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How did El Paso County State Representatives and Senators vote on bills in the 2020 Special Legislative Session?

The Colorado State Legislature convened in December for a Special Legislative Session to address economic relief needs resulting from the coronavirus pandemic. This report outlines the bills that were passed and identifies how each State Legislator from El Paso County voted. Each of the bills passed with bipartisan support.

HB 20B-1001: *Grants to Improve Internet Access in P-12 Education*. Creates a new program in the Colorado Department of Education that provides grants to increase broadband access for educators and students. It provides \$20 million for the grant program. BOCES may apply for the grants.

Votes:

Yes: Carver, Exum, Geitner, Landgraf, Snyder, Gardner, Hill, Hisey, Lee, Lundeen

No: Liston, Sandridge, Williams

HB 20B-1002: *Emergency Relief Programs for Child Care Sector*. Creates two new grant programs in the Department of Human Services: 1) The Child Care Sustainability Grant Program, which provides grant awards between \$500 to \$35,000. Grants will be made by February 28, 2021. 2) The Emerging and Expanding Child Care Grant Program, which provides grants from \$3,000 to \$50,000 for the expansion of an existing provider or opening a new facility.

Votes:

Yes: Carver, Exum, Landgraf, Sandridge, Snyder, Gardner, Hill, Hisey, Lee, Lundeen

No: Geitner, Liston, Williams

HB 20B-1003: Food Pantry Assistance Program. Extends the Food Pantry Assistance program (established in HB 20-1422) and modifies some of the original grant provisions. This bill also provides \$5 million to that program.

Votes:

Yes: Carver, Exum, Geitner, Liston, Sandridge, Snyder, Williams, Gardner, Hill, Hisey, Lee, Lundeen

HB 20B-1004: Qualified Retailer Retain Sales Tax for Assistance. Provides a sales tax “holiday” for restaurants and bars that offer food. Businesses will continue to collect the state’s 2.9 percent sales tax, but will be allowed to retain the revenue. Applies to sales made between November 2020 and February 2021.

Votes:

Yes: Carver, Exum, Geitner, Landgraf, Liston, Sandridge, Snyder, Williams, Gardner, Hill, Hisey, Lee, Lundeen

HB 20B-1005: Local Authority to Impose Food Delivery Fee Restrictions. Allows both municipalities and counties to list the fee that a third-party food delivery service may charge to a restaurant, and places other restrictions on delivery services by ordinance or resolution, including a civil penalty.

Votes:

Yes: Exum, Snyder, Hill, Lee

No: Carver, Geitner, Landgraf, Liston, Sandridge, Williams, Gardner, Hisey, Lundeen

HB 20B-1006: Insurance Premium Tax Payments and Credits. Concerning modifications to the insurance premium tax: modifies how credits against premium tax payments may be claimed or transferred, adjusts the calculation for estimated quarterly taxes, and allows a company to claim a refund for overpayments of estimated premium tax liability.

Votes:

Yes: Carver, Exum, Geitner, Landgraf, Liston, Sandridge, Snyder, Williams, Gardner, Hill, Hisey, Lee, Lundeen



SB 20B-001: COVID-19 Relief Small and Minority Businesses Arts

Organizations. Provides direct relief payments to small businesses, including restaurants, gyms, and movie theaters. Eligible businesses must comply with “severe” county capacity restrictions. This program also provides assistance to arts and cultural organizations, funding to offset liquor license fees, and funding for the minority business office in the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade.

Votes:

Yes: Exum, Landgraf, Sandridge, Snyder, Gardner, Hisey, Lee, Lundeen

No: Carver, Geitner, Liston, Williams

SB 20B-002: Housing and Direct COVID Emergency Assistance. Provides \$54 million

to the Housing Development Grant Fund to provide emergency housing assistance. Also provides \$500,000 to the eviction legal defense fund to help low-income individuals avoid eviction. Finally, the bill creates a new program for emergency assistance in the State Division of Housing, and provides \$5 million.

Votes:

Yes: Exum, Geitner, Landgraf, Snyder, Gardner, Hisey, Lee, Lundeen

No: Carver, Liston, Sandridge, Williams

SB 20B-003: Money for Energy Utility Bill Payment Assistance. Provides \$5 million to the Energy Outreach Colorado Low Income Assistance Fund.

Votes:

Yes: Carver, Exum, Geitner, Landgraf, Liston, Sandridge, Snyder, Gardner, Hisey, Lee, Lundeen

No: Williams

SB 20B-004: Transfer to Make Money Available for COVID-19 Emergency.

Appropriates \$100 million to the disaster emergency fund in order to address continuing costs of managing the COVID-19 pandemic.

Votes:

Yes: Exum, Snyder, Gardner, Hisey, Lee, Lundeen

No: Carver, Geitner, Landgraf, Liston, Sandridge, Williams



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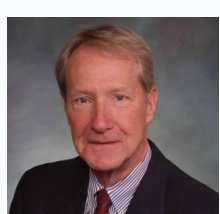
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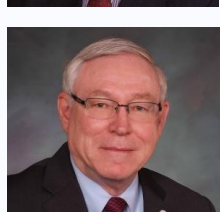
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