

2023 Session Newsletter

April 27th

Today marks the 109th day of the 2023 Legislative Session.

Starting tomorrow, April 28, the Senate is going to enact rule changes – often referenced as the 3 Day Memo – that will:

- (1) Suspend the ruling that Senate Leadership must work with both the minority and majority caucus leaders to schedule the floor calendar. This means that the Democrats will be able to arrange the schedule however they wish with no reference to what we, the 12 Republican Senators, want.
- (2) Allow for the speeding up of the bill process and taking away the “safety nets” of not allowing a bill to be heard in committee and on the floor in the same day. While this is standard practice every session, I am more worried this year, as we are still seeing bills introduced as we near the finish line. These newly introduced bills will now be haphazardly pushed through without ample time for the public or the legislative body to do full, in-depth research.

A Win for Private Property!

The Senate Local Government & Housing Committee met Tuesday evening to hear HB23-1115 “Repeal Prohibition Local Residential Rent Control.”

Rent control is a detrimental idea. We should leave this matter to the free market and not fix prices on an already unstable market.

After listening to multiple testimonies, we were able to convince some of our colleagues on the other side of the aisle that more government and more regulations on our housing market is not the answer.

We were able to kill this Rent Control bill with the use of a reverse roll call vote, which resulted in a 4-3 vote.

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

Quick Recap on My Original Bills

Every Colorado State Senator and Representative is allotted five bills (per session) that they can introduce in their respective chamber. Sometimes Leadership allows a member to have more than five bills, but not always.

SB23-026: Financial Institution Discrimination Environmental Criteria

Status: Postponed Indefinitely/Died in Senate Business, Labor, & Technology Committee

SB23-044: Veterinary Education Loan Repayment Program

Status: Passed the Senate & House, on its way to the Governor’s desk

SB23-068: Operations Of County Public Hospitals

Status: Signed into Law on April 3rd

SB23-186: Oil And Gas Commission Study Methane Seepage Raton Basin

Status: Referred, with Amendments, to House Appropriations

SB23-297: America 250 Colorado 150 Commission

Status: Assigned to Senate Appropriations

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