

**Information about Former State Representative Keith
King - HD21, State Senator – SD12**
House District 21 Serves Parts of El Paso and Fremont Counties
Senate District 12 Serves Part of El Paso County

Personal Information

- Born in Tekoa, Washington, March 12, 1948
- B.S. degree from Colorado State University, Pueblo-1970, Industrial Education; M.S. degree from Oregon State University-1976, Vocational Education
- Married to Sandi for 44 years. She graduated from the University of Oregon with a teaching degree in elementary education.
- Two sons: Jeremy graduated from medical school at Des Moines University and completed his residency at Via Christi Medical Center in Wichita, Kansas and is a Professor of Family Medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska. He married Shiree Howell on July 30, 2005 who was a CPA for KPMG. They have three children, Makenzie Noelle and Jordon Christian and Evan James. Brandon graduated from the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs with his M.S. degree in Electrical Engineering and is an Electrical Engineer at RT Logic in Colorado Springs. On August 30, 2008 he married Sara Gerdes in Holdrege, Nebraska. Sara was a CPA and started Ellie K Boutique downtown Colorado Springs on North Tejon. They have two children, Eliana Gabrielle and Hudson.

Work Career

- Taught high school and coached basketball in California and Oregon 1970-1977
Moreno Valley High School, Moreno Valley, California, 1970-1972, Taught Woodshop and Construction Technology, Industrial Education Department Chair 1971-1972
Willamette High School, Eugene Oregon 1972-1976, Taught Industrial Mechanics
Sprague High School, Salem, Oregon 1976-1977, Taught Industrial Mechanics and built a house on a job site with students.
- Started Waterbed Palace in September of 1977 in Colorado Springs, Colorado
Opened 18 Waterbed Palace stores in Colorado, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas, Tennessee and Virginia
Formed companies to support the retail stores: Waterbed Palace Stores-manufacturing, Crown Advertising-advertising, Palace Acceptance-financing
Sold ownership of Waterbed Palace in 2002
- Awarded Waterbed Retailer of the Year, 1991
- Purchased office/warehouse buildings beginning in 1981. Still currently running that business.
- Administrator of Colorado Springs Early Colleges and Colorado Early Colleges – Fort Collins, Colorado Early Colleges – Parker and Colorado Early Colleges – Aurora. These charter schools are authorized by the Charter School Institute where students can receive an Associate's Degree. Founder of the schools that were started in 2007

Community Service

- YBA Basketball Board-Colorado Springs 1987-1991
- Cheyenne Mountain School Board 1991-1995
- Cheyenne Mountain Charter School Board 1995-1998
- Colorado League of Charter Schools 1997-present
- Appointed to the National Assessment Governing Board (NAGB) by Secretary Rod Paige as State Legislator-Republican 2004-2008
- Appointed to the Colorado Charter School Institute board (CSI) by Governor Owens 2006-2007
- Headed planning groups that started seven charter school: Cheyenne Mountain Charter Academy, James Irwin Charter High School, Colorado Springs Early Colleges and Colorado Early Colleges – Fort Collins,

Colorado Early Colleges – Parker, Colorado Early Colleges Fort Collins Middle School and Colorado Early Colleges - Aurora

House District 21 Representative

- *First elected in 1998, 62nd Session of the General Assembly*
 - a. *Vice Chairman of Finance Committee*
 - b. *Member Education Committee*
 - c. *Member Colorado Commission on Higher Education*
 - d. *Member Deferred Compensation Committee*
- *Elected to second term in 2000, 63rd Session of the General Assembly*
 - a. *Assistant Majority Leader*
 - b. *Vice Chairman of Education Committee*
 - c. *Member Finance Committee*
 - d. *Member Legislative Council*
 - e. *Member Colorado Commission on Higher Education*
 - f. *Member Deferred Compensation Committee*
- *Elected to third term in 2002, 64th Session of the General Assembly*
 - a. *Majority Leader*
 - b. *Member Legislative Council*
 - c. *Member Executive Committee*
 - d. *Member Colorado Commission on Higher Education*
 - e. *Co-Chair Colorado Reading Excellence Act*
- *Elected to a fourth term in 2004, 65th Session of the General Assembly*
 - a. *Ranking Republican member of the Education Committee*
 - b. *Member of the Appropriations Committee*
 - c. *Member of the Legal Services Committee*
 - d. *Member on the Interim Committee on School Finance*
 - e. *Member Colorado Commission on Higher Education*
 - f. *Member Colorado Student Loan Committee*

