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Colorado 2012 Legislative Session

Bob Epstein

The Regular and Special 68th General Assembly has adjourned. All actions are not complete until the Governor signs or vetoes all outstanding bills, and he has 30 days to do so. The ending of the regular session and the subsequent special session will be long remembered.

It is noteworthy, however, that the Special Session did not affect any of the major bills dealing with senior programs. In fact, funding for senior services and programs has not received any major reductions. Two noteworthy results of the 68th General Assembly are the full reinstatement of the Homestead Act and the increase in Old Age Pension benefits. The Colorado Senior Lobby participated with other senior advocacy organizations to lobby for passage of these needed changes and much thanks and appreciation are bestowed on all who took part. A detailed report will be provided in the next issue of the CSL News Letter, including a legislative score card.

As we look to the near future there needs to be concern regarding the projected increase in the senior population which will require an increase in senior services. Additional funding allocations will be necessary. This will be a major item for the 69th General Assembly to consider. CSL looks forward to continue collaborations with senior advocacy organizations as appropriate.

Announcements and Mark Your Calendar

Colorado Senior Lobby's annual meeting is scheduled for August 25, 2012 at the Parker Senior Center, Parker, Colorado, 8:30 AM . noon. An informative program is being planned. A short business meeting is scheduled to include an election of officers and board members. Additional details will be made available as they are finalized.

CSL will be meeting between sessions to review and discuss future needs and services, necessary actions and collaborations. The meeting schedule is: July 9, 23, August 6, 20, September 10, 24, October 8, 22. All meetings commence at 9:30 AM at 655 Broadway, Denver, Lower Level Conference Room. All are welcome to attend, present and participate. Changes in the schedule will be published.

2012 Legislative Wrap-up

Rich Mauro

During the Second Regular Session of the 68th General Assembly, the Colorado Senior Lobby took positions over 50 bills or proposed bills with specific impacts on older adults. Colorado Senior Lobby (CSL) volunteers advocated for its positions on these bills through letters testimony and other communications with legislators and the governor. The most significant pieces of legislation are summarized below. The final bill status report on all the bills is attached to this newsletter.

State Fiscal Issues

As usual, the challenges in balancing the state budget dominated the 2012 legislative session. The FY 2012-13 budget represented the fifth year in a row the General Assembly faced a significant shortfall of revenue necessary to balance the budget. The year began with the governor and the General Assembly considering the likelihood of making further cuts in many state services, including K-12 education, higher education, Medicaid, the Local Government Severance Tax Fund, and corrections. The governor also proposed continuing the elimination of the Senior Property Tax Exemption for another year to save the state nearly \$100 million.

In the end, the proposed cuts to K-12 education, the Local Government Severance Tax fund and Senior Property Tax Exemption were restored . thanks to higher revenue estimates in the March General Fund forecast . and the higher education cuts were significantly reduced. Also, the budget was balanced without further cuts to state funding for senior services.

Although forecasters say the economy is continuing to improve, they expect the recovery to be slow. While this may present a budget picture for FY 2013-14 that again will avoid major cuts to core programs and services, it is unlikely the revenue levels will allow substantial reversal of cuts made over the past five years.

Assistance to Low-Income Seniors

The improved revenue picture also enabled passage of HB 12-1326. This bill urged the State Board of Human Services to approve the COLA (Cost of Living Allowance) for the Old Age Pension (OAP) Fund, at a cost of \$6.7 million. The bill also funded (for the first time in three years) the OAP Dental Program, at a cost of \$3 million. These two programs provide much needed assistance to many of the state's neediest older adults and the Senior Lobby is pleased to see them adequately funded.

State Funding for Senior Services

Unfortunately, the General Assembly and the governor did not see fit to increase the state's investment in services for seniors. For many years, CSL has collaborated with various senior advocacy groups to protect and whenever possible increase the statutory appropriation to the Older Coloradans Fund (which supplies money for services provided under the Older Coloradans Act). During this time, CSL has worked with AARP, DRCOG, Older Americans Coalition, Colorado Commission on Aging, and Alliance for Retired Americans, among others to advocate for these funds. In recent years especially most of the efforts necessarily have been focused on protecting existing funding. This year, the improved budget situation allowed enough breathing room that the Older Coloradans Fund did not come under consideration for cuts. Unfortunately, efforts to actually increase funding were largely unsuccessful.

