

# 2012 End-of-Session Report

*Representative Millie Hamner, House District 61*



## **House Bill 12-1032: Continue Forest Restoration Programs 5 Years**

This bill continues the forest restoration program, and its associated funding from severance taxes, for 5 years and specifies that the program is no longer a pilot program. The bill also extends for 5 years the annual transfers from the operational account of the severance tax trust fund of \$1.45 million to the healthy forests and vibrant communities fund and \$50,000 to the wildland-urban interface training fund.

***Signed by the governor on March 24, 2012.***

## **House Bill 12-1114: "Vonnie's Law" Stalking Mandatory Arrest Protection Order**

Under this bill, a summons shall not be issued in lieu of an arrest for a charge of stalking. Before the defendant is released on bail for a stalking charge, the court must state the terms of the protection order, and the defendant must acknowledge the order. In a stalking case, the prosecutor can request a hearing to modify the protection order. The bill makes technical corrections to the crime of stalking.

***Signed by the governor on May 11, 2012.***

## **House Bill 12-1154: Regional Economic Development Through Partnerships**

This bill tasks the Colorado office of economic development with fostering a regional approach to economic development. A region is defined as a state planning and management region utilized by the department of local affairs. Currently, there are 14 such regions in the state.

***Postponed indefinitely.***

## **House Bill 12-1238: Ensuring K-3 Literacy Education**

This bill repeals and reenacts the existing "Colorado Basic Literacy Act", renaming it the "Colorado Early Literacy Act". Each school district, charter school, and board of cooperative services that enrolls students in kindergarten or first, second, or third grade must provide instructional programs and support in reading to ensure that, by the time a student finishes third grade, the student's reading skills are high enough to enable the student to master the standards and expectations for fourth grade and beyond.

***Signed by the governor on May 17, 2012.***

## **Senate Bill 12-007: Group Special License Plate Procedure**

This bill standardizes the procedural requirements for the issuance of special license plates.

***Signed by the governor on April 6, 2012.***

## **Senate Bill 12-130: Governance of Child Development Programs**

This bill creates the office of early childhood and youth development in the department of human services.

***Postponed indefinitely.***

## **Senate Bill 12-172: Multi-state Student Assessments**

Under current law, the state board of education is directed to adopt a system of assessments aligned with state standards in a variety of subjects. This bill directs the state to join as a governing board member a consortium of states that is developing a common set of assessments. For assessments in reading, writing, and mathematics, the state board will rely upon assessments developed by the consortium. For all other assessments, the state board will, to the extent possible, rely upon assessments developed in conjunction with other states.

***Lost due to adjournment sine die.***

## **Senate Bill 12-180: Multi-state Student Assessments**

This bill develops a variety of legislative responses to address the risks caused by diseased and falling trees, pest epidemics, and fire to Colorado's forests and water systems.

***Postponed indefinitely.***