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RE: Weekly Legislative Report – 2012 Session of the Colorado General Assembly

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### Overview

Today marks the 80<sup>th</sup> day of Colorado's 120-day legislative session. 40 days remain until the General Assembly adjourns. As of this week, CDOT continues to monitor 110 of the 559 bills and resolutions introduced to date. Of this amount, 33 have been postponed indefinitely and 77 await the Governor's signature or are still in the legislative process.

### CDOT Legislative Agenda

**HB 12-1108 (Kagan/Scheffel and Grantham).** The CDOT-sponsored LOGO signs bill passed out of the House on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Readings this week, receiving approval by a 60-2-3 vote. The bill now moves to the Senate. HB 1108 will allow LOGO and TOD signs along highways in urban areas and expressways.

**HB 12-1012 (Williams A./Guzman and White).** The Business Relocation Reimbursement bill passed easily out of the Senate on 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading on the consent calendar. The measure contains slightly different technical language than the House version; therefore, it must now return to the House to formally reconcile the two versions. After this step, the bill will be sent to the Governor for his signature. HB 1012 will increase the amount that CDOT can reimburse to relocated businesses.

**HB 12-1222 (Becker/Hodge).** The Renovation Fund bill – a technical bill to re-establish the repealed Renovation Fund which expired with a cash balance remaining – was approved overwhelmingly by both houses. The bill now moves to the Governor to be signed into law.

### Other Legislation

**SB 12-150 (Schwartz/Sonnenberg).** The State Treasurer to Manage State Financing bill passed out of the Senate on 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading and now moves to the House. The bill mandates that the State Treasurer act as the issuing manager for most state agencies for approved issuances or incurrences of financial obligations such as bonds, notes, or warranties, when the principal amount is at least \$1 million and repaid in whole or part from state revenues. The bill continues to provide exemptions for the High-Performance Transportation Enterprise and Statewide Bridge Enterprise.

**HB 12-1014 (Baumgardner/Neville).** The Late Vehicle Registration Fee Reduction bill – which reduces the late vehicle registration fee from \$25 per month, capped at \$100, to a flat \$20 – passed out of the House on 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading and now moves to the Senate. The bill is estimated to reduce Highway Users Tax Fund revenue by \$12 million annually.

**SB 12-013 (Schwartz/Jones).** The Low-speed Electric Vehicle (LSEV) bill was heard on Thursday by the House Transportation Committee and was passed unanimously. The measure now heads to the House floor for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. The bill would allow LSEVs on state highways with speed limits of 40 miles per hour in very limited circumstances.

If you have any questions on these or any other legislative issues please feel free to contact Kurt Morrison, Legislative Liaison at 303-757-9077. This memo and a link to the bill tracking chart are available online at: <http://statebillinfo.com/SBI/index.cfm?fuseaction=Public.Dossier&id=16253&pk=251&style=pinstripe>