

2013 Legislative Accomplishments

During the 2013 legislative session, Colorado Technology Association engaged directly at the state capitol closely monitoring and actively supporting key pieces of legislation related to technology in Colorado.

Economic Development and Incentives

HB 1001 Advanced Industries Accelerator Act (Sponsored by Reps. Young & Gerou | Sens. Heath & Steadman)

HB13-1001 promotes the growth of Colorado's advanced industries by encouraging public-private partnerships, increasing access to early-stage capital, creating a strong infrastructure to improve the state's capacity to be globally competitive, and increasing investment in advanced technologies. - **Signed**

HB 1193 Advanced Industries Export Acceleration Program (Sponsored by Reps. Kraft-Tharp & McLachlan | Sens. Jahn & Roberts)

In conjunction with HB13-1001, HB13-1193 accelerates the ability of high-tech Colorado companies to export their products by providing small grants, as well as training and consultation services, to help them springboard onto the global marketplace. - **Signed**

HB 1287 Extending the Job Growth Incentive Tax Credit (Sponsored by Reps. Primavera & DelGrosso | Sens. Heath & Scheffel)

The Colorado job growth incentive tax credit provides support to any business in Colorado that creates quality jobs in the state (minimum of 5 jobs in a rural enterprise zone, and at least 20 in other areas). Since its implementation in 2009, the program has attracted 27 new business and 7,200 jobs to Colorado. - **Signed**

HB 1206 Expanding Business Incentive Agreements (Sponsored by Rep. DelGrosso | Sen. Scheffel)

Modifies the cap for statutory business incentive agreements (BIAs) applicable to counties, municipalities, and special districts. Adds authority for such BIAs to be formed with any taxpayer that the local government determines, based on verifiable documentation, is at risk of relocating a business facility within the local jurisdiction to a location outside of Colorado. A taxpayer must specify its reasons for relocating - **Signed**

HB 1288 Uniform Sales and Use Tax Base (Sponsored by Reps. Conti & Kagan | Sens. Steadman & Hill)

Requires the Department of Revenue to prepare a report that identifies the sales tax exemptions for each jurisdiction across the state, estimates the revenue associated with each exemption, determines how a uniform sales tax base can be revenue neutral for the state and local taxing jurisdictions, and makes recommendations to the General Assembly to establish a uniform sales tax base. - **Signed**

HB 1295 Simplify Sales Tax for Marketplace Fairness Act (Sponsored by Reps. Ferrandino | Sen. Heath)

Requires large out-of-state retailers to collect state and local sales tax for sales delivered in Colorado, contingent on the passage of a federal law that would allow states to do so. - **Signed**

VoIP and Internet Protocol

HB 1255 Internet Protocol Services Exemptions (Sponsored by Reps. Young & Gerou | Sen. Heath)

exempts from regulation by Colorado's Public Utilities Commission (PUC), with certain limitations, internet protocol-enabled services and voice-over internet protocol service (collectively, "VoIP"), basic telephone service, and any new service not currently regulated. - **Postponed Indefinitely**

Workforce Development

HB 1004 Colorado Careers Act (Sponsored by Reps. Duran & Melton | Sen. Kerr)

Creates the career pathways program, to enable target populations to acquire and improve skills necessary to find good-paying jobs and advance their employability. - **Signed**

HB 1005 Integrated Basic, Career & Technical Training (I-BEST) (Sponsored by Reps. Fields & Buckner | Sen. Todd)

Creates partnerships with the community college system to create 20 pilot programs of career and technical education certificate courses that will be available to under- and unemployed adults. Job seekers will learn basic professional and technical skills in real-world scenarios. - **Signed**