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TO: Transportation Commissioners, Executive Director, Executive Management Team, Branch Managers, and Office Directors

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

Overview

Today marks the 87th day of Colorado's 120-day legislative session. 33 days remain until the General Assembly adjourns. As of this week, CDOT is monitoring 113 bills. Of this amount, 80 bills continue to move through the legislative process; 33 bills have been postponed indefinitely.

Next week, legislative activity will be limited. In the House, bills will remain on hold as members debate the annual budget bill, **HB12-1335(Gerou/Hodge)**, also referred to as the Long Bill. The Long Bill will be debated over the better half of next week; upon receiving approval, the Senate will do the same. The Senate will focus on confirmation hearings, including a Senate Transportation Committee hearing to consider appointments to the Colorado Aeronautical Board.

CDOT Legislative Agenda

HB 12-1108 (Kagan/Scheffel). The LOGO Signs in Urban Areas bill, allowing LOGO and TOD signs in urban areas and on expressways, was approved by the House and now moves to the Senate. Currently, it awaits a hearing before the Senate Transportation Committee.

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 The CDOT Renovation Fund bill – a technical bill to re-establish the repealed Renovation Fund which expired with a cash balance remaining – was approved overwhelmingly by both houses.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

HB 12-1012 (Williams A./Guzman and White). The Business Relocation Reimbursement bill, which increases the cap for relocation payments, has been approved unanimously by both the House and Senate. It awaits one final technical motion to reconcile bill differences before it will be delivered to the Governor for his signature.

Other Legislation

HB 12-1019 (Vad/King S.). The Transfer Ports of Entry to State Patrol bill was heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee on Tuesday. The bill would eliminate the Department of Revenue (DOR) Motor Carrier Services Division, thereby transferring its functions to the Colorado State Patrol. Under the bill, CDOT would retain oversize/overweight permitting functions. The bill passed, unanimously, out of committee and was sent to the Senate Consent Calendar.

SB12-013 (Schwartz/Jones). The Low-speed Electric Vehicles bill, which allows such vehicles on roadways with speeds up to 40 miles per hour in limited circumstances, passed on House 2nd Reading. The measure now awaits a final 3rd Reading vote and, if passed, will be delivered to the Governor for his signature.

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>