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Syllabus

Course Objectives:

This course will introduce students to major policy issues confronting the Colorado economy. The major policy areas include: Long Term Fiscal Stability; Economic Growth, and Human Resources. Within each of these major policy areas specific issues are identified.

Course requirements:

Bell Policy Center Fiscal Studies
http://www.thebell.org

Colorado Center on Law and Policy
http://www.cclponline.org

State Policy Network
http://www.spn.org

Colorado Fiscal Policy Institute
http://www.cclponline.org

Colorado Constitution (for reference purposes)
http://i2i.org/Publications/ColoradoConstitution/iscolocn.htm

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
www.cbpp.org

Reforming Colorado's Fiscal Constitution

Lecture

Roundtable

Suggested Questions

Should changes be introduced in TABOR?
" " " " " Arveschuag/Bird?
" " " " " Gallagher?
" " " " " Amendment 23?

Suggested Readings

Government Publications

Todd Herreid, "The State Constitution and School Financec", Colorado Legislative Staff Council

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

Council

Natalie Mullis, “Thib9eramework forGeneral Fund Expenditures2234 Colorado

Henry Sobanet TABOR 101: How Colorado's Budget works
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/govnr_dir/ospb/index.html

Legislative Staff Discussion on Referendum C and D
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2005/research/05taxandfinance.htm

Legislative Staff Report on Referendum C Revenue and Spending
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Referendum #88 Rebate of Money Above referendum C Estimates
http://www.leg.state.co.us/lcs/0506initrefr.nsf/89fb842d0401c52087256cbc00650696/c6083eca0cdbe3fd87257186007644c5?OpenDocument

Other Publications

Barry W. Poulson, "A Fiscal Roadmap for Colorado", Independence Institute

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

Wade Buchanan, "Colorado's Fiscal Challenge", The Bell Policy Center

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

The Bell Policy Center, "Looking Forward: Colorado's Fiscal Prospects After Ref C

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

Bert Waisanen, "State Tax and Expenditure Limits-2009, National Conference of State Legislators

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

Daniel Thatcher, "State Budget Stabilization Funds, National Conference of State Legislators

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

Linda Gorman and Ben DeGrow, Exposing TABOR Data Games
http://i2i.org/fiscalpolicycenter.aspx

Penn Pfiffner, TABOR Benefits Colorado's Citizens
http://i2i.org/fiscalpolicycenter.aspx

Protecting the People's Voice: Identifying the Obstacles to Colorado's Initiative and Referendum Process
http://i2i.org

Lind Gorman, Referendum C: Rewarding the Colorado assembly for Behaving Irresponsibly
http://i2i.org

Tax Reforms

Lecture

Roundtable

Suggested Questions

Should reforms be introduced in property taxes?
" " " " " severance taxes?
" " " " " income taxes
" " " " " sales and excise taxes?
" " " " " business personal property taxes?
Should Colorado limit debt?
" " " fees?

Suggested Readings

Government Publications

Summary of 2009 Major Legislative Issues: Tax and Finance, Legislative Council Staff
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Todd Herreid, "Business Personal Property ", Colorado Legislative Council Staff
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

Colorado Ballot Proposal 2009-2010 #21
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

Colorado Ballot Proposal 2009-10 #10

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

Colorado Ballot Proposal 2009-10 #12
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

Focus Colorado: Economic and Revenue Forecast, 2008-2012, Colorado Legislative Council Staff
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

Colorado Governor's Office of Policy and Initiatives: Government Efficiency and Management Review
http://www.colorado.gov/governor

Governor Ritter Unveils Colorado Children's Amendment, Press Release, 13 March 2007
http://www.colorado.gov/governor

2008 Legislative Issues Government Local Taxes/Tax Revenues
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Senate Bill 07-199 Digest of Bills – 2007 Education Public Schools
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

State Tax Rankings Office of State Planning and Budgeting
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/govnr_dir/ospb/index.html

