

HB 17-1284

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 Department of Human Services

Colorado has one of
the fastest growing
aging populations in
the U.S.

Colorado's population
age 65 and older is
expected to more than
double, increasing
from 500,000 in 2010
to 1.2 million in 2030.

17,743 Adult Protective
Services (APS) reports
were filed in Colorado
in FY15-16

Since the 2014
mandatory reporter
law went into effect,
the number of reports
received by APS has
increased 60%
statewide.

Support the At-Risk Adults Protection Act

Problem

- Statute does not require a check of the Adult Protective Services (APS) data system for people working with at risk adults.
- There is no way to determine if an employee has a substantiated finding of abuse, neglect, or exploitation in an APS case.
- Employers could hire a perpetrator to care for at-risk adults and not know of any findings of abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

Solution

- Require certain types of employers to **check the Colorado Adult Protective Services (CAPS)** data system when hiring a new employee working with an at-risk adult.
- Help **prevent a perpetrator** of abuse, neglect, or exploitation from **moving from facility to facility**—putting our most vulnerable individuals at-risk.
- Include **ample due process** for those found to have harmed an at-risk adult. Any person found to have harmed an at-risk adult will be notified and have a chance to appeal.
- **Weed out bad actors** working with Colorado's at-risk adults; including persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, dementia, brain injury, and other conditions that make adults susceptible to mistreatment.

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