Monies in the Older Coloradans Fund are allocated to the Area Agencies on Aging like DRCOG for programs such as home delivered meals, in-home services, and transportation that help seniors live independently in their own homes and communities longer. These programs are safety net services for the recipients and are more cost-effective with taxpayer dollars than institutional services.

During Senate consideration of the state budget, senior advocacy groups supported an effort by Senator Evie Hudak to allocate \$1 million to the Older Coloradans Fund (OCF). Senator Hudak's amendment to the Long Appropriations Bill failed. However, subsequent to the completion of the budget process, Senators Nancy Spence and Jeanne Nicholson proposed an amendment to HB 12-1326 that presented another opportunity to increase funding to the OCF. The amendment directs any remaining funds allocated for the Senior Property Tax Exemption to the OCF to be used for services to older adults. The determination of the precise amount of remaining funds will be determined when the books are closed next April.

Long-Term Care

CSL took particular interest in three bills impacting long-term care and adult protection. With HB 12-1294, a bill intended to streamline state health department regulation of a variety of health facilities, CSL was specifically concerned the bill as introduced contained provisions that would have restricted the health department's ability to survey nursing homes and assisted living residences to ensure the safety and appropriate care for residents of these facilities. CSL supported amendments to maintain adequate state oversight and the bill was eventually passed.

SB 12-078 establishes a task force to study best practices in establishing and operating a statewide system of mandatory reporting of abuse and neglect of at-risk adults and most importantly to determine a sustainable way to fund it. CSL supports mandatory reporting but recognizes a task force to study the best ways to implement and fund a mandatory reporting system is a step in the right direction. Working with the sponsors, CSL made sure the bill provides for representatives of seniors on the task force.

Senate Bill 12-128, which creates a pilot program to help determine whether assisted-living facilities represent a more appropriate and cost-effective option for providing long-term care. The pilot program will test the benefits of an enhanced reimbursement system for alternative-care facilities that admit persons who might otherwise stay in nursing homes. CSL supported this bill but expressed concern that the state ensure these facilities are capable of providing the appropriate levels of care these people will require. CSL also supported this bill as an effort to explore more cost-effective ways to finance long-term care to reduce the growth in costs of long-term care and its adverse impact on the state budget, especially Medicaid.

Reorganization of Long-Term Care Programs

Last November 2011, the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS), Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF), and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) announced a proposal to transfer three long-term care programs . Children's Habilitation Residential Program, Division of Developmental Disabilities, and State Unit on Aging . from CDHS to HCPF. This proposal launched what turned out to be a six month period of meetings, discussions, negotiations, and other communications between the state and its stakeholders. CSL supported the state's intent to increase efficiencies and quality of service but was concerned the proposal had been developed without prior input from aging advocates and providers. CSL opposed moving ahead with legislation until the state engaged with stakeholders in a planning process to address potential impacts before implementing the proposed transfer. Ultimately, the state chose not to go forward with the bill. However, and the state has said this reorganization is still a priority. CSL looks forward to being a constructive participant in the ongoing discussions.

How do I let my State Representative or Senator know my feelings?

Jeanette Hensley

I sit here reading the newspaper and listening to the news and I am frustrated as to how my local Senator or Representative is voting in Colorado's legislature. Why do they vote that way, when I feel differently? What can I do? I can contact Colorado Senior Lobby (CSL) an all volunteer committee that works with the legislators on issues affecting seniors in Colorado.

Colorado Senior Lobby (CSL) is a non-profit, non-partisan, all volunteer organization, that speaks with a unified voice for all Coloradans, particularly those who are 60 years of age and older. CSL encourages Colorado's General Assembly, the U.S. Congress and state and federal government administrators to enact responsible legislation and establish effective regulations and administrative guidelines that positively affect the quality of life of all Colorado older citizens. CSL members work to influence change through advocacy and education of public officials on current issues. CSL monitors legislation and administrative rule development to track and inform the public how legislators vote on bills related to senior issues and how legislation, once passed, is implemented. Later this month, the Senior Scorecard, a record of legislator votes on senior issues will be distributed to CSL members. Monthly members receive the monthly newsletter with updates on bills, state regulations, or administrative actions and articles that may be of importance to older adults.

