

The latest UVC Bills to Watch (May 2) is attached. Previous week proved a very busy time for our major bills, with action on several. Unfortunately, one of our specific goal bills – HB21-1065 Veterans Hiring Preference – originally scheduled for Thursday’s second reading on the House floor was laid over to this coming Monday, May 3, possibly because there remains concern on getting the votes to pass it. **Would be helpful if you sent your House representative an email or phone call before 10 AM Monday asking for their “yes” vote on the bill.**

This week’s Bills to Watch includes two new bills and one new resolution.

SB21-245 Backcountry Search and Rescue in Colorado The bill calls for a study that develops recommendations on issues related to backcountry search and rescue, including coordination among the local, state, and nonprofit organizations involved in backcountry search and rescue, the adequacy of resources and benefits available to volunteers who provide backcountry search and rescue services, the funding needs for equipment and reimbursement, and the needs for volunteer training and public education. **The UVC would like to see an amendment adding the Civil Air Patrol to the study.**

SB21-253 Women Veterans With Disabilities License Plate

SJR21-018 Designate SPC Gabriel David Conde Memorial Highway Names a portion of HWY 287 in honor of this Berthoud resident killed by enemy small arms fire during deployment in Afghanistan.