

## Under the Dome | Governor Polis 30-day Clock

### Bill Signings

Yesterday, June 7, marked the final day for Governor Polis to act on bills, choosing to sign, veto or let bills become law without his signature. The “30-day clock” is a time for the Governor and legislative champions to highlight the work of the legislative session with their constituents, garner press attention, and celebrate the big wins of the year.

Governor Polis highlighted a fiscally responsible and bipartisan budget that includes record savings for the future and record investments in Colorado students. He also highlighted what he termed “nation-leading laws” in education and [workforce](#) development, improving [math](#) scores, achieving 100% renewable energy by 2040, harnessing [geothermal](#), making Colorado one of the [top ten safest states](#), and measures aimed at helping [save](#) people money on health care and prescription drugs, as well as a measure to [cut property taxes](#) for Coloradans and seniors and address housing challenges. Gov. Polis also signed into law measures to allow Colorado [farmers](#) and ranchers to legally fix their own equipment, [protect access](#) to reproductive health care, and [combat gun violence](#).

During the final week of the signing tour, Governor Polis signed [SB23-105](#) Ensure Equal Pay For Equal Work and [SB23-172](#) Protecting Opportunities And Workers' Rights Act. These two bills that adjust workplace standards for employers were heavily negotiated by the business community throughout session. [SB23-111](#) Public Employees' Workplace Protection which outlines rights of public employees including the ability to join or refrain from joining an employee organization was signed by Governor Polis with a [Signing Statement](#) directing CDLE to engage in robust rulemaking and directing continued legislative work next year in an attempt to address some of the concerns raised by opponents that included some higher education institutions, K-12 school districts, and local governments.

Governor Polis signed [HB23-1294](#) Pollution Protection Measures administratively including a [Signing Statement](#) directing the department's implementation of the legislation. The bill, which faced opposition from many in the business community, updates procedures and requirements for air quality control regulations through the Air Quality Control Commission and the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission and creates a legislative interim committee.

### Bill Vetoes

Governor Polis leveraged his ability to thwart measures that passed the legislature more this year than in the past. In the 2022 legislative session, only four measures were vetoed while over the past 30 days, Polis vetoed ten measures.

On the second to last day within his authority to do so, Governor Polis vetoed [HB23-1190](#) Affordable Housing Right Of First Refusal which aimed to create a right of first refusal of a local government to match an acceptable offer for the sale of a residential or mixed-use multifamily property. Governor Polis's final [Veto Letter](#) cited concerns from banks on loans for these types of purchases and concerns

from title companies. The [bill sponsors took straight to the press](#) with strong criticism of the Governor's action.

Governor Polis also vetoed [SB23-060](#) Consumer Protection In Event Ticketing Sales. The bill which would have amended consumer protection law regarding ticket sales and resales for events was hotly debated this session with Ticketmaster, AXS, and local venues teaming up against resellers like StubHub, Vivid Seats and consumer advocates including Sports Fans Coalition, National Consumer League, and Consumer Federation of America. In the [Veto Letter](#) Governor Polis touted some components of the bill and encouraged the sponsors to bring back a measure in the future.

Governor Polis vetoed the following bills this year:

- [HB23-1214](#) Procedure To Apply For Commutation Of Sentence - Representative Elisabeth Epps, Senators James Coleman and Julie Gonzales
  - [VETO LETTER](#)
- [HB 23-1147](#) Driver's License Examination Reimbursement - Representative Cathy Kipp and Senator Faith Winter
  - [VETO LETTER](#)
- [SB23-256](#) Management Of Gray Wolves Reintroduction - Senators Perry Will and Dylan Roberts, Representatives Meghan Lukens and Matt Soper
  - [VETO LETTER](#)
  - Governor's [Letter](#) to Department of Natural Resources Executive Director Dan Gibbs
- [SB23-273](#) Agricultural Land In Urban Renewal Areas - Representative Andrew Boesenecker, Senator Janice Marchman
  - [VETO LETTER](#)
- [HB23-1146](#) Employees May Accept Cash Tips - Representative Alex Valdez, Senator Robert Rodriguez
  - [VETO LETTER](#)
- [SB23-259](#) Extension Of Credit For Limited Gaming - Representatives Ron Weinberg and Marc Snyder, Senators Dylan Roberts and Mark Baisley
  - [VETO LETTER](#)
- [SB23-060](#) Consumer Protection In Event Ticketing Sales - Representatives L. Daugherty & M. Lindsay, Senators R. Rodriguez & M. Baisley
  - [VETO LETTER](#)
- [HB23-1190](#) Affordable Housing Right Of First Refusal - Representatives A. Boesenecker | E. Sirota, Senators F. Winter & S. Jaquez Lewis
  - [VETO LETTER](#)
- [HB23-1258](#) Drug Crime Cost Task Force - Representatives S. Sharbini & L. Garcia, Senators L. Cutter & K. Priola
  - [VETO LETTER](#)
- [HB23-1259](#) Open Meetings Law Executive Session Violations - Representatives L. Daugherty & G. Evans, Senators R. Zenzinger & C. Simpson
  - [VETO LETTER](#)