



State Representative Dylan Roberts
H.D. 26 - Eagle County & Routt County
Legislative Review – 72nd General Assembly, 2020



Quick Stats:

- 25 bills introduced as prime sponsor
- 17 passed bills: 9 House, 8 Senate
- 100% of my bills had bipartisan sponsorship and/or received bipartisan votes
- 9 Town Hall meetings in HD26 so far in 2020 (in-person and virtual)

Passed Bills:

HOUSE BILLS

HB1003: Rural Jump-start Zone Act Expansion

The Rural Jump-Start Program incentivizes businesses to create and maintain jobs in rural parts of Colorado by providing tax incentives both to the businesses themselves and to their employees. These businesses must be located in designated economically distressed areas of Colorado known as Rural Jump-Start Zones. This bill extends the program for five years and allows economic development organizations to form Rural Jump-Start Zone programs so that more counties in more parts of the state can participate.

Bi-partisan sponsorship: Reps. Janice Rich and Dylan Roberts & Sens. Kerry Donovan and Ray Scott

Status: SENT TO GOVERNOR.

HB1067: Management Of Property Held By Certain Junior College Districts

This bill allows Moffat County Affiliated Junior College District (MCAJCD) to hold and sell its current real estate holdings as long as the sale is for fair market value as determined by an independent appraiser and the proceeds are used for the benefit of the Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC).

Bi-partisan sponsorship: Reps. Perry Will and Dylan Roberts & Sens. Tammy Story and Rhonda Fields

Status: SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR.

HB1157: Loaned Water For Instream Flows To Improve Environment

This bill expands Colorado's instream flow program, which allows water-rights holders to temporarily loan their water to the Colorado Water Conservation Board's (CWCB) instream flow program during dry years without jeopardizing their water rights. This bill will improve the natural environment by providing water users a way to voluntarily divert less or no water during dry years, which will in turn positively impact local economies, wildlife, river health, and downstream agriculture.

Bi-partisan sponsorship: Reps. Perry Will and Dylan Roberts & Sen. Kerry Donovan

Status: SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR.

HB1159: State Engineer Confirm Existing Use Instream Flow

Idea directly from Routt County! This bill authorizes state water officials to confirm historical usages, such as water used for livestock, and whether or not it's part of an official water right. This allows ranchers' use to stay first in line for water, ahead of the stream protections known as in-stream flow rights.

Bi-partisan sponsorship: Reps. Marc Catlin and Dylan Roberts & Sens. Kerry Donovan and Don Coram

Status: SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR.

HB1208: Sunset Coal Mine Board Of Examiners

This bill continues the safety regulation of coal mine staff through 2029 and implements some of the recommendations of the Department of Regulatory Agency's sunset review report.

Bi-partisan sponsorship: Reps. Perry Will and Dylan Roberts & Sen. Kerry Donovan

Status: SENT TO GOVERNOR.

HB1343: Egg-laying Hen Confinement Standards

This bill restricts the enclosures that can be used for larger commercial egg-laying hen operations with a 1 square foot per usable floor space per hen restriction phasing into a cage-free housing system requirement by 2023.

Prime sponsorship: Rep. Dylan Roberts and Sen. Kerry Donovan

Status: SENT TO GOVERNOR.

HB1403: Colorado Water Conservation Board Construction Fund Projects

This bill appropriates specific amounts from the Colorado water conservation board (CWCB) construction fund to the CWCB or the division of water resources in the department of natural resources for various projects and programs as outlined in the bill text.

Bi-partisan sponsorship: Reps. Marc Catlin and Dylan Roberts & Sens. Kerry Donovan and Jerry Sonnenberg

Status: SENT TO GOVERNOR.

HB1408: Distribution Of HB20-1377 Capital Construction Fund Money

This bill uses funds from the Capital Construction Fund for the upcoming fiscal year, specifying \$34 million for level 1 controlled maintenance projects, \$3.8 million for University of Northern Colorado boiler #3 replacement, and \$2.8 million for Adams State University for Plachy Hall HVAC upgrade and replacement. Remaining funds, an estimated \$8.2 million, will go to the emergency maintenance account.

Bi-partisan sponsorship: Reps. Alex Valdez and Dylan Roberts & Sens. Tammy Story and Jerry Sonnenberg

Status: SENT TO GOVERNOR.

