

Report on the 2020 Session 79th Day

REPRESENTATIVE ROD
PELTON

Friends and Neighbors,

We find ourselves in truly unprecedented times in the Colorado General Assembly. I am proud to say though that we have gotten back to work and are hard charging to wrap up the work we must for Colorado.

Upon our return, the most important priority was to pass the budget. With approximately a 3.5-billion-dollar short fall, the Republican caucus in the House of Representatives worked hard to ensure that the budget was not balanced on the backs of our children or our seniors. We were not able to achieve everything that we set out to, but we pushed back on the Democrats and made them show their true intentions for our children and our seniors.

Upon our return we also looked forward to a bi-partisan following of the rules “fast, friendly, and free” for legislation that would move forward. At first, it seemed promising with both parties having bills postponed indefinitely in committee that violated any of the 3 qualifiers listed above. It has since been shown that the Democrats are not keen on following this rule and the Republican caucus has taken it upon themselves to slow them down and make sure that Colorado is watching.

As always, I hope that your families and communities are healthy and well. If you have any comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Faithfully,

Representative Rod Pelton

Important Bills to Watch

SB20-163: This is a bill that has had lots of attention, and rightfully so. Whether you choose to vaccinate your children or not, it should be your choice as a parent. That is why I stood in the well and said, “where there is risk, there must be choice”.

Vaccinations should not be mandated by the State and re-education should not be a requirement of opting out. Parents need to raise their children and make their own choices and the State does not have any right to be in those decisions.

SB20-217: This is a bill that is a response to the protests over use of force by police. I believe that it is a “knee jerk” reaction that will only harm our friends and family members that are wearing the badge to protect and serve. It will also severely harm recruitment and retention efforts of our great police officers, especially in our rural communities.

HB20-1420: This bill shows the insatiable appetite that the democrats have for more money for the pet projects that our budget short falls no longer can cover. The repealing of tax credits for ag and small businesses as well as capping loss carryover is just unacceptable for rural Colorado. I will not support a bill that is harmful to the ag industry and small businesses.



House District 65

Cheyenne, Kit Carson, Logan,
Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Yuma

(303)866-3706

Rod.Pelton.CO@gmail.com

Office:

1525 Sherman St.

Suite 644

Denver, CO 80203

Mailing Address:

Representative Rod Pelton

200 E Colfax Ave

Room 307

Denver, CO 80203

