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DATE: April 4, 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 87 of the legislative session - 33 days remain until the General Assembly adjourns. Thus far, 589 bills and resolutions have been introduced. Currently, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is monitoring 78 bills with impacts to transportation law, the department, and its employees.

Legislation

Senate Bill 14-146 (Use Local Traffic Info for CDOT Speed Limit Study). Senate Bill 14-146 would allow CDOT to receive and consider traffic and engineering data provided by the city or county engineer of the requesting local government related to speed studies. Under current law, CDOT must approve any change to a speed limit on portions of state highway that are located within a city, city and county, or incorporated town. In incorporated cities and towns with 5,000 residents or fewer, the municipality may request that CDOT conduct a traffic investigation to determine a safe and reasonable speed limit. CDOT worked with the bill sponsors who wanted to incorporate a means for CDOT to accept local traffic data and analyses into the speed study process. The proposal was heard by the House Transportation & Energy Committee and now heads to Second Reading before the full House.

House Bill 14-1321 (Interagency Task Force on Drunk Driving Membership). House Bill 14-1321 would change the name of the Interagency Task Force on Drunk Driving to the Task Force on Drunk and Impaired Driving. The bill also requires the executive director of CDOT to select a representative of the retail marijuana industry to serve on the task force, in addition to the other members already prescribed by law. The bill was heard by the House Transportation & Energy Committee now heads to second reading on the House floor.

State Budget

House Bill 14-1336 (2014-15 Long Appropriations Bill). House Bill 14-1336, the state government budget also known as the "Long Bill" was deliberated this week in the Senate. The Long Bill funds state agencies and this year sits at \$23 billion for FY 2014-15. The bill includes funding for state employee cost-of-living increases of 2.5 percent, and funds merit pay increases at an average of 1.0 percent. Today, the bill received approval by the full Senate, and now moves to the Governor for his signature.

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:

www.coloradodot.info/about/governmentrelations/state-government-liaison.

