Primarily an administrative bill which addresses deadlines within Assessors offices, it also provides significant modernization to some procedural requirements. This bill passed in Committee unanimously and was heard in the Senate Chamber on Friday for Second Reading.



[SB26-085](#)

On Wednesday my bill SB26-085 ‘Military Protection Orders’ passed in the Judiciary Committee with a unanimous vote. This requires officers to check for military protection orders when domestic violence incidents occur if at least one of the parties is in the armed forces. Any military protection order must be considered in a court when determining if a temporary civil protection order needs to be implemented.





Capitol Commission

All in our Senate caucus were so delighted to receive a personalized NKJV Study Bible from the [Capitol Commission](#) this week. This organization places faith ministers inside State Capitols to share God's word, disciple leaders, and bring light into government. They operate in a non-partisan, non-lobbying manner to help us lead humbly and responsibly, and Pastor Dan File visits us in the Capitol every Tuesday to lead bible studies for legislators and staff. I am so grateful for this gift, and the presence of the Gospel in the State Senate.

Bad Bills:

[SB26-097](#): 'Decriminalize Adult Commercial Sexual Activity' legalizes prostitution in Colorado. This bill is extremely concerning for many reasons, foremost of

[SB26-005](#): 'Rights Violation in Immigration Enforcement Remedy' creates a statutory cause of action for any person who is injured during civil immigration enforcement by a government agent. The agent is then

which is that Colorado already ranks 11th in the U.S. for sexual offenses. While this bill would not legalize trafficking, it is very difficult to tell who is consenting – and who is not. The increased risks of violence, trauma, and exploitation that this bill creates cannot be ignored. I submit that it will increase trafficking in Colorado and make it even harder for victims to get justice.

While Nevada has decriminalized prostitution in some counties, they have not done so on a statewide basis. This policy is more radical than Nevada law since counties are not able to make their own laws regarding commercial sex –removing communities' rights to protect their citizens.

[SB26-018](#): 'Legal Protections for Minors' originally required courts to consider whether the parent(s) accept their child's identity if associated with a protected class, such as gender identity, when determining custody, visitation, and other parental right decisions. Thankfully this part of the bill was amended and removed. Unfortunately, the bill still restricts parental rights regarding their child's gender identity and potentially leaves parents in the dark about their child's identity, removing their ability to access court records regarding name

responsible to the injured party for legal relief. This bill attempts to inhibit law enforcement operations and creates significant obstacles to federal immigration officials and their local partners. The vague language of the bill could lead to legal punishments on agents who are lawfully performing their duties. The Department of Homeland Security has found that assaults against ICE officers have increased by 1,150% with an increase in vehicular attacks against agents by 3,200%. There is a connection between 'radical rhetoric' from politicians and the increase in violence against officers.

[SB26-043](#): 'Record Keeping and Regulation of Sale of Firearms' is yet another of several bills introduced that directly attacks Second Amendment rights of citizens. It prohibits the sale or exchange of a firearm barrel unless performed by a federally licensed firearms dealer and is completed in person. This effectively bans the private sale or trade of firearm barrels and bans online exchanges of barrels as well. Additionally, any sales of firearm barrels completed by a licensed dealer must be recorded and kept for at least 5 years. While Democrats claim this bill will help decrease gun violence in our communities, it will have the same

changes.

[SB26-062](#): 'Rodenticide Use Restrictions' limits the use and availability of certain types of rodenticide and rodent glue traps. This bill limits property owner's choice for regulating rodents on their property. This policy also presents a public health risk as it increases the chances of diseases spreading rapidly. SB26-062 has been introduced into the Agricultural and Natural Resource Committee. This bill also contradicts current federal law, placing licensed pest control companies between a 'rock and a hard place' when working with necessary rodenticides.

effect that other bills infracting on Second Amendment rights has had on safety: Little to None!

Furthermore, if passed, this bill will create precedent for further regulation on components of firearms. Democrats have consistently attacked the Second Amendment rights of Colorado citizens, passing 14 bills in 2025 and still attempting to limit access to firearms this session by introducing more radical bills such as SB26-043. Despite efforts to mitigate gun violence in Colorado, these bills have resulted in minimal to no decreases in gun violence but have substantially infringed upon the rights of our citizens. From 2013-2023, gun violence increased by 36%. Data relating to recent gun violence in response to legislation from 2024 and 2025 is not currently available.

Good Bills:

I normally try to include several perspectives in the bill updates – including bills that show potential for positive impacts. Unfortunately, this week has been plagued with bills spearheaded by the majority that promise only negative or no impact to Colorado residents.



It was great to see members of the Rocky Mountain Insurance Information Association ([RMIIA](#)) this week! This organization represents insurers in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming.



Senator Lisa Frizell

Senate District 2

What is Special About My District?

Senate District 2 is a fantastic combination of rural and suburban Colorado, and attracts new residents with amazing recreation opportunities, a very successful school district, stunning vistas, and safe communities.

What Inspired Me to Serve?

My parents and grandparents taught me the importance of being present in your community, and that it is our civic duty to be involved. That doesn't have to mean running for office - volunteering as a scout leader, working in a food bank, or lending a hand in your church or synagogue are more examples of participation. Giving to others is a rewarding and humbling experience that I wish for everyone.

Inspired to Serve Exhibit

A new exhibit is on display in the third floor rotunda! This is an interactive showcase of all the State Legislators with current and childhood photos. We also described our districts, and inspirations to serve in the General Assembly. I encourage a visit if you are ever at the Capitol!



On Thursday, I visited the annual Beverage Association Day at the Capitol. I enjoyed seeing one of my constituents, Shawn Early, who is with PepsiCO.



What a wonderful way to end the week! Reading books to preschoolers at New Horizon's Academy in Parker to celebrate their 'I Love to Read' month.

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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