Initiative 113 Severance Taxes on the Oil and Natural Gas Industry
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Memorandum Proposed Initiative Measure 2007-2008 #113 Concerning Severance Tax
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Initiative 119 Concerning the Allocation of Severance Tax Revenues
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Initiative #120 Use of Severance Tax Revenue for Highways
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Memorandum Proposed Initiative Measure 2007-2008 #120 Concerning Severance Tax – Transportation
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

The Oil and Gas Industry in Colorado Office of State Planning and Budgeting
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/govnr_dir/ospb/index.html

Colorado Severance Taxes Colorado Office of State Planning and Budgeting
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/govnr_dir/ospb/index.html

Initiative 23 Proposed Initiative Measure 2007-2008 Concerning the Imposition and Distribution of Severance Tax on Oil and Gas
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Memorandum Proposed Initiative Measure 2007-2008 Initiative for severance tax on gas and oil
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Other Publications

Colorado Fiscal Policy Institute, Handouts for Interim Committee on Long Term Fiscal Stability
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

Henry Sobanet, Presentation to Fiscal Stability Commission
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

Standard and Poor's Colorado: Appropriations: General Obligation
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

Colorado's State Budget Tsunami, Issue Brief, Center for Colorado's Economic Future
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

Ben DeGrow, A Property Tax Increase By Any Other Name
http://i2i.org/fiscalpolicycenter.aspx

Ben DeGrow, Ritter Plan Increases Burden on Taxpayers
http://i2i.org/fiscalpolicycenter.aspx

Ben DeGrow, Ritter's Tax Freeze Plan is Melting
http://i2i.org/fiscalpolicycenter.aspx

Independence Institute Fiscal Policy Center
http://i2i.org/fiscalpolicycenter.aspx

Bighorn Center, Budget Policy
http://www.coloradobudget.com/

Bell Policy Center Fiscal Studies
http://www.thebell.org

Colorado Center on Law and Policy
http://www.cclponline.org

State Policy Network
http://www.spn.org

Colorado Fiscal Policy Institute Aiming for the Middle
http://www.cclponline.org

Coloradan's for a Stable Economy
http://www.facethestate.org

The Colorado Oil and Gas Severance Tax Break: Eliminating This Subsidy Will Not Affect Consumer Energy Prices
www.sonoran.org

Separating the Severance Tax Issues, gjfreepress
http://www.gjfreepress.com

Independence Institute Fiscal Policy Center
http://i2i.org/fiscalpolicycenter.aspx

Bighorn Center, Budget Policy
http://www.coloradobudget.com/

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Colorado's State Budget Tsunami, Issue Brief, Center for Colorado's Economic Future
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

Barry W. Poulson, What Now For PERA, Independence Institute
http://www.i2i.org

Michael Mannino, Deferred Retirement Compensation for K-12 Employees, Independence Institute
http://www.i2i.org

Geoffrey Segal, Priority Colorado
http://i2i.org

Bighorn Center, Budget Policy
http://www.coloradobudget.com/

Independence Institute Fiscal Policy Center
http://i2i.org/fiscalpolicycenter.aspx

Bell Policy Center Fiscal Studies
http://www.thebell.org

Colorado Center on Law and Policy
http://www.cclponline.org

Colorado Fiscal Policy Institute Aiming for the Middle
http://www.cclponline.org

State Policy Network
http://www.spn.org

II Economic Growth

In rent years the state has introduced a wide range of policies designed to promote economic development. Critics challenge the role that these policies play in economic

Should Colorado cities plan for urban renewal projects?
Should local governments use zoning to control economic development?
Should local governments impose limits on employment growth?
Should local governments impose taxes and fees to control development?
Should enterprise zone legislation be modified or repealed

Suggested Readings

Government Publications

Bill Tracking By Subject Area: Economic Development Related Bills, Legislative Council Staff
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm Summary

Summary of 2009 Major Legislative Issues: Economic Development, Legislative Council Staff
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

