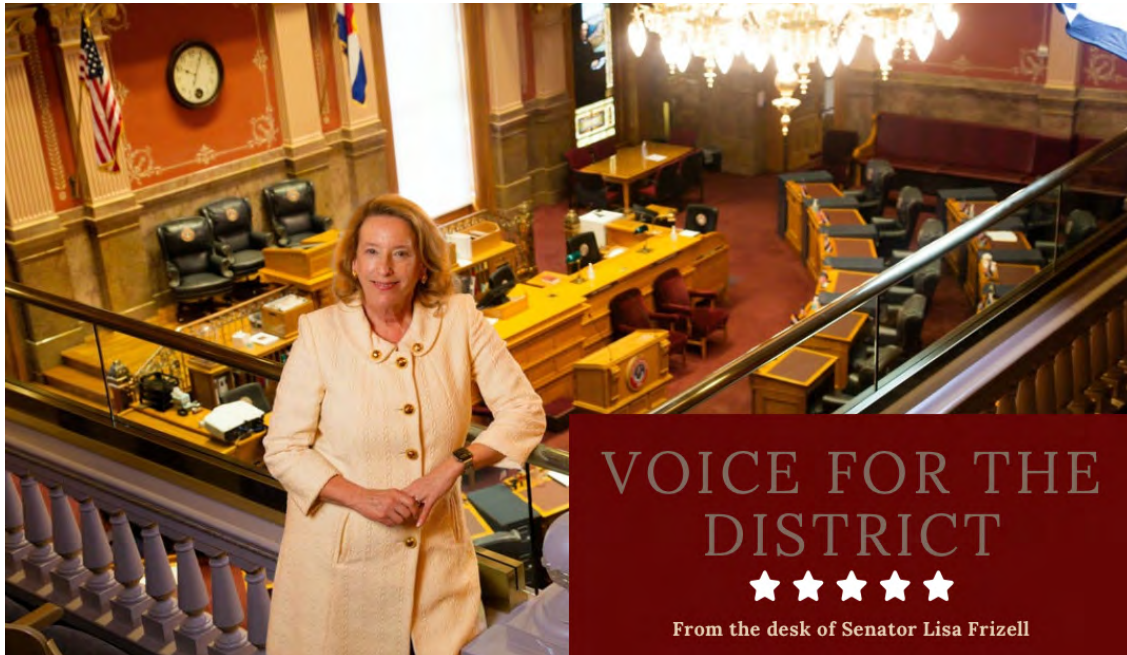




2026 Legislative Session

Week Seven - Shifting Seasons

Greetings Senator Lisa Frizell,

Welcome back! It has been another busy week at the Capitol, and many of my bills are advancing through the legislative process. As we near the halfway point of the session, floor debates and committees are picking up with more bills scheduled. Please read on for some updates.

My Bill Updates

A few of my bills are making the transition from one chamber to the other. I am glad to see the success of my sponsored legislation and look forward to the process completion for these important policies.

[SB26-046](#) ‘Property Tax Administrative Procedures’ made it through Third Reading in the Senate on Wednesday, and should soon be introduced in the House. This bill streamlines Colorado’s property tax process by modifying deadlines, and creates efficiencies in statutory transmission of information.

[SB26-085](#) ‘Military Protection Orders’ also successfully passed through the Senate on Third Reading and will be heading to the House. This bill strengthens coordination between military and civil legal systems, reducing gaps that could threaten victim’s safety.

[HB26-1024](#) ‘Raising Age of Voluntary Relinquishment of Child’ passed Third Reading in the House with a unanimous vote, and will soon be introduced in the Senate. This bill allows a parent to voluntarily relinquish their child if they are 30 days or younger. The current 72-hour timeframe is among the most restrictive in the nation.

Legislative Audit Committee

During the Legislative Audit Committee this week, we received a welcome request for an audit of the Behavioral Health Administration. This will be a comprehensive audit of the Colorado behavioral healthcare system, with particular attention to BHA, HCPF, CDHS, and CDPHE. It is extremely important to assess whether current funding and payment approaches support timely access, service integration, and efficient use of state and federal dollars. I fully support this audit and hope it will lead to improved performance, reduced duplication, and efficiency within Colorado's behavioral healthcare system.



The Colorado Stone, Sand, & Gravel Association ([CSSGA](#)) invited me to speak to their organizations on Wednesday. I was able to share some updates from the Capitol and potential challenges ahead. Thank you to Mark Ewald for the invitation!

Nuclear Caucus Luncheon

This week we held a Nuclear Caucus Luncheon featuring Matthew Solomon where I learned about available options for the state of Colorado to support a Nuclear Lifecycle Innovation Campus. The Department of Energy identified Colorado as a state capable of supporting a long term, coordinated energy system strategy which integrates nuclear energy with current energy sources. The Nuclear caucus requested legislative support in continuing efforts to develop nuclear energy sites in Colorado. Colorado's participation in this program would open opportunities for further development.



Puppy Day!

On Wednesday, [Humane Colorado](#) visited the Capitol with some adorable, and adoptable puppies! I loved meeting Dorothy, a 10-week old pomeranian puppy.

Good Bills:

[SB26-056](#) ‘State Overtime Compensation Income Tax’ conforms Colorado and makes Coloradans exempt from state taxation on overtime pay for the 2027 and 2028 tax years, after which the federal exemption expires. This bill honors the promise of TABOR, and prevents state lawmakers from elongating a stealth tax increase that was passed last session. As many Coloradans struggle with an affordability crisis, reintroducing this popular federal tax write-off to our state’s tax code will help families and individuals keep up with the costs of everyday life.

[SB26-040](#) ‘Affordable Home Ownership Program’ updates the administration of [Proposition 123](#) by seeking to make common sense updates and clarifications. As part of Colorado’s broader efforts to make housing more affordable to everyone, especially first-generation home buyers, this bill reflects smart and practical governance. With Colorado carrying the designation of the fourth most expensive state for homebuyers nationwide, this legislation is a necessary step toward

improved affordability.

Bad Bills:

[SB26-005](#) ‘Rights Violation in Immigration Enforcement Remedy’ permits the lawsuit against an officer representing ICE or an officer executing an immigration enforcement order, given that a citizen is injured. I openly opposed this bill while debating in the Chamber, explaining the plethora of negative consequences this bill triggers if enacted such as decreased law enforcement, increased crime, and increased state costs, but these arguments fell on deaf ears. It passed Second Reading in the Senate on Monday and Final Reading on Tuesday. Several amendments were proposed by my Republican colleagues, all of which were ignored and lost in the chamber.

[SB26-065](#) ‘Systemic Insecticide Use Limitations’ bans the sale of crop seeds containing many insecticides. It requires the buyer to have a certification which identifies these insecticides as necessary. This bill severely restricts our Colorado agriculture businesses, and reduces their ability to protect crops from pests. If enacted, this bill puts our farmers at risk of losing crops and harms distributors and retailers of crop seeds. Fortunately, the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee postponed this bill indefinitely; killing the bill before it could reach the Senate Chamber.



SCFD Day

On Tuesday, the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District ([SCFD](#)) hosted their Day at the Capitol! Many organizations visited to celebrate 'Culture For All'. There are 15 organizations in my district that are supported by SCFD including Lone Tree Arts Center, Parker Symphony Orchestra, and HawkQuest.

Support HawkQuest

If you are a King Soopers shopper, I encourage you to follow the steps below and support HawkQuest at no charge to you! HawkQuest, which is a Douglas County organization, focuses on educating people about environmental awareness and possible extinction of birds of prey and works hard to promote the welfare of these animals.



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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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