

Senator Tim Neville

Colorado Senate District 16



Biography

Senator Tim Neville represents Senate District 16 which encompasses all or parts of Boulder, Jefferson, Summit, Grand, Gilpin, and Clear Creek Counties.

A longtime resident of Jefferson County, Senator Tim Neville is a graduate of Regis University with degrees in Business Administration and Economics. Married for 35 years to Barbara, the Nevilles have two adult sons Joseph (wife Jennifer) and Patrick (wife Kristi), six grandchildren. Senator Neville is proud to have son Patrick join him at the State Capitol as the Republican leader in the House of Representatives.

Before his political career, Senator Neville worked for 26 years in broad-line foodservice distribution sales and management preceded by 13 years in restaurant management. Outside of the Capitol, Senator Neville heads up Neville Insurance Associates, a family owned independent insurance agency

Senator Neville was awarded "Taxpayer Guardian" in 2012 by Colorado Union of Taxpayers Received, an "A" rating in 2012 from Principles of Liberty and a 100% score as well as an "A" rating in 2012 by American Conservative Union. Senator Neville is a frequent recipient of high ratings and commendations. In 2016, he was awarded a 100% ratings from the American Conservative Union, the National Federation of Independent Business, and Americans for Prosperity for his dedication to supporting Colorado small business and improving quality of life in our state.

Senator Neville is a champion for personal liberty for Coloradans, opposing burdensome tax increases, and eliminating wasteful spending and regulations in our state. [Colorado State Republicans, [Accessed 8.7.18](#)]

ALEC membership/ties

- Attended annual ALEC conference in Denver, 2017

ALEC model legislation authored/sponsored

| Bill Title/Number | ALEC Model Bill | Sponsored/Authorred |
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| SB16-017 (2018) | Concealed Handgun Carry Without Permit | Sponsored |
| SB17-062 (2017) | Forming Open And Robust University Minds (Forum) Act | Sponsored |
| SB17-055 (2017) | Right to Work Act | Sponsored |

In 2018, Senator Tim Neville sponsored a bill that would expand concealed carry legislation. Gun right expansions bear the hallmark of ALEC, including expanding concealed carry legislation. ALEC has provided a platform for the National Rifle Association to draft legislation that would allow both organizations to profit, at the expense of public safety. The NRA and ALEC have worked closely together for decades to push legislation that loosens regulations on firearms through state legislatures. [Center for Media and Democracy, [12/15/2012](#); SB16-017, [Indefinitely postponed, 5.7.18](#)]

In 2017, Senator Neville sponsored a bill that, among other things, requires campus speech “education,” eliminates “free speech zones” on campus, requires universities to report on campus dissent prior to the legislature’s appropriations process and allows “alleged victims to bring a cause of action for violation of their free speech rights.” According to a spokesperson from Colorado University Board of Regents political events concerning free speech informed the policy’s drafting as students reacted to speakers like right-wing, provocateur Milo Yiannopoulos after he visited both UCCS and CU Boulder. SB17-062 is very similar to ALEC’s model bill Forming Open and Robust University Minds (FORUM) [The Scribe, [2/6/18](#); CMD, [7/18/2017](#)] [SB17-062, Signed Act, [4/4/17](#)].

Despite opposition from labor groups and Colorado businesses, Senator Tim Neville pushed for Right-to-Work in Colorado. “Union leaders said that the bill takes away the truest ability of workers to band together and to negotiate as a team for benefits involving health care, pay or other aspects.” Neville’s introduction of SB17-055 follows a well-documented tactic on the Right to greatly weaken labor. On the matter of Right-to-Work, the New York Times published an editorial stating, “Right to work forces unions to represent even those who don’t pay dues or claim membership, discouraging workers from joining and contributing. In short, it kills unions by attrition.” Neville chose to follow the agenda of ALEC, rather than listen to workers in his state [Biz Journal, [2.14.17](#); New York Times, [8.8.18](#)] [SB17-055, Reengrossed, [2/13/2017](#)].

Additional Items

The Colorado Independent reported that “Sen. Neville once thanked members of the all-male, GOP-controlled Senate State Affairs Committee like this: ‘As the only other committee that is all male, other than Finance, I believe probably in the legislature, it was my pleasure to be here.’ Liberal blog Colorado Pols reported that as soon as those words left the Senator’s mouth, fellow committee member Sen. Owen Hill drew a line across his throat — a signal for “cut the audio” — and chairman Sen. Ray Scott smacked his gavel to end the hearing. The Women’s Lobby of Colorado gave the senator a 29 percent rating this year” [Colorado Independent, [9.8.15](#)].

Senator Tim Neville sponsored a bill that would allow parents to deny their children of fundamental health, civic, and educational rights. The bill would allow parents to withdraw children from class activities they object to, and refuse to provide vaccinations for their children. “Child advocates also say the legislation could impact sex abuse intervention — preventing a child being abused by a parent from seeking counseling without prior approval from the perpetrator “[Denver Post, [2.6.2015](#); SB 15-077, postponed indefinitely, 3/17/2015].

Senator Tim Neville sponsored a bill intended to discourage and shame women seeking abortions. SB 15-285 would require a physician to give a woman seeking an abortion detailed information about the unborn child — including its ability to feel pain at the stages of development — or face criminal charges. Women would also be subjected to receiving an ultrasound before receiving an abortion. Cathy Alderman, with Planned Parenthood Votes Colorado, pointed to parts of the bill that copy language from model bills proposed by national anti-abortion organizations. “Colorado has become one of their main targets,” she said. [Denver Post, [7/9/2016](#); SB 15-285, postponed indefinitely, [4/30/2015](#)]