

# Colorado State Legislature

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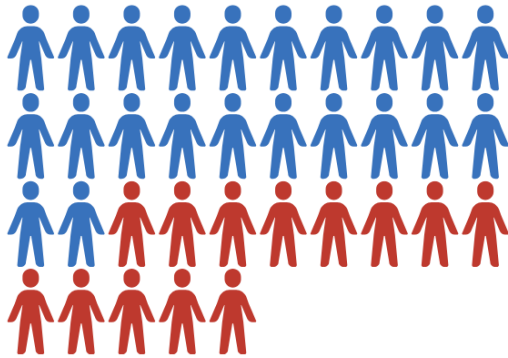
# General Assembly



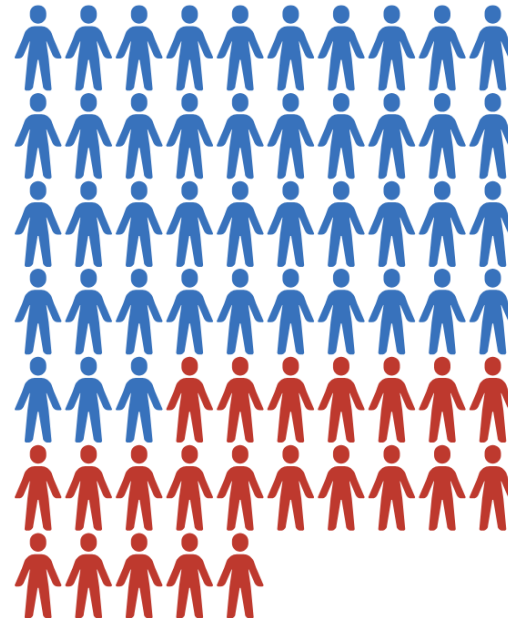
100 members



35 Senators



65 Representatives



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# Term length

All members are limited to serving for eight consecutive years in their chamber:

- Four two-year terms for Representatives
- Two four-year terms for Senators.



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# House Leadership



Speaker of the House  
**Julie McCluskie**



Speaker Pro Tempore  
**Andrew Boesenecker**



Majority Leader  
**Monica Duran**



Assistant Majority Leader  
**Jennifer Bacon**



Majority Caucus Co-Chair  
**Mandy Lindsay**



Majority Caucus Co-Chair  
**Junie Joseph**



Majority Co-Whip  
**Matthew Martinez**



Minority Leader  
**Rose Pugliese**



Assistant Minority Leader  
**Ty Winter**



Minority Caucus Chair  
**Anthony Hartsook**



Minority Whip  
**Ryan Armagost**



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# Senate Leadership



President of the Senate  
**James Coleman**



President Pro Tempore  
**Dafna Michaelson  
Jenet**



Majority Leader  
**Robert Rodriguez**



Assistant Majority Leader  
**Lisa Cutter**



Majority Whip  
**Nick Hinrichsen**



Majority Caucus Chair  
**Dylan Roberts**



Minority Leader  
**Paul Lundeen**



Assistant Minority Leader  
**Cleave Simpson**



Minority Caucus Chair  
**Byron Pelton**



Minority Whip  
**Janice Rich**



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# Committees of Reference

## Senate:

- Agriculture & Natural Resources
- Health & Human Services
- Appropriations
- Judiciary
- Business, Labor, & Technology
- Local Government & Housing
- Education
- State, Veterans, & Military Affairs
- Finance
- Transportation & Energy

## House:

- Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources
- Finance
- Appropriations
- Health & Human Services
- Business Affairs & Labor
- Judiciary
- Education
- State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs
- Energy & Environment
- Transportation, Housing & Local Government



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# Legislative Session Duration

- The General Assembly convenes yearly, starting no later than the second Wednesday of January, and adjourns in May.
- Legislative sessions may not exceed 120 calendar days.

[C.R.S. 2-2-303.5](#)



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# Interim

- The time in between Sine Die and the start of the next legislative session are spent doing constituent outreach and town halls, responding to constituent requests and emails, attending coalition meetings and doing report outs of the previous legislative session.
- New bills are worked on in the interim months, and in some cases over years.
- Language is workshopped with bill drafters, interested parties, and advocates before language is submitted for bill drafting in December.