Legislative Awards

- *1999 University of Colorado, Colorado Springs – Alumni Legislative Award*
- *1999 Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry Friend of Business Award*
- *2000 National Federation of Independent Business – Guardian of Small Business*
- *2000 Colorado Lawyers Committee – Community Contribution Award*
- *2001 Mountain States Council, Legislator Recognition Award, Legislator of the Year*
- *2001 Colorado Public Affairs Council – Star Award*
- *2001 Colorado League of Charter Schools – Charter Friend Award*
- *2002 Colorado Student Association – Student Voice Award*
- *2002 Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce – Legislator of the Year Award*
- *2003 Economic Development Council of Colorado, Legislator of the Year*
- *2004 Colorado Dental Association, Colorado Distinguished Leadership Award*
- *2005 Children’s Ark, Friends of the ARK award*

Major Bills Carried and Enacted into Law during the 62nd Session

HB99-1375 *John Irwin Schools of Excellence: This bill rewards public schools in the state of Colorado that had high academic achievement of students. This bill places an emphasis on measuring student achievement using the Colorado Student Assessment Tests.*

HB99-1274 *Charter Schools: This bill allows charter schools to retain their fund balance at the end of the fiscal year, sue and be sued for contract enforcement, and protect enrollment waiting lists for confidentiality.*

HB00-1124 Capital Facilities: This bill gives charter school boards the same power as school district boards in planning, locating and inspecting buildings for charter schools unless it is expressly prohibited in their contract with the district.

HB00-1227 Reduced Registration Fees: This bill reduces the annual motor registration fees required on personal and commercial vehicles. The reduction is taken against the TABOR surplus when it is available.

Major Bills Carried and Enacted into Law during the 63rd Session

HB01-1129 Extracurricular Activity: This bill was carried at the request of Superintendent Harlan Else of School District 12. The purpose of the bill is to give first priority to students in the school district wishing to participate in the team sports that their school district offers.

HB01-1303 School Improvement Grant Program: This bill allows an additional year for a public school that receives an unsatisfactory rating on the School Accountability Report to improve before it is required to be converted to a charter school. It provides unsatisfactory schools with extra funding to help increase the academic achievement of its students.

HB01-1263 Higher Education Common Core Curriculum: This bill creates a common core of 30 to 45 credit hours of core courses that are guaranteed to be transferable among all institutions and allows the student 10 years for completion of the core from the date of initial enrollment. It established a limit of 60 credit hours for an Associates Degree and 120 credit hours for a Baccalaureate degree. All Colorado students can sign a two or four year graduation agreement that formalizes a plan for that student to obtain their degree in that time. A student has the right to know which courses are transferable among state institutions.

HB02-1122 Education Academic Growth Profiles: This bill provides for the reporting and some funding of the student academic growth in a school year. Teachers can use the CSAP tests to improve student achievement by measuring the academic growth of students.

HB02-1273 Charter School Facility Financing: This bill provides charter schools a mechanism that enhances their opportunity for financing their school buildings. It creates the opportunity for school districts and charter schools to cooperate in arranging for facility financing.

HB02-1349 School Finance Act: This bill increases funding for public schools by 5.7 percent, creates a pilot program to change academic performance ratings for schools to academic growth, and changes the reporting deadlines for charter schools to report information on the same schedule as other public schools.

SB 02-113 Anti-Terrorism in Higher Education: This bill requires all Higher Education institutions in the state to cooperate with the federal government to verify the status of all foreign students. All foreign students attending our high education institutions are required to be in the state legally.

SB 02-144 Exemption from public access requirements: This bill allows a higher education governing board to discuss in executive session the awarding of honorary degrees, medals and other honorary awards.

Major Bills Carried and Enacted into Law during the 64th Session

HB03-1188 Automobile Insurance: Converted Colorado from a no-fault state to a tort state.

HB03-1363 Tax-exempt Facility Financing: This bill removes a pervasive sectarian test from non-profits who desire to issue bonds that are double tax-exempt. This allows non-profits to save approximately two percentage points on their borrowing costs.

HB04-1009 *Governing Board Exemption From State Restrictions: This bill exempts higher education governing boards from state restrictions concerning motor vehicle fleet systems and risk management program requirements.*

HB04-1011 *Classified Personnel System on Higher Education Institutions: Allows the institutions of higher education in Colorado to set up an alternative personnel system. Permits the governing boards of the institutions to hire their employees under their own employee system and not the states personnel system.. Please note this bill passed the House of Representatives and not the Senate.*

HB04-1141 *Charter School Authorizers: Allows charter school applicants who have applied to a school district and been turned down the opportunity to apply to the state board of education. The state board is allowed to become a state wide chartering authority.*

