

# STATE OF COLORADO

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

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### Overview

Today marks the 59<sup>th</sup> day of the legislative session; 62 days remain until adjournment sine die. At this point, CDOT continues to monitor 107 of the 523 bills and resolutions that have been introduced to date. Any legislation drafted beyond this point must receive special clearance from leadership members to be introduced as a “late bill.”

### Legislation

**SB 12-152 (Cadman/Ferrandino).** The Procedures for Filing Reports with the General Assembly bill was heard by the Senate State Affairs Committee. The bill passed, 5-0, and now moves to the Senate Committee of the Whole. This bill would require that most reports to the legislature be submitted in an electronic format.

**1119 (Coram/Giron and King S.).** The SUCCESS Act, which would limit state agency fines, was heard in the House Economic and Business Development Committee. The bill was amended with a “strike-below” amendment (essentially rewriting the bill). As a result, the bill no longer reduces \$20 million in Highway Users Tax Fund revenue by eliminating the late vehicle registration fee.

**HB 12-1019 (Vaad/King S.).** This bill would transfer Colorado’s ports of entry to from the Department of Revenue (DOR) to the Colorado State Patrol. The bill specifically eliminates the DOR Motor Carrier Services Division and transfers its functions and ports staff. CDOT would still retain authority over oversize/overweight permitting functions. The measure was heard in the House Appropriations Committee on Friday and now heads to the full chamber for consideration on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

**SB 12-150 (Schwartz/Sonnenberg).** SB 150 would consolidate public financing with the State Treasurer. The bill is scheduled for its first hearing next Tuesday before the Senate Finance Committee. The bill currently provides an exemption for the High-Performance Transportation Enterprise and the Statewide Bridge Enterprise.

**HB 12-1012 (Williams A./Guzman).** The CDOT Business Relocation Reimbursement bill is set to be heard by the Senate Transportation Committee next Tuesday. The bill has already cleared the House of Representatives, receiving unanimous approval.

**HB 12-1321 (Ferrandino and Vaad/Johnston and King K.).** The Modernization of the State Personnel System Act was introduced this week. The bill, coupled with a resolution requiring a referendum to the voters, would make significant changes to the state personnel system. Look for an update on both of these measures coming soon.

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>.