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

FROM: Kurtis Morrison, Office of Policy & Government Relations Office

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

Overview

Following a busy week at the General Assembly, in which a number of bills were killed in committee, CDOT is currently monitoring 88 bills. To date, 11 bills impacting the department have been killed in committee.

Legislation

HB 12- 1012 (Williams A./Guzman). CDOT's legislative agenda bill – the Business Relocation Reimbursement bill – passed out of the House following its 2nd and 3rd readings this week and has been introduced in the Senate and assigned to the Senate Transportation Committee for a hearing at a future date. The bill continues to be unanimously supported.

HB 12-1222 (Becker/Hodge). HB 1222 is another department-sponsored bill. This measure would recreate the CDOT Renovation Fund, thereby allowing CDOT to spend \$1.6 million in a frozen Certificate of Participation (COP) proceeds. The department provided technical testimony on the bill during its hearing before the House Transportation Committee. The bill passed out of the committee on 10-0 vote and now heads to the House floor.

SB 12-089 (Renfroe/Holbert). SB 089 would have repealed the Motorcycle Operators Safety Training (MOST) Program. The bill had its first hearing before the Senate Transportation Committee. CDOT presented the results of its comprehensive survey of the MOST program and presented findings and recommendations. The bill was postponed indefinitely 4-3, effectively killing the bill. There may yet be another MOST bill coming this session, supported by the department, to help reform the program.

SB 12-117 (King S./None). The Penalties for DUI Offenses bill is scheduled to be heard in the Senate State Affairs Committee on Monday of next week. CDOT is monitoring this bill for any transportation and motor vehicle safety-related impacts.

Other CDOT-related bills that were postponed indefinitely this week included:

- **SB 12-050 (Renfroe /Baumgardner).** Prohibit Red Light Camera Vehicle Identification.
- **HB 12- 1167 (Fisher/None).** Special Fuel Inspection and Revenues.
- **HB 12-1171 (Tyler/None).** Limit Public Highway Authorities Noncompete Agreements
- **HB 12-1113 (Lee/None).** Preferences in State Public Contracts
- **HB 12-1291 (Wilson).** Collector Vehicles Registration Late Fee Exemption
- **HB 12-1250 (Holbert).** PERA Health Care Trust Fund Employer Contributions

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>