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# Bills

- Legislators are allowed 5 bills
- The first two are considered “pre-files” because they are due in advance of the full 5.
- These bills usually signal what is most important to an individual legislator.
- Late bills must be requested and are at the discretion of leadership. They are also not guaranteed.
- Constitutionally, all bills must be referred to a committee

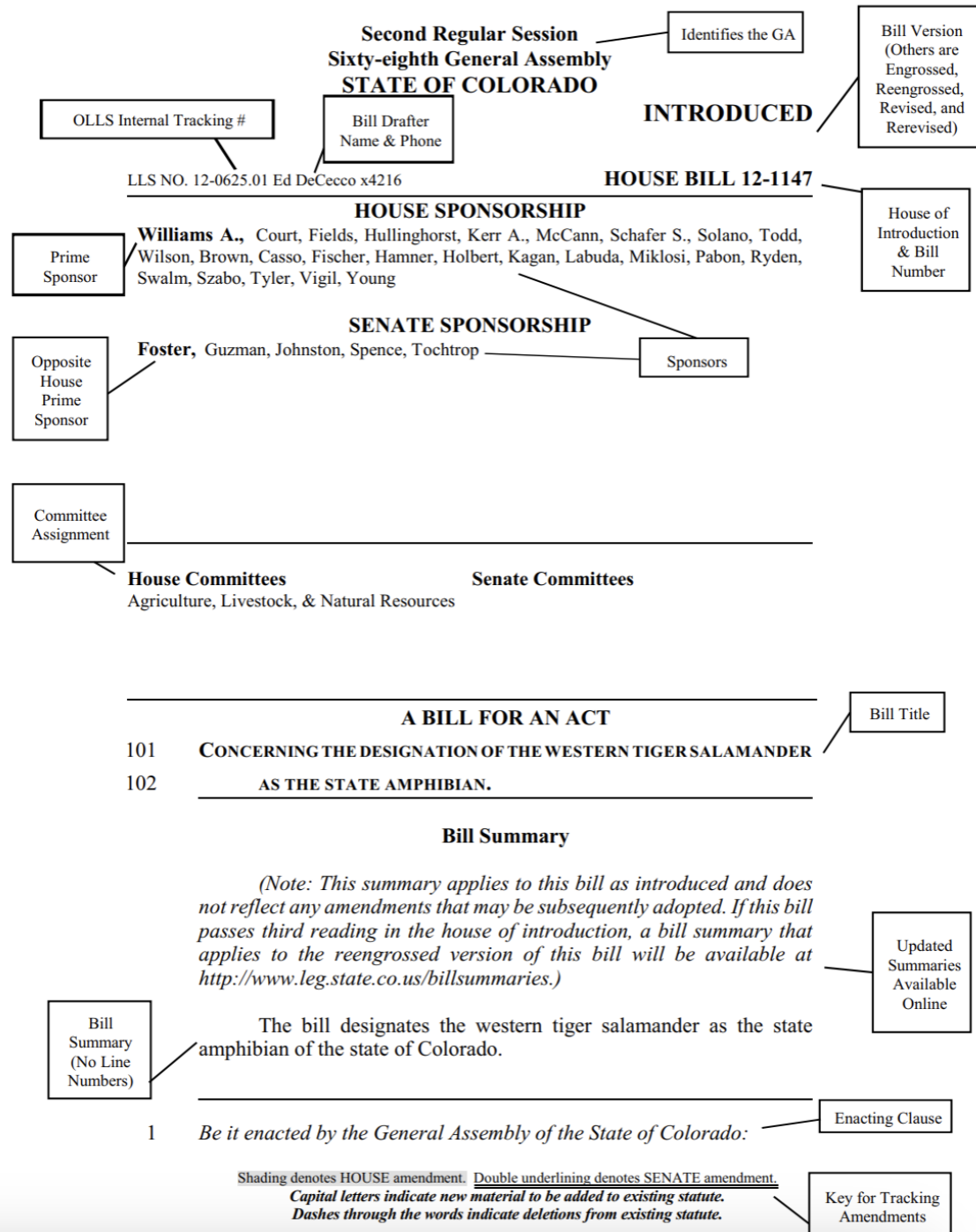
*"No bill shall be considered or become a law unless referred to a committee, returned therefrom, and printed for the use of the members. Every measure referred to a committee of reference of either house shall be considered by the committee upon its merits, and no rule of either house shall deny the opportunity for consideration and vote by a committee of reference upon such a measure within appropriate deadlines."*

