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Tracing Legislative History

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Steps

- Current statute or section
- Session and bill number
- History of bill through legislature
- Compare bills
- Bill drafting records?
- Audio recordings?
- Other resources



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Sources

- Statutes
- Session Laws
- The Red Book
- Digest of Bills
- Committee Reports
- House and Senate Journals
- Committee Hearings



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Colorado General Assembly Website

<http://www.leg.state.co.us/>

- Statutes
- Session laws
- Advanced Legislative Service
- Bills and Bill Folders
- Digest of Bills
- Committee Reports
- Committee Votes



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Other Sources

- Colorado Practice Series
- Colorado Legislative Research Publications
- Colorado Legislative Council
- Colorado State Archives



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Federal Legislative History

- Similar steps to state
- Compilations
- Current statute and annotations
- Session laws
- Committee websites
- Committee reports
- Committee hearings
- websites



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Sources Federal Legislative History

FDSys

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LN Congressional

HeinOnline



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Committee Homepages

[Senate](#)

[House](#)

[HeinOnline Blog](#)

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Websites

- Colorado General Assembly

<http://www.leg.state.co.us/>

- Colorado Legislative Council

<http://www.colorado.gov/lcs>

- Office of Legislative Legal Services

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/olls/index.htm

- Colorado State Archives

<http://www.colorado.gov/dpa/doit/archives/>

- Fdsys

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/>

- Thomas

<http://thomas.loc.gov/>

Questions

