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# Colorado AI Act Faces Potential Changes in Special Legislative Session

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David Stauss, a partner in Troutman Pepper Locke's Privacy + Cyber Group, was quoted in the August 13, 2025 *IAPP* article, "[Colorado AI Act Faces Potential Changes in Special Legislative Session](#)."

"When the bill passed two Marches ago, the big criticism was that it was an incredibly business-friendly bill," Troutman Pepper Locke Partner David Stauss, CIPP/E, CIPP/US, CIPT, FIP, said. "After it passed, almost immediately, the startup tech community, the venture capital community, took the position that the bill was going to hurt innovation."

According to Stauss, the amendment proposed during the regular 2025 legislative session failed in part because developers and deployers could not agree on who should be responsible for how a model is used once it is released. He anticipated civil society was willing to accept some compromises, such as giving up the right to appeal, easing the duty of care to mitigate algorithmic discrimination and waiving the requirement to notify the attorney general's office if there is proof of discrimination.

There is also a group of stakeholders that hopes for the bill to disappear altogether given the pro-innovation push. Stauss said it will be hard to tell which faction will win the day.

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