*Colo. Const. art. V, § 20*



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# Anatomy of a bill



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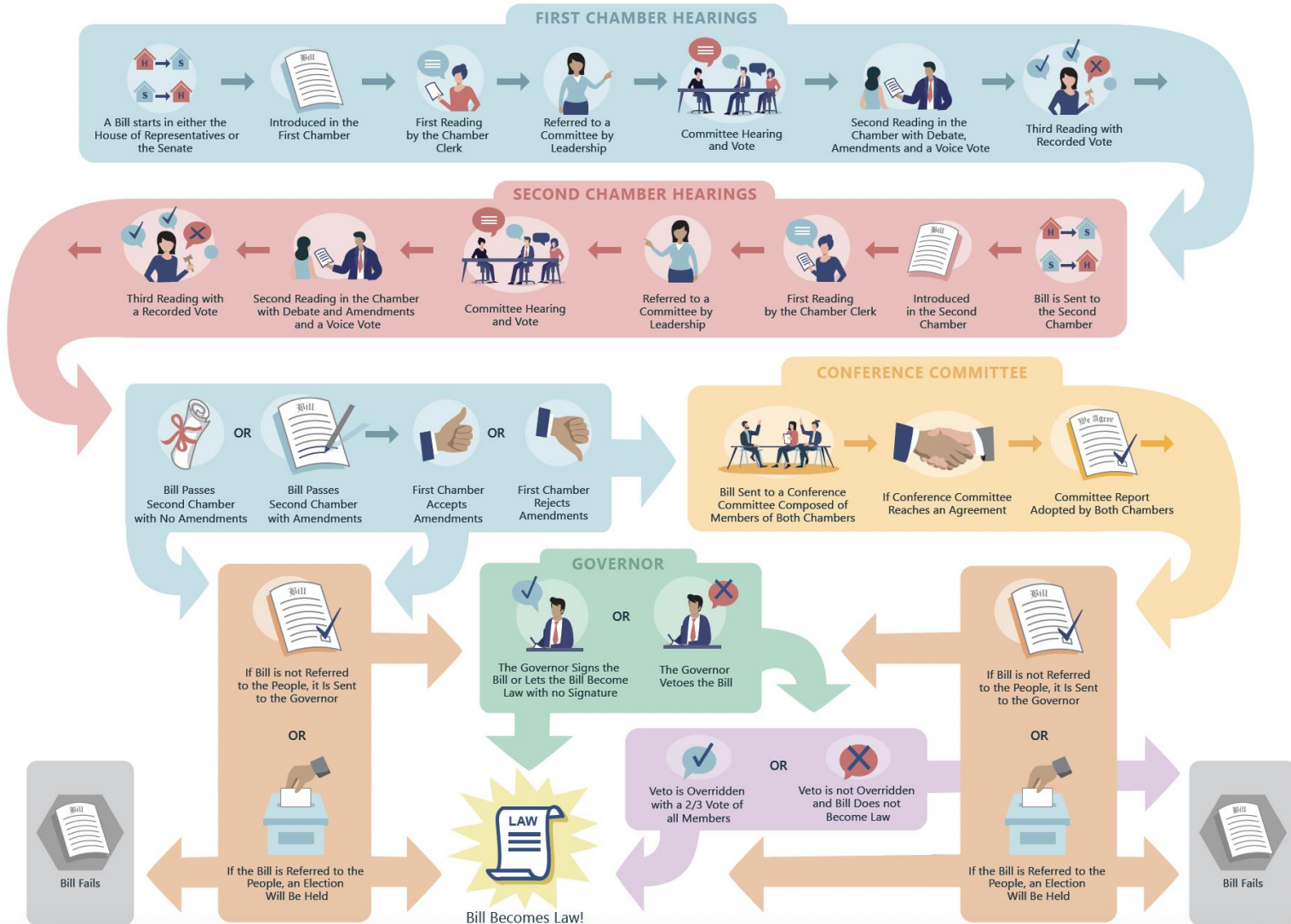
# Fiscal Notes

- The fiscal notes provide a statement of the estimated fiscal impact of a bill or concurrent resolution.
- It can also include fiscal estimates for ballot measures and other fiscal-related research.
- If a bill has a fiscal impact, it is typically referred to the Appropriations Committee.



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# HOW A BILL BECOMES LAW IN COLORADO





Questions?



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# Appendix



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# Additional Resources

Secretary of State: search by a bill number to find out where other folks stand on the issue  
[https://www.coloradosos.gov/lobby/SearchSubject.do?\\_gl=1\\*\\_1xxemgn\\*\\_ga\\*MTM2OTQ5ODY1Mi4xNzMwNDk1NTc4\\*\\_ga\\_JDK6PLVHDW\\*MTczODI4NzIxMi44LjEuMTczODI4NzIxMy4wLjAuMA](https://www.coloradosos.gov/lobby/SearchSubject.do?_gl=1*_1xxemgn*_ga*MTM2OTQ5ODY1Mi4xNzMwNDk1NTc4*_ga_JDK6PLVHDW*MTczODI4NzIxMi44LjEuMTczODI4NzIxMy4wLjAuMA)

Colorado Legislature Website: <https://leg.colorado.gov>

Legislature Deadline

Schedule: [https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/2025\\_deadline\\_schedule-accessible.pdf](https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/2025_deadline_schedule-accessible.pdf)

OLLS Resources: <https://leg.colorado.gov/agencies/office-legislative-legal-services/resources-guides>

Colorado Channel: <https://coloradochannel.net>

Audio for House and Senate and Committees: <https://leg.colorado.gov/watch-listen>

Testimony Sign-up Link: <https://www.leg.state.co.us/clics/clics2025A/commsumm.nsf/NewSignIn.xsp>



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