George Awuor, Enterprise Zones in Colorado: A Survey of Research, The Bell Policy Center
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

Colorado Legislative Staff 2008 Legislative Issues Government Local Urban Renewal Authorities/Downtown Development Authorities
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Colorado Legislative Staff Land Use and Property Rights Bills 2007
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Colorado Legislative Staff, Growth and Land Management Legislation 2003**http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2003/research/03GROWTHA NDLANDMANAGEMENT.htm**

Colorado Governor's Office of Policy and Initiatives: Small Business Finance Forum
http://www.colorado.gov/governor

Colorado Governor's Office of Policy and Initiatives: Keep Colorado Working
http://www.colorado.gov/governor

Colorado Governor's Office of Policy and Initiatives: Jobs Cabinet
http://www.colorado.gov/governor

Office of State Planning and Budgeting, Governor Ritter's Anti-Poverty FY 2008-09 Budget Request
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/govnr_dir/ospb/index.html

Colorado Legislative Staff Land Use and Property Rights Bills 2007
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Colorado Senate, Growth Legislation 2005
http://www.coloradosenate.com/mainlist3.php3?subject_search=%25growth%25

Legislative Staff, Government – Local
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Legislative Staff, Growth and Land Management Legislation 2003
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2003/research/03GROWTHANDLANDMANAGEMENT.htm

Other Publications

Jesssica Peck Corry, From New London to Telluride and Beyond, Independence Institute
http://www.i2i.org

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Other Publications

Randall Otoole. Web of Deceptions, Independence Institute
http://www.i2i.org

Randall Otoole, Why Colorado Should Not Build High-Speed Rail, Independence Institute
http://www.i2i.org

Randal Otoole Great Rail Disasters
http://www.i2i.org/articles/1-2004.pdf

Randall OToole Rail Disasters 2005
http://i2i.org

Randal OToole The Mobility Plan for Denver
http://i2i.org

Randall OToole The Full Truth about Fastracks
http://i2i.org

Randall OToole, Why Rail When Bus Works Better
http://i2i.org

Robert Poole, The Train Drain: Brookings Institution on Rail Transit in America
www.brookings.org

Randal O'Toole, America's greatest Invention
http://i2i.org

Mark Hillman, Roads Short Changed in State Budget
http://i2i.org

Independence Institute, Colorado Transportation Center (various papers)
http://i2i.org/cad.aspx

State Policy Network
http://www.spn.org

Water Issues

Lecture

Roundtable

Suggested Questions

Should the state plan and implement policies for the interbasin transfer of water?
Should the state facilitate smaller regional agreements for water transfers and storage?
Should Colorado reclaim water now flowing to out of state users?
Should the state create a claim on water resources for environmental and recreational uses?

Suggested Readings

Government Publications

Summary of 2009 Major Legislative Issues:Water, Legislative Council Staff
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Bill Tracking By Subject Area: Water Bills, Legislative Council Staff
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Legislative Staff, Government –Water Legislation 2008
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Legislative Staff, Water Legislation 2007
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Legislative Staff, Government, Water Legislation 2005
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2005/research/05Water.htm

Colorado Senate, Water Legislation 2005
http://www.coloradosenate.com/mainlist3.php3?subject_search=%25water%25

Referendum A: Revenue Bonds for Water Projects
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2003/ballot/2003BlueBookforInternet2.pdf

Initiative Proposal De-authorization of Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Other Publications

Natural Resources Law Center
http://www.colorado.edu/law/centers/nrlc

Natural Resources Law Center, Water and Growth in Colorado: A Review of Legal and Policy Issues
http://www.colorado.edu/law/centers/nrlc/publications/waterandgrowth.htm

Natural Resources Law Center, Two Decades of Water Law and Policy Reform: A Retrospective and Agenda for the Future
http://www.colorado.edu/law/centers/nrlc/publications/2001_Conference_Report.pdf