HB1421: Delinquent Interest Payments Property Tax

Idea directly from Eagle & Routt Counties! This bill allows counties to temporarily reduce, waive, or suspend delinquent interest payments for property tax payments for business owners who are experiencing decreased revenue due to the COVID-19 economic downturn.

Bi-partisan sponsorship: Reps. Lori Saine and Dylan Roberts & Sens. Kerry Donovan and Jerry Sonnenberg

Status: SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR.

SENATE BILLS

SB213: Alcohol Beverage Retail Takeout And Delivery

Idea directly from Eagle & Routt Counties! This bill authorizes restaurants to deliver alcohol beverages to customers and to take the beverages off the licensed premises with their food order. The law will take effect when the Governor's Executive Order, initially enacted in March with the same effect, expires, and lasts until July 2021.

Bi-partisan sponsorship: Sens. Jeff Bridges and Kevin Priola & Reps. Colin Larson and Dylan Roberts

Status: SENT TO GOVERNOR.

SB201: Species Conservation Trust Fund Projects

This bill appropriates \$1.5 million from the species conservation trust fund for programs submitted by the executive director of the Department of Natural Resources that are designed to conserve native species that state or federal law list as threatened or endangered or that are candidate species or are likely to become candidate species.

Bi-partisan sponsorship: Sen. Kerry Donovan & Reps. Dylan Roberts and Marc Catlin

Status: SENT TO GOVERNOR.

SB163: School Entry Immunization

This bill formalizes Colorado's requirements on immunizations, requiring parents and guardians seeking an immunization exemption for their child to fill out a standardized form developed by the Colorado Dept. of Public Health and Environment saying that they want to claim an immunization exemption for a religious or personal belief. SB20-163 addresses the issue of under-immunization in a bipartisan way, improving public health, reducing the risk of an outbreak, and keeping our children safe in schools.

Bi-partisan sponsorship: Sens. Julie Gonzales and Kevin Priola & Reps. Kyle Mullica and Dylan Roberts

Status: SENT TO GOVERNOR.

SB126: Allow Home Child Care In Homeowners' Association Community

Idea directly from Eagle County! The bill allows a homeowner in a HOA community to operate a licensed family child care home, as defined in state laws governing child care facilities, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the community's governing documents.

Bi-partisan sponsorship: Sens. Tammy Story and Jim Smallwood & Reps. Dylan Roberts and Kevin Van Winkle

Status: SENT TO GOVERNOR.

SB104: Powers Of Bureau Of Animal Protection Agents

The bill grants additional duties and powers to the bureau of animal protection agents, including the authority to conduct investigations so that local law enforcement agencies are not burdened with these cases when they are too busy.

Bi-partisan sponsorship: Sen. John Cooke and Rep. Dylan Roberts

Status: SENT TO GOVERNOR.

SB088: Evidentiary Rules When Interference With Witness

Under the current opinion of the Supreme Court, if a party to a criminal case wrongfully makes a witness unavailable, evidence that that witness would have offered is inadmissible as it constitutes hearsay evidence. This bill allows that evidence to be admitted to the court and prohibits the party responsible for making the witness unavailable from objecting to the admission of that evidence to the court. This bill makes an exception to the hearsay rule when the defendant has caused the unavailability of the witness.

Bi-partisan sponsorship: Sen. Rhonda Fields & Reps. Dylan Roberts and Matt Soper

Status: SENT TO GOVERNOR.

SB048: Study Strengthening Water Anti-speculation Law

Current law specifies that an appropriation of water cannot be based on speculation. This bill requires the executive director of the department of natural resources to convene a work group to explore ways to strengthen current anti-speculation law and to report to the water resources review committee by August 15, 2021, regarding any recommended changes.

Bi-partisan sponsorship: Sens. Kerry Donovan and Don Coram & Reps. Dylan Roberts and Marc Catlin

Status: SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR.

SB039: Update Accessibility Signage State-owned Facility

This bill updates accessibility signage in state-owned facilities to depict an accessible icon with a more dynamic character that leans forward in the wheelchair and shows a sense of movement. Existing signage and language on accessibility signs emphasize the disability itself, rather than the individual person. While this change may seem small, this updated image is intended to de-stigmatize the accessibility logo while taking a step towards protecting against discrimination on the basis of disability in Colorado. Change the sign, change the attitude!

Prime sponsorship: Sens. Rhonda Fields and Tammy Story & Reps. Alex Valdez and Dylan Roberts

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