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DATE: May 2, 2014
TO: Transportation Commission, Executive Director, Senior Management Team
FROM: Office of Policy & Government Relations
RE: Weekly Legislative Report - 2014 Session of the Colorado General Assembly

Overview

Today marks day 115 of the legislative session - 5 days remain until the General Assembly adjourns. Thus far, 706 bills and resolutions have been introduced. Currently, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is monitoring 90 bills with impacts to transportation law, the department, and its employees.

Legislation

Senate Bill 14-197 (Transportation Enterprise Transparency Act). Senate Bill 14-197 would enact more transparency measures governing transportation public private partnerships (P3s). Increasing annual reporting requirements, requiring votes for P3 terms extending longer than 35 years, and making all future HPTA Board members subject to Senate confirmation. Following introduction in the House today it was assigned to the Transportation and Energy Committee. Today, the committee approved the bill on a 7-5 vote. It now moves to the House Appropriations Committee. CDOT has a neutral position on the bill and has made concerns known to committee members.

House Bill 14-1301 (Safe Routes to School). House Bill 14-1301 provides \$700,000 in General Fund money to CDOT for the Safe Routes program. The bill was heard in Senate Transportation and Appropriations this week and has been referred to the full Senate for consideration on 2nd Reading. CDOT has a support position on the legislation.

Senate Bill 14-200 (Alternative Fuel Vehicles & High Occupancy Lanes). The week, Senate Bill 14-200 was postponed indefinitely by the Senate Appropriations Committee. The bill would have made several changes to the type of vehicles that are allowed to use HOV/HOT lanes without paying a toll, specifically increasing from 2,000 to 6,000 the number of vehicles allowed within the program. Based on the overall costs that the bill would have pushed onto CDOT, the department opposed the bill.

Senate Bill 14-181 (Prohibit Automated Camera Vehicle ID). Senate Bill 14-181 was also postponed indefinitely by the House Appropriations Committee. The bill originally would have repealed current law allowing the state, cities, and counties to use automated vehicle identification systems (i.e. photo radar and red-light cameras) to enforce speeding and red light violations. The bill also would have repealed similar authorization to use such devices to detect speed violations within highway work zones. Earlier, the House State Veterans & Military Affairs Committee amended the bill into a CDOT study to determine whether photo enforcement was effective. In the next hearing, the House Appropriations Committee opted to kill the bill in its amended form. CDOT opposed the measure.

If you have any questions on these or any other legislative issues please contact the Office of Policy & Government Relations at (303) 757-9077. This memo and a link to the bill tracking chart are available online at: <http://www.coloradodot.info/about/governmentrelations/state-government-liaison>.

