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American Rescue Plan Act

Obligated by 12/31/24 and spent by 12/31/26

Interim committees re: ARP funds

- Behavioral health
- Workforce development/higher ed
- Affordable housing

Expect to begin meeting in August

Primary interim committee, sub-panel, and stakeholder input

SB21-290 Security for Colorado Seniors

Signed into law last week

Establishes the Area Agency on Aging Grant Program

Appropriates \$15M to “finance various projects across the state that are...intended to support projects that promote the health, well-being, and security of older Coloradans”

Reimbursement versus pay in advance model

AAA network, CDHS, and Gov Office to establish rules and processes

Cash fund and program set to repeal December 31, 2022

Serve Colorado and Intergenerational Housing

Serve Colorado and the Governor's Commission on Community Service - coordinate and direct Americorps Colorado

Had been working on a CSU/Fort Collins/Greeley opportunity to support Americorps teachers coming into the region through Silvernest

On hold at the moment, but has turned into a potential multi-state opportunity

Policy Priority Areas FY 21-22

Mission: Lead proactive policy development and agency implementation through an evidence-based demographic lens that supports individuals and families across the lifespan with a specific focus on workforce development and reducing health care costs for older Coloradans.

Focus Areas: Lifelong Colorado (CDHS, DOLA, HCPF, CDPHE, CDOT), Older Americans Act/Older Coloradans Act (CDHS), direct care workforce (HCPF, CDLE, CDHE, DORA), NEMT investment/demonstration (CDOT), health equity (CDPHE), and digital literacy/inclusion (CDLE)

Federal Aging Policy Initiatives

Essential Caregivers Act H.R. 3733

- Designates two individuals who can retain access to residential care settings during a Public Health Emergency

Modernize Older Americans Act

- Increase spending flexibility, overall appropriation, and eliminate state/local match for new funding increases

Well-Being Insurance for Seniors to be at Home (WISH) Act

- Creates a federal Long-Term Care Insurance Program
- Payroll tax increase of 0.6% - split between employer/employee

Age-Friendly Public Health appropriations request

- \$50M to CDC to be available to state public health departments



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