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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 73rd day of Colorado's 120-day Legislative Session. 47 days remain. In the current and coming weeks, the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) will finalize the annual budget bill, known as the "Long Bill." By rule, the Long Bill must be introduced by the 76th day of the legislative session, next Monday. However, given recent revenue forecasts, this will likely be delayed for an additional week as the JBC reprioritizes spending priorities.

Legislation

The following CDOT-tracked bills were acted upon by the General Assembly this past week.

HB 12-1108 (Kagan/Scheffel). The bill to expand LOGO and TODS signs to expressways and urban interstate highways was up in the House Transportation Committee on Wednesday. The bill passed, 10-2, and now moves to the House floor.

HB 12-1222 (Becker/Hodge). Another department bill, the CDOT Renovation Fund bill, was up before the full Senate on the consent calendar and was approved unanimously. The bill now heads to the Governor's desk for Governor Hickenlooper's signature. This bill allows CDOT to spend \$1.6 million in a frozen certificate of participation proceeds account

HB 12-1019 (Vaad/King S.). The bill to transfer the ports of entry from the Department of Revenue to the State Patrol was heard in the Senate Committee on Transportation on Thursday. The bill would allow CDOT to retain oversize/overweigh permitting functions. The bill passed the committee and has been referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

SB 12-004 (Foster/Miklosi). The Preferences for U.S. Materials in Public Contracts bill passed out of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Friday. The bill would establish new preference points for the use of domestic materials in state contracts exceeding \$1 million. Specifically, to receive the points, a bidder must certify that it has taken best efforts to ensure that items are U.S. manufactured. The proposal now heads to the full Senate for consideration.

HB 12-1012 (Williams A./Guzman, White). The Business Relocation Reimbursement bill was also up in the Senate Appropriations Committee on Friday. This department bill seeks to increase the reimbursement amount for businesses relocated due to a transportation project. The bill brings Colorado in line with a number of other states having statutory caps of \$30,000 to \$70,000. The bill passed out of the committee on a unanimous vote and now moves to the full Senate where it is scheduled for the consent calendar.

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>