

2013 End-of-Session Report

Representative Millie Hamner, House District 61



House Bill 13-1011: Repeal Fee for Identification Marker on State-Issued Identification

This bill repeals the fee currently charged to a member of the armed services for the branch-of-service identifier on a Colorado driver's license or state identification card.

Signed by the governor on April 4, 2013.

House Bill 13-1035: Add One Judge to the 5th and 9th Judicial Districts

This bill increases the number of judges in the 5th judicial district from 5 to 6 and in the 9th judicial district from 4 to 5.

Signed by the governor on March 8, 2013.

House Bill 13-1117: Alignment of Child Development Programs

This bill reorganizes existing early childhood programs and consolidates them within the Colorado Department of Human Services. Duties are changed to include more advising and monitoring of efforts around early childhood programs.

Signed by the governor on May 07, 2013.

House Bill 13-1158: Cottage Foods Act

This bill amends the "Colorado Cottage Foods Act" to clarify the food handling and safety course requirement for producers. Food producers under the act are exempted from regulation under the "Farm Products Act". A person is allowed to sell up to 250 dozen eggs per month under the act.

Signed by the governor on April 4, 2013.

House Bill 13-1219: Statutory Changes to K-12 Education

This bill makes several changes to existing statute concerning K-12 education, including requiring annual reports on the effectiveness of programs, data collection on student course completion, changes in the student assessment statute, and more.

Signed by the governor on April 4, 2013.

House Bill 13-1252: Petroleum Storage Tank Redevelopment Fund

This bill creates the petroleum cleanup and redevelopment fund, consisting of civil penalties collected for violations of the petroleum storage tank laws. On July 1, 2013, the treasurer will transfer \$5,000,000 from the redevelopment fund to the state highway fund to be used for a fire suppression system at the Eisenhower-Johnson tunnels.

Signed by the governor on May 15, 2013.

House Bill 13-1257: Developing Local-level Educator Evaluation Systems

If a local board of education or board of cooperative services develops its own distinctive personnel evaluation system for educators that meets or exceeds the requirements established by statute and the state board of education, the local board of education or board of cooperative services must do so in conjunction with the superintendent and any teachers' association that has a master employment contract or that demonstrates support from a majority of teachers in the school district or districts of the board of cooperative services.

Signed by the governor on May 17, 2013.

Senate Bill 13-002: Designate BOCES as Local Education Agencies

This bill allows boards of cooperative services (BOCES) to act as local education agencies for the purposes of federal law, including for the receipt of federal grants. BOCES may apply to any division within the department of education, and all divisions must inform BOCES of and allow them to apply for all eligible federal and state grant moneys.

Signed by the governor on March 22, 2013.

Senate Bill 13-015: Electronic Participation in Local Boards of Education Meetings

This bill allows a school district board of education to adopt a policy that authorizes members to participate electronically in board meetings, excluding executive sessions of the board.

Signed by the governor on March 22, 2013.

Senate Bill 13-053: Exchange Of Student Data K-12 And Postsecondary

This bill establishes a procedure between the department of education and the department of higher education that allows for the transfer of available student data relevant to the transition from high school to the postsecondary system. The procedure must utilize student unit record data currently collected and maintained by the department of education and administered at no charge to local education providers, public institutions of higher education, or students.

Signed by the governor on April 8, 2013.

Senate Bill 13-161: Sunset Licensing of Architects, Engineers, and Surveyors

This bill implements the recommendations of the sunset review and report on the state board for licensure of architects, professional engineers, and professional land surveyors, and also makes technical amendments to update the governing statutes.

Signed by the governor on May 28, 2013.

Senate Bill 13-175: Wildlife Habitat Stamp Programs Continuation

This bill continues the wildlife habitat stamp committee indefinitely by deleting its repeal on December 31, 2013.

Signed by the governor on May 18, 2013.

Senate Bill 13-178: Red Rocks Community College Physician Assistant Graduate Program

This bill authorizes Red Rocks community college to continue providing its physician assistant studies program by authorizing Red Rocks community college to confer a graduate degree on students who complete the physician assistant studies program.

Signed by the governor on May 17, 2013.

Senate Bill 13-213: Future School Finance Act

This bill creates a new school finance act, the implementation of which is conditional upon passage of a statewide ballot measure to increase state revenues for funding public education (Amendment 66 passage failed on Election Day 2013).

Signed by the governor on May 21, 2013.

Senate Bill 13-224: "Protect Our Rivers" Motor Vehicle License Plate

This bill creates the "Protect Our Rivers" license plate. A person becomes eligible to use the plate by donating \$25 to Colorado trout unlimited. This donation may not be used for litigation or lobbying. In addition to the normal motor vehicle fees, the plate requires 2 one-time fees of \$25. One of the fees is credited to the highway users tax fund and the other to the licensing services cash fund.

Signed by the governor on May 18, 2013.

Senate Bill 13-260: Financing of Public Schools

This bill amends the "Public School Finance Act of 1994" (act) to modify the funding for public schools from preschool through the twelfth grade for the 2013-14 budget year, and, in some circumstances, for budget years thereafter.

Signed by the governor on May 17, 2013.

Senate Bill 13-273: Renewable Energy Incentives to Use Forest Biomass

This bill provides incentives to reduce the large amount of diseased timber in Colorado by encouraging the use of forest biomass for energy generation and material for forest industry development. This will reduce the risk of future catastrophic wildfires, benefit the state's economy, and address Colorado communities' long-term forest health needs.

Signed by the governor on June 5, 2013.