

End of the 2021 Legislative Session 116th Day

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Friends and Neighbors,

The 73rd Colorado General Assembly has officially adjourned. This session was one unlike any other as we dealt with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, new leadership, and the changing political climate in our state.

This Legislative Session was a long one as I fought against harmful legislation pushed through by Democrats. Some of this harmful legislation added new transportation fees without voter approval, attacks on rural Colorado, agriculture and livestock, infringement on the second amendment, and a state-run public option. These types of bills are bad for Colorado and throughout this session, the Republican caucus, who are the statehouse minority, debated these issues with strong opposition.

Though this session was one unlike any other, I am proud to share the accomplishments I achieved this session. In this session, I introduced legislation that would benefit rural Colorado – including agriculture, business and labor, health care, and transportation to name a few.

My 2021 legislation successes:

HB21-1324 Promote Innovative And Clean Energy Technologies

Facilitate the use of innovative energy technologies by investor-owned utilities in Colorado.

SB21-203 Funding For Colorado Proud

Appropriations to the Department of Agriculture.

HB21-1305 Mental Health Practice Act

Clarifying education and hours of practice required for licensure or certification as an addiction counselor.

SB21-079 Deregulate Meat Sales Direct to Consumers

Allows a person to sell without a license or inspections without oversight by public health agency.

HB21-1187 Long-term Services And Support Case Management Redesign

Ensure conflict-free case management for long-term services.

SB21-063 Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangements Offer Insurance

Expansion of the eligibility of employers to offer health care benefits to members of a COOP.

HB21-1097 Establish Behavioral Health Administration

Colorado behavioral health task force, establishing a behavioral health administration.

SB21-039 Elimination of Subminimum Wage Employment

Modernize employment for people with disabilities.

HB21-1056 Cost Thresholds For Public Bidding Requirements

Concerning public projects supervised by CDOT.

SB21-011 Pharmacist Prescribe Dispense Opiate Antagonist

Prevent countless overdoses in Colorado from becoming fatal.

HB21-1021 Peer Support Professional Behavioral Health

Improve recovery support services of peer support professionals.

These are just a handful of my bills that made their way through the legislative process this session. I am grateful that these bills made it through with little to no controversy and all benefit rural and Colorado as a whole.

With the 2021 Legislative Session now over, I look to the future as I continue to fight for rural Colorado and all voices of House District 65 by working to prepare legislation for this next session. If you are interested in reaching out to my office with any input or concerns, please feel free to call 303-866-3706 or email rod.pelton.house@state.co.us, and follow for updates on my website and Facebook.



Faithfully,
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