HB04-0174 *Teacher Licensure: Creates authorizations and licensees of teachers to conform to requirements of No Child Left Behind. Allows principals and administrators to be authorized and licensed under the new requirements.*

HB04-1433 – *Academic Growth of Students: Changes the School Accountability Reports to an Academic Growth Rating. Creates a diagnostic tool for teachers to track the academic growth of students on a statewide basis and award schools for high academic growth of students*

SB 04-186 – *College Opportunity Fund: Changes the funding system for higher education in the state. Provides funding by means of a stipend to students who attend public and private colleges and universities. Establishes performance contracts between Colorado Commission on Higher Education and the institutions which hold them accountable for outcomes. Allows institutions to qualify for enterprise status under TABOR.*

SB 04-252 – *Financing Higher Education: Allows higher education institutions the flexibility to issue revenue bonds for capital construction if they qualify for enterprise status under TABOR.*

Major Bills Carried and Enacted into Law during the 65th Session

HB05-1026 – *Educator Licensure: Clarifies the process for approving, denying, and suspending a teacher's license. Also exempts military personnel from losing their licensee for active duty.*

HB05-1084 – *Residential Treatment Service Rates: Provides a mechanism to address how the state pays for Residential Treatment services for young adults. Requires that the state must make the process market driven and allows the treatment centers to have a voice in the rate setting process.*

HB05-1217 – *Calculation Sufficient For Academic Growth: Provides a stable funding source for the state to do longitudinal assessment of student academic achievement.*

HJR05-1047 – *No Child Left Behind Flexibility: Asked Congress to change Adequate Yearly Progress from a cross sectional measurement to a longitudinal one. Also asked for more flexibility in evaluating special education students and the alignment between NCLB and IDEA.*

HJR06-1004 - *Support to Participate in the Federal Pilot Program for Use of a Growth Model to Measure Students' Academic Achievement: Asked the Colorado Department of Education to apply for participation.*

HB06-1109 – *Measuring Public School Effectiveness: Reinstates the John Irwin Schools of Excellence Awards and the Governor's Distinguished Achievement Awards. Clarifies the use of the Technical Advisory Committee in establishing the criteria for the awards.*

Senate District 12 Senator

- *First elected in 2008, 67th Session of the General Assembly*
 - a. *Education Committee*

- b. Finance Committee
- c. Judiciary Committee
- d. Appropriations Committee

Legislative Awards

- 2009 Community Colleges of Colorado – Legislator of the Year Award
- 2010 Community Colleges of Colorado – Legislator of the Year Award
- 2010 Colorado Union of Taxpayers Champion
- 2012 Colorado League of Charter Schools – Legislative Award named after Keith King
- 2012 Colorado Online Schools – Red Apple Award
- 2012 El Paso County Republican – Republican of the Year
- 2012 Colorado Association of School Boards – Legislator Excellence Award

Major Bills Carried and Enacted into Law in the 67th Session

SB09-089 – State Charter School Institute: Created a new Capital Construction Fund for Institute Charter Schools by setting aside one percent of all charter schools per pupil revenues. Also created an Accountability Committee that is allowed to give input to the Governing Board of the Institute.

SB09-163 – Educational Accountability System: Established one system of accountability for the public schools in the state of Colorado. Hold schools responsible for measurable outcomes that reflect the success of the state, districts and schools in educating their students.

HB09-1285 – Government Data Sharing: Established a Government Data Advisory Board to establish information technology protocols for state government. Created a Education Data Subcommittee to establish the creation of a comprehensive P-20 education data system.

SB10-018 – School Awards Program: The Colorado Department of Education is authorized to pay for banners and trophies for schools that are identified to receive awards for the academic achievement of their students.

SB10-047 – Service Members Designation of Last Remains: For active military personnel, the federal record of emergency data, DD93, shall be the controlling document with respect to the person authorized to direct the disposition of the service member’s last remains, including ceremonial arrangements.

SB10-108 – Higher Education Core Courses: Allows a nonpublic institution of higher education to conform its core course requirements to that of the general education course guidelines developed by the Department of Higher Education. Once approved the courses shall be transferable to public institutions of higher education. The courses will be listed as guaranteed transferable under the Guaranteed Transfer Pathways program, GT Pathways.

SB10-111 – Institute Charter Schools: This bill requires the charter School Institute to convene a study to determine the feasibility and effect of allowing institute charter schools to act as a local education agency, LEA. The bill makes adjustments to institute school capital construction assistance fund to better facilitate the solvency of institute charter schools.

SB10-161 – Charter School Collaboratives: Authorizes charter schools and BOCES to contract for buildings and services. The bill allows charter schools to apply for competitive federal grants as a collaborative to better serve the students attending their charter schools. The charter school collaborative is allowed to operate as a separate independent legal entity.

