

2024 Legislative Session Update

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General Assembly Updates

- Open Congressional Seats = More Politics under the Dome
- Adams County Seat to be filled today
 - Back up to 100 members
- 1st 8 days
 - Pomp and Circumstance
 - SMART Act Hearings
 - Still backlogged in drafting
- Lots of bills Expected
 - 654 bills on average over last 10 years
 - 66% become law on average (compared w/ 10% in Congress)



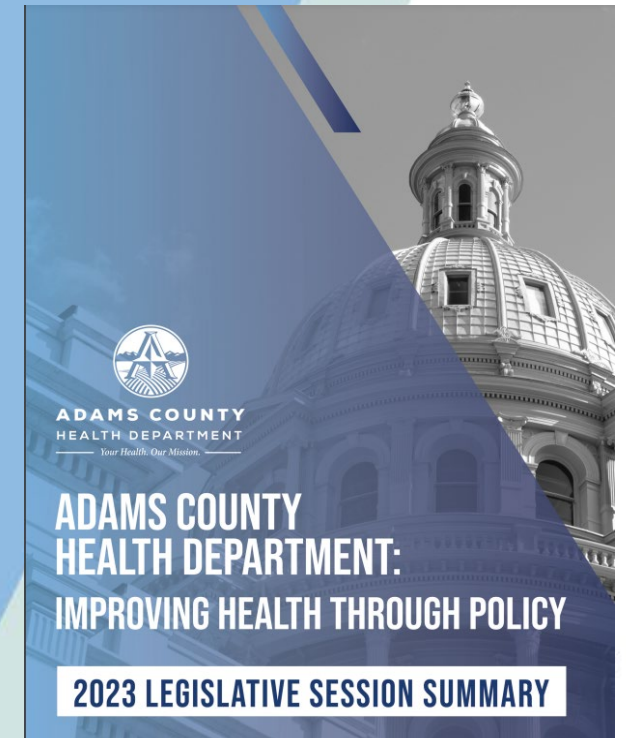
Reminders

- Engagement on legislation is determined by BOH Policy
 - Capacity of Public Health
 - Evidence-Based Support
 - Population-Based Impact
 - Equity-Based Impact
 - Feasibility
 - Impacts upon ACHD and Adams County
 - Legal Ability to Engage in Policy
- How we Engage
 - Direct lobbying, coalition work, work within Public Health Associations, advocacy including legislative testimony, regulatory and implementation



Reminders, cont'd

- Last Year:
 - 96 bills monitored
 - Staff gave testimony 8 times in Legislative Committee meetings
 - Supported 21 bills that became Law
- Generally bills fell into the following categories:
 - Food Access/Nutrition
 - Mental/Behavioral Health
 - Economic Resilience
 - Early Childhood
 - Public Health Workforce Development
 - Reproductive & Sexual Health
 - Environment
 - Access to Care



Notable Bills

- Land Use Returns
- Oil & Gas Permitting Reform
- Sales Tax on Firearms (ballot measure?)
- Long-term Property Tax Fix
- Health Care Worker Protections
- Study on Slavery and Systemic Injustice



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