

DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
 NEW BILLS--2018 SESSION  
 As of 4-16-18

Bill No.	Short Title/Bill Summary	Sponsors	Status	Recomm. Position	*FN	Staff Comments	Legislative Policy
<b>AGING BILL</b>							
<a href="#">HB 18-1380</a>	<p><b>Grants For Property Tax Rent and Heat -</b>            Under current law, the eligible income amounts to qualify for these assistance grants are annually adjusted for inflation. This bill adjusts the grant amounts claimed for 2018 for inflation and requires they be adjusted for inflation in the future. For grants claimed for 2018, the bill increases the: maximum property tax and rent assistance grant from \$700 to \$753; maximum heat assistance grant from \$192 to \$206; and minimum grant amount from \$227 to \$244 for the property tax and rent assistance grant and from \$73 to \$78 for the heat assistance grant. All of these increases reflect inflationary growth since 2014, and all of these amounts will continue to be adjusted annually for inflation. The bill expands the Property Tax and Rent Assistance Grant by repealing the requirement that rent must be paid to a landlord that pays property tax.</p>	Weissman/ Kefalas	House Public Health Care & Human Services	Support	NA	<p>A low-income senior or individual with a disability is currently eligible for two types of annual state assistance grants administered by the Department of Revenue related to his or her property: a grant for their property taxes or rent paid, with the latter being deemed a tax-equivalent payment (property tax and rent assistance grant), and a grant for heat or fuel expenses (heat assistance grant). Together these are commonly known as the 'PTC' rebate. The grant amounts have not been increased since 2014. These grants help low-income seniors and persons with disabilities to remain living in their homes or apartments in community settings.</p>	<p>DRCOG supports: property tax relief to help reduce a tax liability that especially burdens low income seniors and seniors on fixed incomes. Policies, programs and services that preserve existing affordable housing stock, promote access to diverse housing options in diverse geographic locations, and provide consumer protections that enable older adults and persons with disabilities to age in place.</p>

\* FN = Fiscal Note