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## Overview

The tension under the dome increased exponentially this week. The House leadership introduced a resolution to expel a member on sexual harassment charges on Wednesday. The storm of politics and social media onslaught, brought the House to a standstill as they deliberated the expulsion resolution. After a full day of nonstop debate on the House floor, members voted overwhelmingly to expel their colleague. How this will impact the rest of the session remains to be seen, but in the short term it increases pressure on the Senate to resolve verified sexual harassment charges against some of their members. The vote today closed the chapter in the House, but the reverberations of the historic expulsion will continue throughout the remaining 68 days and beyond.

## Legislation

As of today, there are CDOT is tracking 25 bills for possible direct or indirect impacts on CDOT, its employees, and the state's transportation network. Below are summaries of a few bills introduced or heard this week.

***House Bill 18-1188 (Clarify CDOT Use of Electronic Data from Connected Vehicles):*** HB1188 clarifies a minor point in statute about whether CDOT may use location data from connected vehicles. The House debated the bill this week on second readings. Legislators for the most part understood the intent and scope of the bill; however, some spoke to the erosion of privacy in a technological world, and while CDOT may have good intentions now, future practices may not support them. Those concerns brought an amendment to the bill that clarified CDOT may not collect personal information via connected vehicles. A legislator also placed another amendment, having nothing to do with the scope of HB1188, requiring the Autonomous Mobility Taskforce to publish agreements to test autonomous vehicles in the future. The bill passed on a voice vote and is awaiting the final House vote on third readings early next week.

***Senate Bill 18-001 (Transportation Infrastructure Funding):*** SB 1 had its second of three committee hearings this week. After sitting uncalendared for weeks the Senate scheduled a hearing for the following day. The Senate Finance committee heard limited testimony on the bill; one person testified opposition, and CDOT answered committee members' questions. Nobody testified in support of the bill. The bill was not amended and referred 4-1 to the Appropriations committee. If SB1 passes and voters approve the use of TRANS bonds, then the 267 funding from last year is repealed. CDOT continues to work with the sponsors to place an amendment on the bill that protects the first two years of SB267 funding to ensure no delays for projects dependent upon this funding.

***House Bill 18-1229 (Committee of Reference Review of Department Budget Requests):*** The House State Affairs committee killed HB 1229 this week on a party line vote. The bill would have enabled legislative committees of reference, the Transportation committees for CDOT, to have the opportunity to weigh in regarding a state department's budget request before the Joint Budget Committee. Members of the committee could provide written comments to the JBC concerning a department's budget. The bill came from legislators who believe the entire legislative body should have more control over the state budget instead of just the Joint Budget Committee.