HB10-1208 – Statewide Degree Transfer Agreements: The Colorado Commission on Higher Education will complete at least 14 transfer agreements to transfer associates of arts (AA) degrees and associate of sciences (AS) degrees from one state institution to another. The student who earns the AA or AS degree that is subject to the transfer agreements and who is admitted to a 4-year institution will be enrolled with junior status.

Major Bills Carried and Enacted into Law in the 67th Session

SB11-019 – *Health Reimbursement Arrangements*: Colorado was one of four states in the nation that did not allow for small business employers to reimburse an employee for the premium the employee paid for a health insurance plan. This bill authorizes small group employers to reimburse their employees for health insurance through a Health Reimbursement Arrangement.

SB11-024 – *Veterans State Park Admissions*: The bill allows service members who have been wounded in Afghanistan or Iraq free admission to Colorado state parks and allows a free day of admission for all veterans for one day of each year.

SB11-111 – *Education Success Task Force*: The bill established a panel of experts to study intervention strategies and remedial education. It will analyze best practices and strategies to intervene in elementary and secondary education and the use of the individual career and academic plan, alternative strategies to social promotion and changes to rules, guidelines and statutes to ensure students graduate remediation free from high school.

SB11-188 – *Charter School Moral Obligation Oversight*: Enhanced the oversight of the state moral obligation program to make sure the state is protected from ever having to use the moral obligation of the state to pay for bonds defaulted by a charter school.

HB11-1121 – *Bar Felons From School Employment*: This bill enacted the “Felons-free Schools Act” that prohibits a school from employing and a nonlicensed employee who has certain felonies.

HB11-1089 – *Charter School Grant Applications*: This bill authorized the Colorado Charter School Institute to act as the Local Education Agency for a charter school to apply for a competitive federal grant. The only exception is the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

SB12-43 – *Increase Age to Attend Residential Camps*: This bill raised the upper limit for resident camps from 17 to include all high school students up to 20 years old.

SB12-45 – *Higher Education Associate Degree Transfer Students*: This bill required the commission on higher education to collaborate with 4-year and 2-year institutions to develop and coordinate a process to notify a student enrolled in a 4-year institution they may be eligible for an Associate’s Degree.

SB12-47 – *Basic Skill Testing in High School amended into HB12-1345*: This bill appropriated \$1,000,000 for the cost of administering basic skills assessments to students enrolled in high school.

SB12-164 – *Operations of Postsecondary Education amended in HB12-1155*: This bill rewrote the Private Postsecondary Act to modernize the authorization of private schools in the state of Colorado.

SB12-61 – *Charter School Authoring*: This bill updated the charter application that is filed with school districts and the relationship with its authorizer. The bill extends by 15 days the annual period for filing charter applications and the length of time an authorizer has to decide whether to authorize a charter.

SB12-121 – *BEST Program and Charter Schools*: This act changes the factors that apply to charter school applicants for the BEST program. The bill created a matching moneys loan program to assist charter schools in obtaining up to 50% of the matching moneys required for financial assistance. The bill clarified the definition of “at-risk student” to include a student who has performed unsatisfactory or partial-proficient on the state assessment.

HB12-1043 - *Concurrent Enrollment for Early High School Grads*: When a student develops their ICAP the school will inform them of concurrent enrollment options and assist the student in course planning to enable the student the opportunity to enroll concurrently.

HB12-1059 – *Military Spouse Practice Occupation Profession: This act authorized the spouse of an active-duty service member stationed in Colorado to practice in a regulated profession or occupation for one year if the spouse is registered or certified to practice in another state.*

HB12-1321 – *Modernization of the State Personnel System: A comprehensive bill that changed the state personnel system to create merit pay based on a comparative analysis of candidates based on objective criteria instead of competitive tests of competence. The bill updates the state personnel board membership and the use of temporary employment personnel.*

HB12-1240 – *Statutory Changes to K-12 Education: The bill changed 15 statutes concerning K-12 education. One provision changed the internet safety policy to include “technology devices” to include any computer or software that connects to the internet to protect students from pornography.*

Colorado Springs City Council

- *First elected in 2012, 47th Session of the City Council*
 - a. *Elected President*
 - b. *Member Finance Committee*
 - c. *Member Strategic Planning Committee*

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Committee Formation of Council: Created Committees of the City Council for members to serve on.. Committees included Personnel, Strategic Planning, and Finance.

Commercial Aeronautical Zone: Created a zone at the Colorado Springs Air[port for business to be exempt from city sales tax so that they would have an incentive to grow in the zone.