Colorado Senior Lobby, in cooperation with other senior organizations, serves as the host for the annual Senior Day at the Capitol, which is an opportunity for all citizens to see parts of the legislative process during the current session, as well as meet and visit with legislator about legislation. In this last session, the Governor provided some time from his busy schedule to talk with Senior Day attendees. Each Monday during the legislative session, CSL conducts legislative briefings (which are open to the public) and now these meetings are available for individuals to call into the weekly meetings and participate by phone. Members receive weekly updates on all the bills CSL is following and can vote to oppose, support or watch each bill. CSL members often will testify at legislative committee hearings as well as boards and commissions regarding pending legislation and administrative issues, when appropriate. The lobby focuses on issues and promotes beneficial legislation, while remaining strictly non-partisan and not supporting any specific political party or candidate. It is a place where your voice can be heard without fear of any political backlash or standing.

If you are interested in joining Colorado Senior Lobby as an individual members it is \$30 a year or a family membership is \$40 which allows up to two family members to be listed as members with voting rights. An organizational membership is \$75 which allows up to three individuals from the organizations to be listed as members with voting rights. You may contact Colorado Senior Lobby at 303-832-4535 or by email at OACSRlobby@AOL.COM.

What is the future of Medicare

Henry M. Barlow, Ph.D.

Many retirees may assume that Medicare has a solid foundation and they should not be concerned about its future. If you take this position, I suggest that you may want to seriously study the current political scene and consider another conclusion. Health care is one of the persistent front and center issues and forging consensus is fraught with much debate, intentional distortion, and outright deception in the interest of promoting an ideology rather than focusing on factual data. Medicare has contributed greatly to the improvement of health for older persons and may continue to do so but we cannot take it for granted that drastic changes may not occur and that some proposed legislative changes will not greatly affect the health of current and future generations of retirees.

Let's focus, for example, on the recent Congressional resolution proposed by Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan and approved by the U.S. House of Representatives. According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities the Ryan resolution would:

1. Replace the current Medicare guarantee with a flat premium-support payment voucher that beneficiaries would use to purchase private health insurance or traditional Medicare.
2. Raise the age of eligibility from 65 to 67.
3. Reopen the doughnut hole in Medicare's coverage of prescription drugs.

What are some of the effects of these proposals? Rather than providing a means for exercising control over the high and rising cost of health care, vouchers would merely give one some resources to purchase care. Unfortunately, much Medicare care cannot be treated as a commodity for which one shops without significant restraints. Anyone experiencing a heart attack or other life threatening emergency is not in a position to go searching for competing providers and selecting the more favorable price. Also, despite the claims that the competitive marketplace leads to lower costs, the evidence for this position seems sorely lacking in the American experience. If the argument were true, why do we have high and rising cost and higher costs than other modern societies?

Raising the age for eligibility would also mean that many are simply uncovered and in the absence of any coverage, people tend to postpone seeking help and their conditions tend to worsen resulting in higher costs when treatment is received. Moreover, by undermining the principle of social insurance, traditional Medicare would gradually include a pool of older, sicker and costly to cover beneficiaries and it would probably fade away. Unfortunately, this sounds reminiscent of the era before Medicare when older citizens could not obtain health insurance.

Changing the coverage for prescription drugs under Medicare Part D would leave beneficiaries with little or no bargaining power and the cost of prescription drugs would begin another upward spiral. If it is appropriate to have a system in which the Veterans Administration can negotiate with Drug companies, why not have a similar arrangement for all and especially older citizens?

Rather than promoting legislation that diminishes traditional Medicare, we should be promoting policies that strengthen it. Such policies will aid in limiting the cost of care, improve the health and well being of the population and demonstrate that we value life more than policies that increase cost, lead to poorer health and death at an earlier age. Much is said in current discussions about the national debt being bequeathed to our children and grandchildren if we fail to cut the cost of health care. The truth is we can lower cost, increase quality of care, and add more health years to life. Other modern societies have greater health expectancy and lower cost than we do and the experience of a single payer system indicates that we can do the same. Moreover, by creating a more efficient system of health care delivery we can save funds for other important needs such as education. What is required is the political will to do so and in the case of retirees, the courage to be politically active. If we fail to act, we have abdicated our role as citizens who care about other retirees and our fellow citizens.

