

# STATE OF COLORADO

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**DATE:** February 21, 2014  
**TO:** Transportation Commissioners, Executive Director, Senior Management Team  
**FROM:** Office of Policy & Government Relations  
**RE:** Weekly Legislative Report – 2014 Session of the Colorado General Assembly

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### Overview

Today marks day 45 of the legislative session – 75 days remain until the General Assembly adjourns. 468 bills and resolutions have been introduced. Currently, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is monitoring 61 bills with impacts to transportation law, the department, and its employees.

### Legislation

***House Bill 14-1188 (Use of Outdoor Advertising Program Revenues).*** House Bill 14-1188, a department bill, would require that all Tourist Oriented Directional Signs (TODS) and Specific Information and Business Signs (LOGOS) revenue be expended on the program’s administrative costs, and that all remaining balances be credited to the State Highway Fund for transportation projects. In a 2012 audit of the Outdoor Advertising Control Program, CDOT communicated to the Legislative Audit Committee that it would seek a statutory change to both establish a Roadside Advertising Fund and dedicate all TODS and LOGOS revenue to the State Highway Fund. This bill proposal would enact that change and solidify that all TODS and LOGOS additional revenue goes to support Colorado transportation. The measure was heard this week by the House Committee on Transportation & Energy, and now heads to the House for Second Reading.

***Senate Bill 14-121 (Assistance to Local Government After a Disaster Emergency).*** Senate Bill 14-121 would allow the Governor to determine an amount of state monetary aid that can serve as a local match for federal disaster aid programs. This week, CDOT worked with the bill sponsor to amend the bill to include local matches for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Emergency Relief Program. The amendment was approved, and the full Senate voted in support of the bill 35-0. The bill now moves forward for consideration in the House.

***House Bill 14-1191 (Hit and Run Medina Alert Program).*** House Bill 14-1191 is a measure that would allow the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to establish a program to alert the public when a hit-and-run accident involving serious bodily injury or death occurs and law enforcement needs assistance in locating the suspect’s vehicle. The bill has been nicknamed the “Medina Alert Bill” for the hit-and-run alert program run by the City and County of Denver, and named after hit-and-run victim Jose Medina. The bill was approved this week by the House Judiciary Committee and now heads to Second Reading before the House.

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-liason>.