J. Craig Green,Let Colorado Water Markets Work
http://www.i2i.org/articles/6_2004.pdf

J. Craig Green, Politicians Duped by Water "Crises"
source materials 4999fall 07\water\Politicians, Media Duped By Water "Crisis".htm

Independence Institute, Environmental Policy Studies (various papers on water issues)
http://i2i.org/environment.aspx

Natural Resources Law Center
http://www.colorado.edu/law/centers/nrlc/publications/.htm

State Policy Network
http://www.spn.org

Energy Issues

Lecture

Roundtable

Suggested Questions

Should the state mandate the use of alternative fuels in autos?
" " " " " " " " " to generate electricity?
Should oil and gas operators be required to compensate for impacts caused by exploration?
Should the state subsidize research in alternative fuel technology?
Should the state allow local governments to regulate oil and gas activities?

Suggested Readings

Government Publications

Bill Tracking By Subject Area: Summary of Oil and Gas Legislation, Legislative Council Staff
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Colorado Governor's Office of Policy and Initiatives: New Energy Economy
http://www.colorado.gov/governor

Office of State Planning and Budgeting, Fact sheet: The Oil and Gas Industry in Colorado
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/govnr_dir/ospb/index.html

Colorado Legislative Staff, Energy Legislation 2008
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Colorado Legislative Staff Mining Oil and Gas Bills 2007
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Colorado Legislative Staff Energy Bills 2007
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Legislative Staff, Government –Renewable Energy
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Legislative Staff, Government –Transportation and Energy
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Amendment 37 Renewable Energy Requirement
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2004/ballot/2004BluebookforInternet.PDF

Initiative 2007-2008 #11 Local Regulation of oil and gas
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Other Publications

Gary A. Young, Corn Ethanol: Right Problem, Poor Solution
http://i2i.org

Barry W. Poulson, Decarbonizing Colorado
http://www.i2i.org/main/author.php?author_id=90

Alex Schroeder, The Application and Ad

Randall OToole, The False Panacea of Renewable Energy
http://i2i.org

Donald Beezley, Political Price Gauging
http://i2i.org

Independence Institute, Technology, Energy and Utilities
http://i2i.org/teu.aspx

State Policy Network
http://www.spn.org

Environmental Issues

Lecture

Roundtable

Suggested Questions

Should the state impose auto emission standards?

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Legislative Staff, Natural Resource Legislation 2005
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2005/research/05NaturalResources.htm

Initiative #35 2007-2008 Greenhouse Gas Emission Standard
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Initiative #17 2007-2008 for Colorado Department of Environmental Conservation
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Other Publications

Colorado Office of State Budget and Planning
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/govnr_dir/ospb/index.html

Bell Policy Center
http://www.thebell.org/

Independence Institute
http://i2i.org/

Colorado Center on Law and Policy
http://www.cclponline.org

The Bighorn Center
http://www.bighorncenter.org/index.cfm

State Policy Network
http://www.spn.org/publications

Education Issues

Lecture

Roundtable

Suggested Questions

Should school districts be required to allocate 65% of operational expenditures to the classroom?
Should school choice be expanded through voucher?
" " " " " " charter schools?
Should tax credits be expanded for donations and expenditures for private schools
Should the state implement more rigorous testing in the schools?
Should minimum requirements be imposed for high school graduation?
Should the voucher program in higher education be increased and expanded to all post secondary schools?
Should services in education be privatized or contracted out?
Should community colleges and universities be privatized?

Suggested Readings

Government Publications

Summary of 2009 Major Legislative Issues: K-12 Education, Legislative Council Staff

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Summary of 2009 Major Legislative Issues: Higher Education, Legislative Council Staff
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Bill Tracking By Subject Area: Summary of Education Accountability Bills, Legislative Council Staff
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Bill Tracking By Subject Area: Summary of Higher Education Governance and Administration –Related Bills, Legislative Council Staff
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Bill Tracking By Subject Area: Summary of Higher Education Tuition and Student –Related Bills, Legislative Council Staff
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Colorado Governor's Office of Policy and Initiatives: P-20 Education Coordinating Council
http://www.colorado.gov/governor

