

Newsletter – Legislative Day 117

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SB23-303 Misses The Mark...Leave it to Local Gov't

Property taxes are going up in our state. We are predicted to see an increase of up to 30% on property taxes, and this is going to be detrimental for many Coloradans, especially our senior population. Utility bills are rising, food prices (like eggs) are rising, and fuel cost is rising all while incomes and pay remain the same.

While the intention of SB23-303 is in the right place, we do not need state interference and the execution of this bill would mean stealing from our labor refunds.

Local governments can correct our rising property taxes by lowering mill levies or by offering temporary property tax credits; which is why the citizens of each community need to start getting involved with their county's budget process and start talking with their local elected officials – county commissioners, fire chiefs, school board members, etc. – about how responsible budgeting, lower mill levies, and temporary property tax credits can curb the impact of property tax increases.

Bills that I'm Still Trying to Get To The Finish Line

There are only three days left of the 2023 Legislative Session, and we still have over 150 bills that still need action in a committee or being heard on the floor of one of the chambers. I still have four bills that I am trying to get through the process and hopefully to the Governor's desk.

SB23-034: Definition Of Serious Bodily Injury

Status: House Third Reading Laid Over Daily

SB23-088: Sentence Served Before Parole And Notify Victim

Status: House Second Reading Laid Over Daily

SB23-109: Criminal Penalty Controlled Substance Supplier

Status: Assigned to House Judiciary Committee

SB23-302: Colorado Veterans' Service-to-career Program

Status: Referred Amended to House Appropriations

Big Win for Our Ranchers

Both SB23-255 "Wolf Depredation Compensation Fund" and SB23-256 "Management Of Gray Wolves Reintroduction" passed out of the State House yesterday. These bills are now on the Governor's desk.

If the Governor signs both of these bills, our ranchers will have protections (via the 10J Rule) and that we, as a state, are going to be pro-active in addressing the issues that will occur as a result of Proposition 114 while also upholding the will of the people.

Thank you to all of my colleagues in both the Senate and House Chambers for voting in support of these two bills. process.

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