COLORADO SENIOR LOBBY
2012 SESSION
BILL STATUS SHEET
June 20, 2012

POSITION & WHO RESPONSIBLE	BILL NO.	SPONSORS	TITLE/SUMMARY	COMM.	DATE	ACTION
HOUSE BILLS						
Support	HB 1028	Gerou/ Steadman	Continue low-income energy related assistance	H. Fin 2 nd 3 rd S. HHS 2 nd 3 rd	1/18 1/26 1/30 3/8 3/13 3/14 3/24	Referred Passed Passed Referred Passed Passed Signed
Support	HB 1074	Kerr, Miklosi/ King S., Tochtrop	Access to data to assist the courts in overseeing persons appointed to manage the affairs of persons under disability	H. Jud 2 nd 3 rd S. Jud 2 nd 3 rd Concur	2/10 2/14 2/15 3/1 3/5 3/6 3/9 3/22	Referred Passed Passed Referred Passed amend Passed Re-adopt Signed
Oppose	HB 1075	Beezley/ Brophy	Establishing a 6% General Fund limit	H. Fin H. App 2 nd 3 rd S. SVMA	2/15 4/17 4/23 4/24 4/30	Referred Referred Pass amend Passed Pl'd
Oppose	HB 1111	Szabo	Voter ID	H. SA H. App 2 nd 3 rd S. SVMA	2/22 3/8 3/9 3/20 4/4	Referred Referred Pass amend Pass amend Pl'd
Support	HB 1122	Wilson	Disposal of medications	H. Ag	2-14	Pl'd
Oppose	HB 1142	Del Grosso	PERA defined contribution plan	H. Fin H. App H. App	3/1 3/16 3/23	Refer amend L.O. Pl'd
Oppose	HB 1150	Priola/ Lambert	Calculation of PERA highest average Salary	H. Fin 2 nd 3 rd S. Fin	2/23 3/9 3/15 4/10	Refer amend Passed amend Passed Pl'd
Support	HB 1156	McCann/ Johnston	Improved reliability of foreclosure information	H. Bus	3-13	Pl'd

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Oppose	HB 1177	Gerou/ Summers	Home Care benefits to certain eligible individuals (JBC Bill)	H. Fin H. App 2 nd 3 rd S. HHS 2 nd 3 rd Concur	2/2 2/6 2/8 2/9 2/23 2/28 2/29 3/9 3/22	Referred Referred Passed Passed Refer amend Pass amend Passed Re-adopt Signed
Oppose	HB 1179	J. Kerr	Modification of composition of the PERA board	H. Fin	2/23 5/8	Discussion Pl'd
Support	HB1226	Barker/ Aguilar	Surcharge on crimes against persons convicted of crimes against at risk	H. Jud H. App 2 nd 3 rd S. Jud S. Fin S. App. 2 nd 3 rd H.Concur	2/16 3/2 3/9 3/12 3/26 4/12 4/24 5/1 5/2 5/8 6/8	Refer amend Refer amend Passed amend Passed Referred Referred Refer amend Pass amend Passed Re-adopt Signed
Support	HB 1242	Massey/Boyd	Creation of an electronic biometric prescribing system to monitor prescriptions	H. H&E H. EBD	3/15	Pl'd
Oppose	HB1250	Holbert/ Harvey	Premium subsidy provided by public employers to health benefits programs administered by PERA	Fin App	2/23	Pl'd
Support	HB 1253	Kefalas/ Johnston	Real property assistance grants for low income seniors and disabled individual, modifying grant amounts and increasing maximum income limits for grant qualification	H. Fin	3-14	Pl'd
Support	HB 1257	Kefalas/Boyd	Transparency in the Delivery of health care services	H. SVMA	3/7	Pl'd
Oppose as introduced/ Support amendments that expand access to voting	HB 1267	Coram/ Grantham	Simplifying pre-election procedures	H. SVMA 2 nd 3 rd S. SVMA S. SVMA S. SVMA S. App 2 nd 3 rd H.Concur	3/7 3/21 3/22 4/2 4/4 4/9 4/17 5/4 5/7 5/9	Refer amend Pass amend Passed Pl'd Reconsidered Refer amend Refer amend Pass amend Passed L.O. daily (dead)

