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

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### Overview

Floor activity was particularly light this week. Given the House majority is controlled by a slim 33-32 majority, and since two majority members were unavailable this week, the bulk of the calendar was dedicated to resolutions rather than voting on legislation.

### Legislation

Bills heard this week and expected to be heard next week include:

**SB 12-001 (Hudak/Duran and Ryden).** The Hire Colorado Act which would grant a preference to a bidder for a construction or services contract who certifies that at least 90% of the employees who will complete the contracted work are Colorado residents was up before the Senate Local Government Committee on Tuesday. CDOT worked with the bill sponsor in crafting an amendment providing for a waiver from the bill's requirements when federal funds are jeopardized. The bill now moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**SB 12-004 (Foster/Mikloski).** SB 004 was also heard by the Senate Local Government Committee on Tuesday. The bill provides a preference for using U.S.-made materials in public contracts. The bill was amended and approved by the committee. It now moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**HB 12-1038 (Looper/Williams S.).** HB 1038, establishing a new multi-year Class A trailer registration, was heard in House Transportation on Thursday. The bill, already approved by the interim Transportation Legislation Review Committee (TLRC), establishes an alternate registration for "interstate, commercial trailers and semitrailers" if the owner is not based in Colorado, or the trailer or semitrailer is ten or more years old. The bill now awaits a hearing in the House Appropriations Committee.

**HB 12-1030 (Looper/Williams S.).** HB 1030, also a TLRC-sponsored bill, would repeal certain reports required to be submitted to the General Assembly from various state agencies. The bill was approved unanimously by the House Transportation Committee and now moves to the House floor.

**HB 12-1167 (Fisher/None).** Next week, the Special Fuel Inspection and Revenues bill will have its first hearing in the House Agriculture, Livestock, & Natural Resources Committee. This bill could potentially increase Highway User Tax Fund revenue by imposing more equitable taxes on electric vehicles.

**HB 12-1171 (Tyler/None).** Also next week, the House Transportation Committee will consider the Limit Public Highway Authorities Noncompete Agreements bill.

**SB 12-089 (Renfro/Holbert).** On Tuesday of next week, the Senate Transportation Committee will consider a bill to repeal the CDOT Motorcycle Operator Safety Training (MOST) Program.

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>