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Three Pro-Kids Bills Move Forward in the House This Week

House Bill 1035 passed out of the House Education Committee with unanimous support on Monday. The bill focuses on streamlining the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) by extending eligibility from six to 12 months and reducing burdensome reporting requirements for families. The bill would also align the program year for children dually enrolled in CCCAP and Head Start. Children's Campaign Early Childhood Initiatives Director, Jon-Paul Bianchi, testified before the Committee on the merits of the bill. The bill will head to the House Appropriations Committee next.

Click below to read the Children's Campaign's fact sheet on HB 1035.

<http://tinyurl.com/ybtom6g>

House Bill 1335 passed out of the House Education Committee with unanimous support on Thursday. The bill would authorize Boards of Cooperative Services (BOCES) to serve as School Food Authorities, which would allow schools to participate in group purchasing programs to make healthier foods more affordable. The bill sets up a grant program to support BOCES in this process and requires grantees to meet national Institute of Medicine's nutrition standards. BOCES are also encouraged to purchase locally grown and produced food. Children's Campaign Senior Policy and Education Initiatives Director, Scott Groginsky, testified before the Committee on the merits of the bill. The bill will head to the House Appropriations Committee next.

Click below to read the Children's Campaign's fact sheet on HB 1335.

<http://tinyurl.com/ya66yh4>

House Bill 1026 passed the House with bi-partisan support on Thursday and will now move on to the Senate. The bill would create a grant program to increase funding for early education providers who improve and sustain program quality.

Click below to read the Children's Campaign's fact sheet on HB 1026.

<http://tinyurl.com/yaoe4xs>

Tax Break Eliminations/Suspensions Supported by the CCC Signed Into Law
Gov. Ritter signed into law on Wednesday the package of nine bills that end or suspend a variety of tax exemptions. The measures are projected to generate an estimated \$15.6 million in revenue this fiscal year and \$132.6 million next fiscal year, helping close the state budget gap and preventing steeper cuts to K-12 education and other health and social services. The Children's Campaign applauds the Governor and lawmakers who supported the bills for passing the measures and for the fair and balanced approach to shoring up the state's budget.

Click below to read more about the bill signing and the tax break eliminations.
<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/GovRitter/GOVR/1251572093274>

Position Open at the Colorado Children's Campaign

The Children's Campaign is seeking a Special Events and Operations Manager and will be accepting applications until Friday, March 5.

Click below to view the full job description.

<http://www.coloradokids.org/includes/downloads/rationsmanagerannouncement.pdf>

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