

2023 Session Newsletter

May 5th

Today marks the 117th day of the 2023 Legislative Session.

We are down to the last three days of session, and as of yesterday, we still have about 167 bills on the calendar awaiting action in either a committee and/or on the floor. Many of these bills are being held up on the House side, and I can honestly say that I do not miss the antics that happen over there. The best way to sum up the two chambers is that the House is like a cage match, and Senate is like a chess game.

Bills are still being introduced during this last week of Session

I do not understand why we are still introducing new bills, bills that are over 50 pages in length, during this last week of session. If these bills are really of such high importance, why wouldn't they have been introduced earlier so that way we can fully address them, get stakeholders involved, and have a more transparent process. One of these bills was SB23-303, which was just introduced this past Monday and has been forced full speed through the process – having already passed through the Senate, and it will be voted on by the House soon.



Pictured Above: Earlier this week, I went down to the Senate well to speak on SB23-303 during Second Reading.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me during these remaining 11 days of session and throughout the interim, as I appreciate hearing from my constituents.

Faithfully,



Senator Rod Pelton

Summary on Bills I've Sponsored

Here at the Colorado State Capitol, the prime sponsor in the first chamber (known as the chamber of origin) is responsible for asking a legislator in the second (opposite) chamber to carry the bill in that chamber. Below are the bills that a Representative(s) had asked that I carry over in the Senate after it passes in the House.

HB23-1040: Prader-Willi Syndrome

Status: Signed into Law on March 31st

HB23-1051: Support For Rural Telecommunications Providers

Status: Sent to the Governor

HB23-1094: Extend Agricultural Workforce Development Program

Status: Sent to the Governor

HB23-1103: Severance Tax Revenue Distribution

Status: Killed in House Finance

HB23-1156: Public Airport Authority Act Modernization

Status: Signed into Law on April 10th

HB23-1247: Assess Advanced Energy Solutions In Rural Colorado

Status: Introduced in Senate - Assigned to Transportation & Energy

HB23-1264: Update Livestock Health Act

Status: Referred Unamended to the Senate Committee of the Whole

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