

WE KEEP US SAFE:

Together Colorado's 2022 Transforming Justice Legislation

*No matter what we look like, how we worship, or where we live, we all want **our rights to be respected, our families to be safe, and our communities to be vibrant and thriving.** But too often, our criminal justice system causes irreversible harm to community members.*

*By passing legislation to reform our legal system with a focus on **rehabilitation and community and social support, we can take steps toward a future where people on all sides of the law can go home safely to their loved ones at night.***

SB22-023

Truth In Interrogation

- Under current law, **police can use deception tactics** when interrogating minors to obtain confessions and plea deals, a practice used frequently on youth of color
- This bill would make it **illegal for law enforcement to lie to minors** during interrogations
- Helping youth achieve adulthood without the traumatizing experience of being lied to by law enforcement means **a better future for our communities**, especially for neighborhoods of color and low income communities

Expand Tickets & Summons, Decrease Arrest

- The vast majority of arrests in Colorado are for low-level offenses, often related to mental health, housing insecurity, and substance use. This bill moves us toward a future **where people get the care they need instead of jail time**
- Currently, we expect law enforcement to take on the roles of mental health care providers and social workers. By **requiring a ticket instead of arrest for petty offenses**, law enforcement can focus on public safety
- This bill will save thousands in public funds which can be used for **social supports and addressing the root causes of crime.**

HB22-1067

Guarantee Bond Hearings within 48 Hours

- This bill requires municipal courts to hold bond hearings within **48 hours of arrest**, closing a legal loophole and **ensuring equal access to justice**
- Colorado law already requires that people arrested for serious offenses see a judge within 48 hours of arrest, but **people accused of low-level municipal offenses can wait up to 6 days in jail**
- Requiring bond hearings within 48 hours means **people can keep their jobs and go home to their families**

By joining together, from the Western Slope to the Eastern Plains, we can make Colorado a place where **liberty and justice are truly for all** and where every one of us can live **full and healthy lives.**

