



Weekly News & Updates

Legislative Session: **Day 110 of 120**
Sunday, May 3, 2026



They Think You Won't Support It If You Understand It

Democrats are not telling you what SB26-135 actually does.

Instead, they wrapped it in language about children and families, knowing you will respond to that first. That is the hook. That is the shield.

Amendment L014 does more than adjust wording. It reshapes how taxpayer money is directed while steering your attention away from the real questions.

- What does it cost?
- Who pays?
- What gets cut

If this policy could stand on its full merits, it would lead with those answers. They did not.



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

- *Sent to the Governor for Signature*

Bill No. 4 - SB26-098

State & Local Noise Abatement Authority

- *Postponed Indefinitely*

Bill No. 5 - HB26-1254

Audit Enforcement

- *Postponed Indefinitely*

Ask yourself why.

Read the full breakdown.

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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.

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Bill No. 6 - HB26-1287

Sunset Division of Real Estate

*- Introduced to the Senate:
Assigned to State, Veteran, and
Military Affairs Committee*

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

- Signed by Speaker of the House

HB26-1023 - Political Party Liability for Accessibility Requirements

- Sent to the Governor's Desk

HB26-1078 - Local Government Approval of Transmission Infrastructure

- Postponed Indefinitely

HB26-1079 - Drive Motorcycle Written Permission

*- Senate Third Reading Passed -
No Amendments*

HB26-1257 - Local Regulation of Massage Facilities

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

HB26-1191 - Examination of School District Records

- Signed by Governor into Law

HB26-1090 - Teacher Licensing Requirements

- Signed by Speaker of the House

HB26-1031 - Protections for



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Agricultural Products Grown in Colorado

- *Signed by Governor into Law*

HB26-1009 - Colorado Mandatory Lethality Assessment Act

- *Senate Committee on Judiciary Refer Unamended to Appropriations*

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 4/20/2026 Unamended*

SB26-121 - Overtime Threshold for Agricultural Employees

- *Senate Considered House Amendments: Result was to Pass*

Tidbits

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Colorado Budget Plan seek to Keep \$306 Million by Canceling TABOR Refunds

Colorado Democrats want to keep your money.

A new budget plan would cancel \$306 million in TABOR

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Big Changes to Front Range Rail Taxing Boundaries Proposed

They want to expand the tax footprint without expanding your vote.

A new proposal would change

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Castle Rock Overhauls Water Fees, Cuts Costs for Smaller Homes

Castle Rock just made a major move on water policy.

Town leaders approved

refunds, money that was set to go back to taxpayers. Instead of returning it, the state plans to keep and spend it.

TABOR exists for a reason. It limits government growth and protects you from over-collection. When the state takes more than it needs, that money belongs back in your pocket.

This proposal flips that principle.

Rather than cutting spending or setting priorities, the majority is choosing to retain excess revenue and expand government control over it.

That raises a simple question.

If the state can cancel refunds when it is convenient, what is the point of having a taxpayer protection at all?

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the boundaries for Front Range rail funding, pulling more communities into the taxing district. That means more Coloradans could be on the hook for a project many will never use.

Rail has been discussed for years. Costs keep rising. Timelines keep slipping. Now, instead of proving viability, the approach is to widen who pays.

That is not accountability. That is shifting the burden.

Before expanding the map, the state should answer basic questions.

What is the total cost
Who benefits
When will it actually be delivered

If those answers are not clear, expanding taxation should not be on the table.

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changes that lower water fees for smaller homes, bringing relief to many families and first-time buyers. It is a targeted adjustment that recognizes not every household should carry the same burden.

Water is one of the biggest long-term constraints on growth in Douglas County. How we price it shapes who can afford to live here and how responsibly we expand.

This decision signals a shift toward fairness and sustainability, while still keeping long-term resource management in focus.

The bigger question is what comes next.

Will growth continue at a pace that matches our water reality? Or will policy continue to push expansion faster than infrastructure can support?

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