POSITION & WHO RESPONSIBLE	BILL NO.	SPONSORS	TITLE/SUMMARY	COMM.	DATE	ACTION
Watch	HB 1279	Lee	Public Financing of Legislative Campaigns	H. SVMA	2/29	Pl'd
Support	HB 1281	Young	Pilot program establishing new payment methodologies in Medicaid	H. H&E H. App 2 nd 3 rd S. HHS S. App 2 nd 3 rd H.Concur	2/21 3/27 4/16 4/18 4/27 5/3 5/8 5/9 5/9 6/4	Referred Refer amend Pass amend Passed Refer amend Refer amend Pass amend Passed Re-adopt Signed
Watch	HB 1287	Pabon	Amount of actual value of residential real estate that qualifies for Senior property tax exemption to be exempted from property taxation for any property tax year commencing on or after Jan 1, 2012	H. Fin H. App	2/22	Pl'd
Oppose as introduced; support amendments to protect residents of LTC facilities	HB 1294	Liston/ Tochtrop	Modification to regulation of health care facilities	H. EBD H. H&E H. H&E H. H&E 2 nd 3 rd S. BLT S. App. 2 nd 3 rd H.Concur	3/1 3/13 3/20 3/22 4/16 4/18 4/23 4/25 5/1 5/2 5/8 684	Refer amend Discussion Discussion Refer amend Pass amend Passed Refer amend Refer amend Pass amend Passed Re-adopt Signed
Oppose	HB 1320	Acree	Energy-related Assistance Low-income Households	H. Agr	4/23	Pl'd
Support, also support Senate amendment to direct surplus SPTE funds to OCF	HB 1326	Acree/Kefalas Spence/ Nicholson	Concerning Assistance to the Elderly	H. Fin H. App 2 nd 3 rd S. Fin. S. App. 2 nd 3 rd H.Concur	3/14 4/4 4/11 4/18 5/1 5/8 5/9 5/9 5/22	Referred Refer amend Pass amend Passed Refer amend Referred Pass amend Passed Re-adopt Signed

POSITION & WHO RESPONSIBLE	BILL NO.	SPONSORS	TITLE/SUMMARY	COMM.	DATE	ACTION
Watch	HB 1335	JBC	Long Appropriations Bill	H. App. 2 nd 3 rd S. App. 2 nd 3 rd C. Comm. House Senate	4/4 4/11 4/12 4/17 4/18 4/19 4/23 4/26 4/26 5/7	Referred Pass amend Passed Refer amend Pass amend Passed Reported Re-passed Re-passed Signed
Watch	HB 1340	JBC	Reduction in per diem rates to nursing facilities	H. App. 2 nd 3 rd S. App. 2 nd 3 rd C. Comm. House Senate	4/4 4/11 4/12 4/17 4/18 4/19 4/23 4/26 4/26 5/3	Referred Pass amend Passed Refer amend Pass amend Passed Reported Re-passed Re-passed Signed
Watch	HCR 1002	Court/Aguilar	Means Test Senior Property Tax Exemption	H. SVMA	5/2	Pl'd
Support	HCR 1003	Court/Coram Spence/ Johnston	Process for amending the state constitution	H. SVMA	5/2	Pl'd

SENATE BILLS

Oppose	SB 16	Lambert/ Del Grosso	Optional modification of PERA contribution rates	S. SVMA	1-30	Pl'd
Oppose	SB 18	Lundberg	Development of an alternative medical assistance program for the elderly	S. HHS	2/2	Pl'd
Support	SB 23	Boyd	All-inclusive care for the elderly - PACE	S. HHS 2 nd 3 rd H. H&E 2 nd 3 rd	3/1 3/5 3/6 3/15 3/20 3/21 4/12	Referred Passed Passed Referred Passed Passed Signed
Oppose	SB 32	Brophy	Seeking federal authorization to allow greater state flexibility in management of state administered health care assistance programs	S. HHS	2-1	Pl'd

POSITION & WHO RESPONSIBLE	BILL NO.	SPONSORS	TITLE/SUMMARY	COMM.	DATE	ACTION
Oppose	SB 53	Neville/ Looper	Repeal Health Benefit Exchange Act if any part of PPACA is ruled unconstitutional	S. HHS	2/2	Pl'd
Support	SB 54	Boyd	Protection against retaliation for employees of licensed health care facilities who exercise their own judgment	S. HHS	2/16	Pl'd
Support	SB 55	White/ McCann	9Health Fair Tax Checkoff Senate Finance	S. Fin 2 nd 3 rd H. Fin 2 nd 3 rd S. Concur	2/6 2/10 2/13 3/15 3/20 3/21 3/27 4/16	Referred Passed Passed Refer amend Passed amend Passed Readopt Signed
Support	SB 60	Roberts/ Gerou	Improve Medicaid fraud prosecution	S. HHS S. App 2 nd 3 rd H. H&E H. App. 2 nd 3 rd	2/6 2/24 2/28 2/29 4/19 4/24 4/25 4/27 5/9	Referred Referred Passed amend Passed Referred Referred Passed Passed Signed
Watch	SB 65	Morse	Prior authorization form for prescription drugs	S. HHS	5/2	Pl'd
Support	SB 70	Aguilar/ Wilson	Enacting the "Uniform Residential Landlord Tenant Act"	S. Jud 2 nd	3/7 5/9	Refer amend L.O. daily (dead)
Support	SB 71	Giron/ Duran	Loan modification remedies prior to foreclosure	S. Jud S. App.	5/4 5/7	Referred Pl'd
Support	SB 74	Aguilar/ Gardner	Designation of a provider by person eligible for consumer-directed care services	S. Jud 2 nd 3 rd H. Jud 2 nd 3 rd S. Concur	2/6 2/10 2/13 3/15 3/23/ 3/26 3/29 4/13	Referred Passed Passed Refer amend Passed Passed Readopt Signed

