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DENVER – Democrats in Colorado’s legislature introduced a package of bills Thursday aimed at ensuring women are paid equally when they’re doing the same jobs as men.

The bills are also aimed at making sure that minorities earn the same as white workers for doing the same work.

Colorado joins more than 20 other states introducing fair pay legislation this week.

The Women’s Foundation of Colorado estimates that women in the state make less than 80-cents for every dollar a man makes for the same work.

“We know in recent years the pay gap has closed a bit,” Louise Myrland with the Women’s Foundation of Colorado said. “But at the rate the gap is closing, women won’t achieve equal pay with men until 2057.”

The new bills include an expansion of Colorado’s wage transparency law, which protects workers who ask or share wage information.

Another measure is aimed at prohibiting employers from asking about salary history.

This is meant to keep women from being penalized for caregiving time out of the workforce or being underpaid in previous positions.

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See the video here: <http://www.9news.com/story/news/local/politics/2016/01/28/colorado-gender-pay-gap/79490300/>