

# Report on the 2020 Session 63<sup>rd</sup> Day

REPRESENTATIVE ROD  
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Friends and Neighbors,

My fellow legislators and I have been hard at work this session. We've just crested the half way point and there is still a great deal of work to be done.

So far this session myself and the other Republican legislators have been fighting hard against the over reach of the agenda that the Democrats have been pushing through the legislative process. We have not always been able to stop them from doing what they want; one such case was the repeal of the death penalty which my colleagues and I tried to get moved to the ballot to let the people decide, just as they did in 1974. We have been able to stop some bad bills from passing through however; HB20-1084 would have caused major restrictions to responsible dog breeders whose livelihoods often depend on their dog breeding activities. In a show of bipartisanship, this bill did not pass through committee. It was extremely beneficial to have gotten to many constituent responses to that bill. I encourage all of my constituents to watch what is happening here at the Capitol and to reach out to me and my office with any concerns or information you would like me to know while I am here fighting for House District 65 and rural Colorado.

I'd also like to take a second to inform everyone that the COVID-19 has made it to Colorado and the Governor has declared a state of emergency. Protect yourself and your communities by frequently washing your hands and if you are sick please take responsible actions to avoid spreading any illness further.

We've got 60 days left and lots to do so stay tuned for what is to come!

Faithfully,

Representative Rod Pelton

## Important Bills to Watch

**HB20-1293:** This is a bill that I am running with Representative McKluskie to change the way emergency telephone charges are funded so that they can be available to all of Colorado, but especially so that the services can continue to flawlessly serve rural Colorado.

**HB20-1139:** This is a bill that I am running with Representative Caraveo. It is one way that I can contribute to the need for mental health workers in rural Colorado and across the whole state. It passed out of its first committee unanimously.

**HJR20-1004:** This is a Resolution that passed unanimously in the House of Representative yesterday. Its passing will rename a segment of C-470 after Kendrick Castillo, the brave young man who gave his life to protect his fellow students during the tragic STEM school shooting.



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