POSITION & WHO RESPONSIBLE	BILL NO.	SPONSORS	TITLE/SUMMARY	COMM.	DATE	ACTION
Support	SB 78	Hudak/ Schafer, S	Protection of at-risk adults	S. HHS S. HHS 2 nd 2 nd 3 rd H. H&E Leg Coun H. App. 2 nd 3 rd S.Concur	2/2 3/15 3/23 3/26 3/27 4/19 4/24 4/27 5/1 5/8 5/9 5/16	Discussion-LO Refer amend Amend L.O. Passed amend Passed Refer amend Referred Refer amend Pass amend Passed Re-adopt Signed
Oppose	SB 82	Harvey	PERA retirement age same as Social Security	S. Fin	2/9	Pl'd
Oppose	SB 84	Lambert/ Swalm	PERA transparency	S. Fin	2/14	Pl'd
Oppose	SB 85	Mitchell	Reductions in General Fund expenditures	S. HHS	2/9	Pl'd
Support	SB 93	Carroll, Boyd/ Duran	Requirement that a licensed hospital provide notice to patients of any service not provided by the hospital because of moral convictions or religious beliefs	S. HHS 2 nd 3 rd H. SVMA	2/16 2/24 3/1 3/21	Referred Passed Passed Pl'd
Oppose	SB119	Neville/ Hobart	Increase fiscal sustainability PERA	S. Fin	2-9	Pl'd
Support	SB127	Newell/ Summers	Participation of long-term care providers in Medicaid care coordination programs	S. HHS 2 nd 3 rd H. H&E 2 nd 3 rd S. Concur	2/29 3/15 3/16 3/22 3/27 3/28 3/30 4/23	Refer amend Passed amend Passed Refer amend Pass amend Passed Readopt Signed
Support	SB128	Robert/ Summers	Achieving efficiencies in Medicaid long-term care program through greater use of alternative care facilities	S. HHS 2 nd 3 rd H. H&E 2 nd 3 rd Senate	3/1 3/9 3/12 3/22 4/5 4/16 4/30 6/8	Refer amend Passed Passed Refer amend Pass amend Passed Concur Signed

POSITION & WHO RESPONSIBLE	BILL NO.	SPONSORS	TITLE/SUMMARY	COMM.	DATE	ACTION
Support	SB134	Aguilar	Financial assistance in Colorado Hospitals	S. HHS S. App 2 nd 3 rd H. H&E 2 nd 3 rd	2-16 2-23 3/2 3/19 3/20 3/29 4/5 4/16 5/7	Discussed L.O. Refer amend Refer Pass amend Passed Referred Passed Passed Signed
Watch	SB149	Steadman/ Priola	Allow Local Government Retirement Plan Modifications	S. Fin 2 nd 3 rd H. Fin 2 nd 3 rd Senate	3-13 3/20 3/29 4/18 4/234/24/2 4 4/30 5/29	Referred Passed Passed Refer amend Pass amend Passed Concur Signed
Oppose	SB 157	Scheffel/ A. Williams	Telecommunications Modernization Act of 2012	S. BLT S. App	3/20 5/3	Refer amend Pl'd
Oppose	SCR 4	Lambert/ Swalm	PERA Transparency	S. SVMA	4/30	Pl'd
Oppose	S. Mem. 3	Neville, et all	Memorializing Congress re "Respect for Rights of Consumer Conscience Act of 2011"	S. SVMA S. 3rd	3/26 4/27	Referred Lost

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