Colorado Governor's Office of Policy and Initiatives: Race to the Top
http://www.colorado.gov/governor

Office of State Planning and Budgeting, Governor Ritter's Anti-Poverty FY 2008-09 Budget Request
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/govnr_dir/ospb/index.html

Colorado Legislative Council K-12 Education legislation 2008
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Colorado Legislative Council Higher Education legislation 2008
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Colorado Legislative Staff K-12 Legislation 2007
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Colorado Legislative Staff Higher Education Legislation 2007
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Colorado Legislative Staff High School Graduation Requirement Bills 2007
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Colorado Legislative Staff School Choice Bills 2007
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Colorado Legislative Staff School Finance Act 2008
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Colorado Legislative Staff, Government –Education
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Colorado Legislative Staff School Finance in Colorado
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Colorado Legislative Staff Colorado Public School Accountability
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Amendment 39, School District Spending Requirements
http://www.leg.state.co.us/lcs/0506initrefr.nsf/89fb842d0401c52087256cbc00650696/570ef8fde282b79d87257168005fe3d7?OpenDocument

Colorado Legislative Staff, How Colorado Compares in K-12 Funding
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/schfin/k-12Funding0100.pdf

Legislative Staff K-12 Student Assessments
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2000/research/00K-12studentassessment.htm

Other Publications

Krista Kafer, A Chronology of School Choice, Independence Institute
http://www.i2i.org

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http://www.i2i.org

Linda Gorman, Kids Count, Independence Institute
http://www.i2i.org

Paul Mueller, Assessing Colorado Rural Public School Performance,

http://www.i2i.org/main/page.php?page_id=111

Pam Benigno, Offer Greater School Choice in Colorado
http://www.i2i.org

Ben De Grow, Right Side Wrong Reasons
http://www.i2i.org

Jay Ambrose, School Days
http://www.i2i.org

Ben Degrow, Romanoff Task Force Should Hear From Wide Range of Voices
http://www.i2i.org

The Bighorn Center, K-12 Education.
http://www.bighorncenter.org/index.cfm

Headfirst, Who's Controlling Colorado's Schools?
http://www.headfirstcolorado.org/index.php

The Bell Center, Colorado Issues Education (various papers)
http://thebell.org

Coloradokids, A Call for High School Reform
http://www.coloradokids.org/PDF%20files/A%20Call%20for%20High%20School%20Reform.pdf

State Policy Network Education
http://www.spn.org/publications

Independence Institute, Education Policy Center (various papers)
http://i2i.org/education.aspx

Health Care Issues

Lecture

Roundtable

Suggested Essay Topics

Should SCHIP be reauthorized?
Should the state privatize Medicaid
" " " use health savings accounts in Medicaid?
" " " " HMOs " " ?
Should the state tighten eligibility for Medicaid?

" " " " auditing of Medicaid bills for fraud and errors?
Should the state mandate that employers offer health insurance to employees?
Should the state join other states in purchasing prescription drugs?
" " " mandate a list of approved drugs for use in Medicaid?
Should the state adopt a single payer system?

Suggested Readings

Government Publications

Summary of 2009 Major Legislative Issues: Health Care, Legislative Council Staff
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Summary of 2009 Major Legislative Issues: Public Health, Legislative Council Staff
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Bill Tracking By Subject Area: Summary of Health Insurance Related Bills, Legislative Council Staff
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Colorado Governor's Office of Policy and Initiatives: Health Care
http://www.colorado.gov/governor

Office of State Planning and Budgeting: A Fact Sheet Statewide Behavioral Health Incentives in Governor Ritter's FY 2008-09 Budget
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/govnr_dir/ospb/index.html

Office of State Planning and Budgeting, Governor Ritter's Anti-Poverty FY 2008-09 Budget Request
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Colorado Legislative Council Public Health Legislation 2008
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Colorado Legislative Council Health Care Reform Bills 2008
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