



Weekly News & Updates

Legislative Session: **Day 89 of 120**
Sunday, April 12, 2026



Colorado's Budget Is Sending a Warning Signal. We Must Listen.

Colorado's state budget just crossed a line most taxpayers never see until it is too late.

Lawmakers reduced the state reserve fund. They pulled money from the unclaimed property trust fund. They expanded a fast-growing government program with no enrollment cap. At the same time, support for disabled Coloradans was cut.



Max's 2026 Session Bill Status

[Bill No. 1 - HB26-1061](#)

Community Integration
Housing Tax

- *Postponed Indefinitely*

[Bill No. 2 - HB26-1021](#)

Second Amendment
Protection Act

- *Postponed Indefinitely*

(Party-Line Vote in Committee)

[Bill No. 3 - HB26-1098](#)

Public Trustee Act
Foreclosure Procedures

- *House Considered Senate*

Amendments: Amendments Failed

These are not routine adjustments. They are warning signs.

Rep. Max Brooks explains what is happening inside the budget, why it matters to your family, and what it means for Colorado's financial future.

Read the full breakdown here.

Read More



Stay informed. Stay engaged. Stay connected.

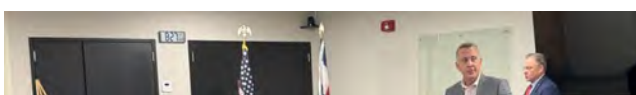
The decisions being made at the Capitol and here at home affect your taxes, your rights, your family, and your future. You deserve direct access to the facts, the votes, and the reasoning behind them.

Follow Rep. Max Brooks on social media to:

- Get real-time updates from the Capitol.
- Watch committee testimony and floor debate highlights.
- See how he votes and why.
- Learn how legislation impacts Douglas County and Castle Rock.
- Engage directly with your Representative.

Self-government only works when citizens stay involved.

Follow Rep. Brooks on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [X](#), and [YouTube](#) today and make sure your voice stays part of the conversation.



Bill No. 4 - SB26-098

State & Local Noise Abatement Authority

*- Assigned to Transportation,
Housing, and Local Government*

Bill No. 5 - HB26-1254

Audit Enforcement

- Postponed Indefinitely

Bill No. 6 - HB26-1287

Sunset Division of Real Estate

*- Referred Amended to
Appropriations*

Max's Co- Sponsored Bills

HB26-1042 - Dry Needling by Occupational Therapists

- Signed by Governor into Law

HB26-1031 - Protections for Agricultural Products Grown in Colorado

- Sent to the Governor's Desk

HB26-1024 - Raising Age of Voluntary Relinquishment of Child

*- Passed Senate Third Reading
(No Amendments)*

HB26-1023 - Political Party Liability for Accessibility Requirements

*- Passed Senate Third Reading
(No Amendments)*

HB26-1079 - Drive Motorcycle Written Permission

*- Consent Calendar to Senate
Committee of the Whole*

HB26-1257 - Local Regulation of Massage Facilities

*- House Considered and
Concurred with Senate
Amendments - Repass*

HB26-1191 - Examination of



Connect with fellow Castle Rock Conservatives!

The **Castle Rock Republican Breakfast** meets monthly, and you are invited!

Where:

Douglas County Fairgrounds Event Center
500 Fairgrounds Road Castle Rock, CO 80104

When:

Every Third Friday at 7:30 AM

It's just \$20 (cash only) for a hot breakfast and strong conversation.

Questions?

Contact or RSVP **Kent Cheese**
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School District Records

- Sent to the Governor's Desk

HB26-1090 - Teacher Licensing Requirements

- Passed Senate Third Reading
Unamended

HB26-1031 - Protections for Agricultural Products Grown in Colorado

- Sent to the Governor's Desk

HB26-1009 - Colorado Mandatory Lethality Assessment Act

- Referred to Appropriations
Unamended

HB26-1339 - Change Cesar Chavez Day to Farm Workers Day

- Signed by President of the Senate

HB26-1092 - Licensed Midwife Public Health Facilities Privileges

- *Postponed Indefinitely*

HB26-1278 - Local Government Approval of Transmission Infrastructure

- *Postponed Indefinitely*

SB26-134 - Payment Card Networks' Fees

- Senate Second Reading Laid Over to 3/30/2026 Unamended

Tidbits

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Colorado Democratic Assembly Shifts Platform Further Left Ahead of Major Primaries

Colorado lawmakers advanced a 46.8 billion dollar

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Home Rule has Protected Colorado Cities for Over 125 Years

State lawmakers continue advancing policies that shift



state budget this week after extended delays and intense debate.

The plan reduces the state reserve from 15 percent to 13 percent, raids funds like the Unclaimed Property Trust corpus, and expands eligibility exposure in programs such as Cover All Coloradans. These decisions increase long term financial risk for taxpayers while limiting flexibility during future economic downturns.

Families in Douglas County and across Colorado should pay close attention. State spending choices today shape taxes, services, and economic stability tomorrow.

Read more about what this budget means for your household and why Rep. Brooks raised serious concerns during the debate.

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zoning authority away from local communities and toward state control.

These changes affect how neighborhoods grow, how density is managed, and how infrastructure decisions get made across Colorado. For communities like Castle Rock and Douglas County, local control has long protected the character and planning priorities residents value.

Rep. Brooks continues to raise concerns that decisions about your neighborhood should stay close to the people who live there, not move to distant state offices.

Read more about how these proposals could reshape growth across Colorado and what they mean for your community's future.

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Castle Rock Fire and Rescue Prepares to Break Ground on New Fire Station

Castle Rock is strengthening emergency response capacity as Castle Rock Fire and Rescue moves forward with construction of a new fire station and logistics center.

This investment improves response times, supports a rapidly growing community, and helps ensure first responders have the resources they need to protect families and neighborhoods across the area.

Public safety infrastructure matters because growth without preparedness increases risk. This project reflects proactive planning that keeps Castle Rock one of the safest communities in Colorado.

Read more about what this means for response coverage and future readiness in our community.

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