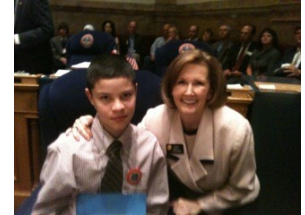


State Senator Linda Newell



“My personal mission is to live with integrity, civility, and accountability. I think you’ll find that my reputation in the General Assembly is based on those; respecting the people and the process.”



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After the close of the 2011 legislative session and my third year in the Senate, it feels like I just got done with my junior year. You know—the toughest of your four years in high school or college when you’ve worked yourself to the bone on late-night papers and finals? However, in the end, all that work was worth it. After many rough days, nights, and votes, we arrived at a **bipartisan budget agreement for Colorado**. I passed 21 bills, with split chambers (Democratic majority in the Senate and Republican majority in the House). I am grateful to have had such a successful year of smart policies for **Colorado jobs and businesses**,

protecting kids and public education, and good government.

I am proud to have personally helped to **protect dollars** for:

- 1) School counselors who help guide students’ behaviors and college/work choices,
- 2) Court advocates for abused and neglected children,
- 3) Legal assistance for domestic violence victims, and
- 4) School breakfasts for low-income kids (whose one meal of the day might be that breakfast). Kids can’t learn on an empty stomach.

I can proudly commit to you

again that **I will always strive for moderate policy and a civil process** that honors the institution that our forefathers set in place.

So, as for my third session? Well, it was **hard and rough, but personally successful.**

Thank you so much for your calls, e-mails, and letters this year letting me know your opinions and questions. **Although we may not agree on every vote, it is comforting to know that most often we do.** Thank you for giving me the honor of serving you. **We are truly still all in this together.**



Recognized in 2011

I am truly humbled to accept these awards on behalf of those who need a strong voice at the Capitol. As your Senator, I work very hard to support you and your loved ones.

Legislator of the Year — Mental Health America

Legislator of the Year — Junior League of Denver

Legislator of the Year — National Association of Social Workers

Honorary Membership of Colorado Human Resource Assn. for Human Resources Legislative Leadership

Public Policymaker Award from United Way

Advocate of the Year—CSIA Technology Association

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Senator Newell's 2011 Session Highlights

SB 40: Youth Sports Concussions

Protects young athletes by requiring coaches of youth athletic activities to complete annual concussion recognition training and by requiring them to remove an athlete from play until he or she has been cleared by a healthcare provider. Coach training can be free, online, and can take less than a half hour.

SB 128: Child-only Health Insurance Plans

Ensures that more kids are covered with health insurance and for the carriers to have a fair marketplace.

HB 1188: Motor & Powersports Vehicle Franchises

Protects jobs and strengthens local economies by safeguarding the investments of auto dealers in their franchise agreements.

SB 133: Fair Discipline in Public Schools

Creates a task force to ensure schools are using the most effective approaches to correct student behavior without criminalizing them and still fostering a supportive learning environment.

SB 120: Protections for Youth in Foster Care

Creates a Bill of Rights for youth in foster care and enables them to work toward independence by helping them to recover from identity theft and participating in more extracurricular activities.

HB 1045: Colorado Innovation Investment Tax Credit

Creates new Colorado companies and jobs by increasing access to capital through angel investors. Encourages angel investors to invest in innovative technology start-ups through a tax credit to the investor.

HB 1219: Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act

Makes it easier for military personnel and overseas civilians to vote as they risk their lives every day to defend our right to vote.

Additional 2011 Bills Sponsored by Senator Newell

HB 1019: Interstate Compact Parolee Residency

SB 178: Manner of Local Sales Tax Exemption

SB 187: Sunset Review Mental Health Professionals

SB 23: Repeal Required Report of Municipal Info

SB 264: Clarify Lis Pendens & Leins

SJR 7: Improve State Government Efficiency

SJR 49: Conflict Resolution Month

HB 1195: Private Investigators Voluntary License

HB 1258: Forensic Autopsy Requirements

HB 1295: Multiple Sclerosis Tax Check-off

HB 1027: Dept. of Defense Child Care Pilot Program

HB 1028: Alzheimer's Assn Tax Check-off

HB 1032: Restorative Justice Practices

HB 1102: Portability Child Care Background Checks

HB 1153: Juror Service Courts

HB 1181: Human Services Child Fatality Review Team

HJR 1015: Child Abuse Awareness Month

HB 1293: Software Tax Clarity