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House Bill 1326, addressing the fentanyl crisis, was the biggest bill of the 2022 legislative session. The measure seeks to boost treatment and education programs for those addicted to the synthetic opioid and ramp up felony charges for possession of 1 to 4 grams of the drug.

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**2022** offered legislators the first real opportunity to set an ambitious agenda after two years of limping through the global pandemic, but Colorado's emergence out of the COVID-19 crisis also unleashed a tor-

rent of challenges. They faced many familiar problems, such as housing, behavioral health and wildfires, as well as new ones, notably soaring inflation and a spiraling fentanyl crisis that became the focal point of an arduous 120 days of session.

Colorado's legislators hunkered down, knowing the majority of them will have to persuade voters to return them to the

legislature – or to other offices – in just a few months.

But the crunch to tackle more than half of 657 bills still awaiting final action with only 10 days to go in the 2022 session also meant legislators faced nearly all of the top 10 issues this year in the last few days leading up to the May 11 adjournment.

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