

# 2023 Session Newsletter

April 12<sup>th</sup>

## SENATOR ROD PELTON

I hope that everyone had a blessed resurrection weekend and Easter Sunday.

“May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear. And may Christ, Our Risen Savior, always be there by your side to bless you most abundantly and be your loving guide.” — Author Unknown

### A Bad Bill That Chips Away at Local Control...

In the Senate Local Government and Housing Committee, we heard over 10 hours of testimony on Senate Bill 23-213 “Land Use” last week. This bill will take away local government powers and the citizens’ constitutional right to participate in local government decisions.

I was a firm NO vote on this bill, as it does not support local government land use and accountability. We need to keep the powers of the local government where they belong: within the local government.



*Pictured Above: Senator Barb Kirkmeyer, Senator Byron Pelton, and I sitting in Committee, where we listened to over 200 Coloradans testify on SB23-213.*

Always feel free to reach out to me, as I appreciate hearing from my constituents.

Faithfully,  
Senator Rod Pelton

### Updates on a Few of My Bills

I have been added as a co-sponsor on both SB23-255, Wolf Depredation Compensation Fund, and SB23-256, Management of Gray Wolves Reintroduction.

Both of these bills will offer crucial protections for our ranchers and help to make the reintroduction of wolves a less invasive process. One of these protections is the 10J Rule. This rule will protect our ranchers who may need to kill a wolf that is attacking their cattle, especially around calving time when the mother and baby are most vulnerable.

One of the jobs of the Colorado State Legislature is to mitigate problems that are created from either current statute and/or changing situations that are happening in our state, which is what both SB23-255 and SB23-256 will do.

### SB23-044 Veterinary Education Loan Repayment Program

This bill updates the veterinary education loan repayment program by increasing the number of qualified applicants from four to six, and eliminates the requirement that the applicant had to have graduated from an accredited veterinary school prior to 2017.

STATUS: Has passed out of the Senate with no amendments and was introduced in the House, where it has been referred to Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources Committee.



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