

# 2023 Session Newsletter

April 20<sup>th</sup>

Today is the 102<sup>nd</sup> day of the 2023 Legislative Session, meaning we only have 18 days left of session. These next 18 days will be filled with contentious bills that my colleagues on the left side of the aisle will be trying to ram through while they also, purposely, leave many of our common sense bills unscheduled to die on the calendar. Rest assured, I am prepared and ready for these long days ahead as we face the clock and work to protect the Colorado that we once knew and loved.

## SB23-213 is Slowly Moving Through the Legislature

SB23-213 is going to be one of those contentious bills that will be forced through during these last few days.

As you most likely recall, the Senate Local Government and Housing Committee heard over 200 Coloradoans who offered testimony about SB23-213 about two weeks ago. Tuesday, my fellow legislators on the Senate Local Government and Housing Committee and I again addressed SB23-213, where we discussed numerous amendments.

It does not matter how much lipstick you apply to a pig; at the end of the day it is still a pig. The same concept is true regarding this atrocious Land Use legislation. No matter how many amendments we make to this 105-page bill, it is still an attack on local government land use authority. This bill also takes away the citizens' right to have input on what their neighborhoods look like.

One of the questions that I had asked to the many who testified on this bill was whether a cost-benefit analysis was conducted to evaluate the economic stability of this bill. The answer was no. This lack of an answer alludes to the concerns I have for this bill if it passes. My concerns remained during the amendment process, as none of the amendments addressed economic stability.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me, as I appreciate hearing from my constituents.

Faithfully,



Senator Rod Pelton



## Services My Office Offers

As a State Senator, my job is to serve you, the good people of Senate District 35. In addition to being a voice for rural and agricultural values, my office can also:

1. Provide assistance with State Agencies and act as a liaison on your behalf;
2. Offer guided tours around the State Capitol and to the top of the Dome; and
3. Help you order flags that have been flown over our State Capitol.



*Pictured Above: I was excited to read a tribute in the Senate well to recognize April 13<sup>th</sup> as Homeschool Day in Colorado.*

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