

WE'VE BEEN MAKING AN IMPACT IN COLORADO



90 REPORTS
ISSUED

OVER
\$2.2 MILLION
RAISED



19 STATE AND LOCAL
TESTIMONIES

121 PRESENTATIONS
ACROSS THE STATE



11 BIPARTISAN
POLICY FELLOWS



27
OUTREACH
EVENTS



2 NEW
STAFF



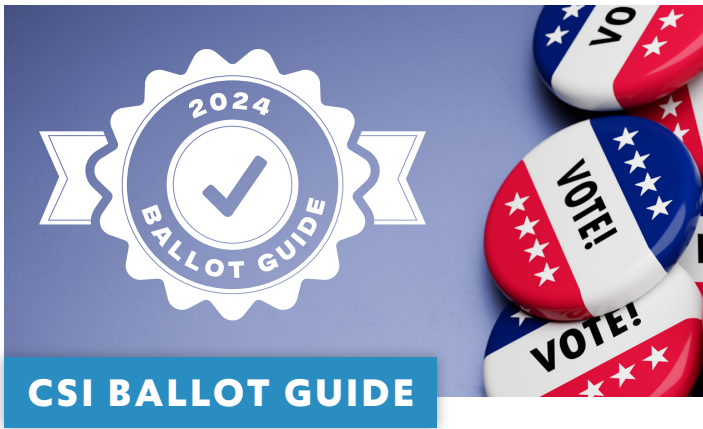
1250+ MEDIA
HITS



120 MEDIA MENTIONS
ON BALLOT GUIDE



10,000
HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVED
BALLOT GUIDE



CSI BALLOT GUIDE

Colorado voters considered CSI's research quantifying the economic impact of measures like the fur ban, slaughterhouse ban, banning big cat hunting, and the economic benefits of reducing crime and increasing law enforcement.



HOUSING & CONDO DEFECTS

No one expected the construction defects conversation to advance as far as it did in the 2024 legislative session.

Peter LiFari's housing research, on construction defects, helped to inform solutions and bipartisan legislation for [construction defects](#). While not ultimately successful, Ted Leighty, CEO of the Colorado Association of Homebuilders said, "It is vital to have facts and data that support your arguments while advocating for complex legislative policy. It's even better when the facts and data are from well-sourced research that is easy to comprehend. A perfect example is CSI's report, *The Decline of Colorado's Condominium Construction* – a concise, well-researched and easily understood report which helped us advance SB-106 farther than many thought we could."



ENERGY

CSI's report "[The Triple Threat: Impact of SB24-159 on the Economy, Revenue, and Emissions](#)", examined the legislature's proposed ban on oil and gas permitting.

The report found the bill would have a \$2B impact on tax revenue, and it would work in direct opposition to environmentalist's goals, increasing emissions by 910,000 metric tonnes. The report was cited repeatedly in testimony, and eventually killed during session. Our success has led to the creation of the Center on Energy and Our Environment which is a leading voice in Colorado.



PROPERTY TAXES

In just the last few hours of the legislative session, CSI issued a report, "[Does SB24-233 Provide Taxpayer Relief and Predictability?](#)"

Our analysis of the last-minute bill showed Coloradans would still see an increase in property taxes from what was being paid today.



ADDRESSING THE WORKFORCE SHORTAGE

CSI Education fellow, Jason Gaulden, in his report: “Supply and Demand: Diagnosing Colorado’s Skills and Attainment Gap” noted over \$3 billion in GDP benefits of a more highly educated workforce.

CSI was the first organization in the state to conduct research comparing postsecondary outcomes of students with future needs of the workforce. We briefed the Colorado Commission on Higher Education, the Governor’s office, and did a road show in Colorado Springs, Fort Collins, Grand Junction and Denver to promote these findings alongside 15 business groups. CSI’s data was the backbone of continued pressure on the state to better align postsecondary programming with needs of Colorado economy.



FEES REPORT

Numerous CSI partners have cited our Fees report as the most impactful report of the year.

The 3000% increase in fees since TABOR passed has been used in policymaker conversations to determine the best way to decrease the expansion of Enterprise Funds and circumventing TABOR refunds back to the people. Because of our data, advocacy partners are making fees a top priority of their advocacy agenda for the 25 session.



RTD REFORM

CSI Urban Development Fellow, Kelly Brough’s, report has heightened the RTD reform conversation.

RTD has double downed on efforts to address safety, ridership and operations. Even the RTD union agreed with her findings and shared their frustrations with the crime and called Transit Police just one solution. They urged the City to get to work too.