



**Human Rights & Community Relations**

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**FRAMEWORK**

**GLBT Commission Mission:**

To enhance the social, economic and political quality of life in Denver by assisting gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people in the attainment of political equality and full opportunity by empowering the Community through coalition building, gathering and disseminating information and other activities.

**Public Policy Commitment:**

The Denver GLBT Commission is committed to opposition of measures/legislation that could negatively impact Coloradans, including the large number of GLBT residents (estimated at 186,000) in the State.

**Why?**

GLBT residents in Denver are taxpayers, homeowners, business owners, and parents of school age children. GLBT residents in Denver, like all Coloradans, benefit from a strong economy, job opportunities, quality schools, and a well-maintained public infrastructure.

**ALLY ORGANIZATIONS**

1. PFLAG Denver (PFLAG)
2. One Colorado (One)
3. ACLU (ACLU)
4. Colo. Anti-Violence Project (CAVP)
5. The Center (Ctr.)
6. Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN)
7. Colorado Progressive Coalition (CPC)
8. Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition (CIRC)
9. GLBT Chamber of Commerce (Chamber)
10. Colorado GLBT Bar Association (CLGBA)
11. Planned Parenthood (PP)
12. National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL)
13. 9 to 5 Colorado (9 to 5)
14. Progress Now Colorado (PNC)



## LEGISLATION BEING TRACKED (SORTED BY ISSUE)

### Minors

2011 HB 1053 - The Bill removes statutory language authorizing a court to hold a parent of a truant child in contempt of court and to impose a fine of up to but not more than \$25 per day or confine the parent in the county jail until he or she complies with a court order.

2011 HB 1079 – Reduce Youth Homelessness – The bill makes state law compliant with the federal “Runaway and Homeless Youth Act.” Increases the upper age limit for the definition of homeless youth from 18 – 21. Removes the lower age limit for ‘homeless youth.’ Increases the number of days that a runaway and homeless youth can stay in a licensed child care facility or a licensed homeless youth shelter from 14 to 21 days and allows a host family home to an allowable placement for 211 days for a runaway or homeless youth.

2011 HB 1254 - The bill creates a legislative interim committee during the 2013 interim to study issues related to bullying in public schools. The interim committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the education committees of the senate and house of representatives, or any successor committees, on or before January 1, 2014.

### Civil Rights

2011 HB 1032 – Restorative Justice – The bill adds restorative justice to the options a court has when it imposes an alternative sentence instead of incarceration. Prior to charging a juvenile for the first time, the DA shall assess whether the juvenile is suitable for restorative justice. If the DA determines they are suitable, the DA may offer the juvenile the opportunity to participate in restorative justice rather than charging the juvenile. For misdemeanors and petty offenses only.

2011 SB 072 – Provide Coloradans who face discrimination or harassment at the workplace more resources to combat the offense.

2011 SB 126—Allows a student other than certain foreign students or trainees defined in federal law, to be classified as an unsubsidized in-state student for tuition purposes if they meet certain criteria.

2011 SB 129—Creates the “Fair and Legal Employment for Coloradans Act” which requires all nongovernmental employers in the state to participate in the federal electronic verification program for purposes of verifying the work eligibility status of all new employees hired by an employer.

2011 SB 172—Creates the “Colorado Civil Unions Act” to authorize any 2 unmarried adults, regardless of gender, to enter into a civil union.

## **Victim Protection**

2011 HB 1080 – Address Confidentiality – the Colorado Address Confidentiality program is designed to prevent potential abusers from using public records to locate their victims. This Bill eliminates the requirement that a renewal application be signed by the state’s application assistant. It also prohibits a person from knowingly making available on the internet the actual address of, or legal description of property owned by a program participant if they know they are a program participant.

2011 SB 004–Crimes Against the Homeless—Adds homeless adults and juveniles to the at-risk crime provisions. The bill makes the required 5-year statutory appropriation.

## **Voting**

2011 HB 1003 – Define ID for voting purposes - Removes the ability to use certain forms of identification to register to vote.

## **Immigration**

2011 SB 054–Copycat version of the Arizona immigration law (S.B. 1070).

**Legislation Affecting the GLBT Community  
2011**

**Awaiting Governor's Signature**

| BILL       | TITLE               | SPONSORS | COMMITTEE | RATED | SUPPORT OR OPPOSE?           |
|------------|---------------------|----------|-----------|-------|------------------------------|
| HB 11-1032 | Restorative Justice | Lee      | Judiciary | 3     | Supported by Vote on 4/13/11 |

**Signed by Governor**

| BILL       | TITLE   | SPONSOR                     | COMMITTEE                         | RATED | SUPPORT OR OPPOSE?           | Signed by Governor |
|------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| HB11-1053  | Concerning Court Proceedings Initiated to Compel a Minor to Attend School | Solano and Steadman         | Education and Judiciary           | 1     |                              | 3/25/2011          |
| HB11-1079  | Concerning Methods to Reduce the Number of Homeless Youth                 | Casso/Jahn                  | Local Govt.                       |       |                              | 3/31/2011          |
| HB11- 1080 | Concerning the Address Confidentiality Program                            | Todd/Kings                  | State, Veterans and Military Aff. |       |                              | 4/28/2011          |
| HB 11-1254 | Bullying in Schools   | Priola/Schafer and Steadman | Education                         | 1,3,4 | Supported by Vote on 4/13/11 | 5/13/2011          |

**Killed**

| BILL      | TITLE                                  | SPONSOR             | COMMITTEE                            | RATED             | SUPPORT OR OPPOSE?           |
|-----------|--|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| SB 11-172 | Colorado Civil Unions Act              | Steadman/Ferrandino | Judiciary                            | 1, 2, 3, 5, 13    |                              |
| SB 11-054 | Authority to arrest unlawful citizens. | Lambert/Balmer      | State, Veterans and Military Affairs | 2, 3, 8, 13       |                              |
| SB 11-129 | Fair Legal Employment for Coloradons   | Harvey              | State, Veterans and Military Affairs | 2, 3, 13          |                              |
| HB11-1003 | Define ID for Voting Purposes          | Summer and Szabo    | State, Veterans and Military Aff.    | 3                 |                              |
| SB 11-072 | Civil Rights Enforcement Act           | Carroll/Levy        | Judiciary                            | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 13 |                              |
| SB 11-004 | Crimes Against the Homeless            | Guzman/Pabon        | Judiciary                            | 1                 | Supported by Vote on 4/13/11 |
| SB 11-126 | Unsubsidized In State Tuition          | Giron/Miklosi       | Education                            | 2, 3, 13          |                              |

| Ratings | Group  |
|---------|--|
| 1       | PFLAG Denver (PFLAG)                           |
| 2       | One Colorado (One) x                           |
| 3       | ACLU (ACLU) x                                  |
| 4       | Colo. Anti-Violence Project (CAVP)             |
| 5       | The Center (Ctr.) x                            |
| 6       | GLSEN (GLSEN)                                  |
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