

2014 Legislative Accomplishments

During the 2014 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.

Telecom

HB 1327 Measures Expand Deployment Communication Networks (Sponsored by Reps. Murray & Williams | Sens. Scheffel & Tochtrop)

Measures to expand the deployment of communications networks and is called the Broadband Deployment Act. - [Signed](#)

HB 1328 Connect Colorado Broadband Act (Sponsored by Reps. Williams & Coram | Sens. Nicholson & Crowder)

Helps broadband deployment in underserved areas via grants from funds from the existing Colorado high-cost support fund. - [Signed](#)

HB 1329 Deregulate Internet Protocol Emerging Tech Telecom (Sponsored by Representatives Williams & Murray | Senators Kerr & Scheffel)

Exempts certain Internet-protocol-enabled services from the oversight of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission. - [Signed](#)

HB 1330 Updating Telecommunications Technology Language (Sponsored by Rep. Williams | Sen. Tochtrop)

Updates the telecommunications terminology for telecommunications within the state. - [Signed](#)

HB 1331 Regulate Basic Local Exchange Service (Sponsored by Reps. Williams & Murray | Sens. Kerr & Nicholson)

Involves the regulation of local-exchange services as it impacts competition. - [Signed](#)

Economic Development and Incentives

HB 1011 Advanced Industry Economic Development Funding (Sponsored by Reps. Young & Gerou | Sen. Heath)

Asked the state for a \$5 million annual appropriation, which will fund the Advanced Industries Acceleration Cash Fund (AI Cash Fund). The AI Cash Fund allows for three types of grants to exist with state support — proof-of-concept, early stage capital and retention and infrastructure funding. - [Signed](#)

HB 1012 Advanced Industry Investment Income Tax Credit (Sponsored by Reps. Tyler & Gerou | Sen. Kefalas)

Incentivizes Colorado investors to invest in high-tech Colorado Companies. The bill allows the Office of Economic Development to authorize \$375,000 in tax credits for tax year 2014, and \$750,000 each year for tax years 2015, 2016, and 2017. The credits are approved on a first-come, first-serve basis. The credit is non-refundable but may be carried forward for five years. The maximum credit amount per tax year is \$50,000 for each investment in a qualified business. - [Signed](#)

SB 183 Increase Business Incentive Agreement Maximum Term from 10 years to 35 years (Sponsored by Sens. Heath & Scheffel | Reps. Pabon & Holbert)

Allows counties and businesses to negotiate their business incentive agreement up to 35 years. This will allow businesses and counties to have more control over Business Personal Property Tax. - [Signed](#)

HB 1389 Sales & Use Tax Exemption for IT Equipment (Sponsored by Reps. DelGrosso & Pabon | Sen. Scheffel)

Would have created a sales and use tax exemption for IT equipment in Data Centers. - [Postponed Indefinitely](#)

Workforce Development

SB 205 Create a Talent Pipeline Working Group (Sponsored by Sen. Newell & Rep. Young)

Creates a talent pipeline working group. The bill requires the state Workforce Development Council, CDE, CDHE, CDLE and OEDIT to work collaboratively to grow relevant talent pipelines. - [Signed](#)

Transportation Network Companies

SB 125 Create a Limited Regulatory Structure for Transportation Network Companies (Sponsored by Sens. Jahn & Harvey | Reps. Pabon & Szabo)

Transportation Network Companies Regulations. Allows Uber and Lyft to operate in Colorado. - [Signed](#)