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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

Only 27 days remain in the Legislative session as today marks the 94th day of Colorado's 120-day legislative session. As of this week, CDOT is monitoring over 100 bills of the 581 that have been introduced this session. The annual budget bill, **HB 12-1335 (Gerou/Hodge)**, also referred to as the Long Bill, dominated the House calendar this week. CDOT monitored the bill through the caucus process and on the floor. The bill passed on 3rd Reading on Thursday following a debate that went late into the night the previous day. After passing the House 64-1, the bill now moves to the Senate for consideration next week.

Also this week, two Aeronautical Board members had confirmation hearings in the Senate Transportation Committee. All nominees were unanimously approved in committee and received final approval on Friday by the full Senate.

Legislation

HB 12-1343 (Gerou/Hodge). The State Rail Bank Fund Transfer bill, part of a number of budget balancing bills, was considered in the House on 2nd Reading on Thursday. The bill transfers the balance of the fund to the General Fund.

SB 12-001 (Hudak/Duran and Ryden). The Preference for In-state Contractors bill was up in the Senate for debate and a final vote. CDOT monitored the debate to ensure that the amendment providing a carve-out for CDOT remained intact. The bill would establish new preference points for service and construction project bidding.

SB 12-004 (Foster and Shaffer B./Miklosi). The U.S. Material Preference bill was also up on 2nd Reading in the Senate on Thursday. This bill requires that state agencies issuing a request for bids over \$1 million must provide a one-percent preference for certifying that materials are U.S.-made. If passed CDOT will have to update rules and modify both its construction manuals and its construction management software to conform to the requirements of this bill. The measure passed the senate and now awaits 3rd Reading.

Next Week

HB 1012 (Williams A./Guzman and White). CDOT's Business Relocation Reimbursement, bill, is scheduled for consideration of Senate Amendments to House Bills. The bill increases business relocation reimbursements to \$50,000.

HB 12-1108 (Kagan/Scheffel). The LOGO Signs in Urban Areas bill, a department bill, is scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Transportation Committee. The bill would allow LOGO and TOD signs in urban areas, expressways, and freeways.

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>