

2011 End-of-Session Report

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House Bill 11-1071: Roundup River Ranch Tax Checkoff

This bill creates the Roundup River Ranch fund in the state treasury. For the 3 income tax years commencing on or after January 1 of the year in which the executive director of the department of revenue certifies to the revisor of statutes that there is a space on the income tax return form, the bill requires a voluntary contribution designation line for the fund to appear on state individual income tax return forms.

Signed by the governor on June 6, 2011.

House Bill 11-1151: Cruelty to Service Animals

This bill specifically defines cruelty to a service animal being used by a peace officer or person with a disability and requires that, in addition to any other penalty imposed, a person who is convicted of aggravated cruelty to a service animal shall make restitution for any veterinary bills and, if necessary, replacement costs of the service animal that are a result of the cruelty incident.

Signed by the governor on March 30, 2011.

House Bill 11-1154: County Unincorporated Business Registration Program

This bill allows a board of county commissioners to enact an ordinance defining the boundaries of a "large community," which must be an unincorporated area having a population of at least 5,000, within which a business may not operate unless the business has registered with the board of county commissioners.

Postponed indefinitely.

House Bill 11-1201: Streamlining Educator Licensing

This bill creates an affidavit of completion of ongoing professional development activities that a licensee seeking renewal will submit with the renewal application. In the affidavit, the licensee affirms under oath that he or she completed the specified activities within the required time frame and that, to the best of the licensee's knowledge, the activities meet the statutory and regulatory requirements.

Signed by the governor on May 4, 2011.

House Bill 11-1210: Require CDOT to Make I-70 Mountain Corridor Recommendations

This bill requires the department of transportation (CDOT) to make prioritized recommendations to the transportation committees of the general assembly regarding actions that can be taken before July 1, 2017, to improve mobility in the interstate 70 mountain corridor. The bill also allows CDOT to hold public hearings at which interested members of the public may propose actions to improve mobility in the corridor or comment on actions proposed by others.

Signed by the governor on March 30, 2011.

House Bill 11-1253: Charter School & At-risk Student Funding

Under current law, there are 2 funding formulas for district charter schools, the application of which depends on whether the authorizing school district and the charter school meet specified conditions. Under one of the funding formulas, the charter school receives a portion of the school district's at-risk pupil funding through the per pupil revenue calculation, regardless of whether the charter school enrolls any at-risk pupils. Under the other funding formula, the school district pays a portion of its at-risk pupil funding to the charter school only to the extent the charter school enrolls at-risk pupils. This bill allows a school district board of education to elect to use the adjusted funding formula for one or more of its district charter schools, regardless of whether the school district or the district charter school meets the specified conditions.

Postponed indefinitely.

Senate Bill 11-092: Sunset Vessel Registration Program

The bill implements the recommendations set forth by the department of regulatory agencies in its 2010 sunset review of the vessel registration program administered by the division of parks and outdoor recreation (division) in the department of natural resources.

Signed by the governor on May 19, 2011.

Senate Bill 11-267: Forest Health Act of 2011

This bill creates the Colorado forest biomass use work group. The work group is directed to prioritize its efforts to address critical forested areas of the state, including the wildland-urban interface, electric utility infrastructure, transportation corridors, and water supply and quality.

Signed by the governor on June 8, 2011.