2019 EDCC LEGISLATIVE SESSION SUMMARY

PRESENTED BY JENNIFER CASSELL, BOWDITCH & CASSELL PUBLIC AFFAIRS
New control of chambers:
• The House is 41(D) – 24(R).
• The Senate is 19(D) – 16(R).
• The Governor is a Democrat.

New membership:
• 14 new Senators
  • 9 previously served in House
• 26 new Representatives
  • Most recent sworn in on 3/5
  • Rep. Galindo resignation 5/12

Increased diversity:
• 14 female Senators
• 34 female Representatives
  • First in nation with majority women in House
2019 SESSION OVERVIEW

- The 2019 Colorado General Assembly was in session from January 4 through May 3.

- A total of 598 bills introduced.
  - 780 bills introduced in 2018
  - 681 bills in 2017

- Big year for Democratic priorities after winning the “trifecta” in November.
  - Paid family leave
  - Oil & gas reform
  - Sports betting
  - Tobacco Taxes
2019 SESSION THEMES

- Rushed high profile, democratic priorities lead to:
  - Strategic delays.
  - Inevitable compromise.
  - Senate Republicans sued Senate Democrats.
  - Many late nights & a Saturday at the Capitol.
  - Hundreds of individuals came to testify.

- Multiple bills on issues seen in the past:
  - Business issues, workforce development, transportation, and affordable housing
STATE BUDGET

March Quarterly Revenue Estimate:

• Slowed General Fund growth resulted in less revenues than expected.
  • First sign of economic slowdown?

• Smaller TABOR refunds expected.

• Continued decline in RAR
  • (7.15% for FY 2019-20)

• Next quarterly revenue forecast June 20th

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ESTIMATED TABOR REFUNDS

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# HIGH PROFILE BILLS

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OTHER LEGISLATION

- **HB19-1210** Local Government Minimum Wage
- **SB19-067** Rural Development Grant Program Creation
- **HB19-1240** Sales and Use Tax Administration
- **HB19-1252** College Credit for Work Experience
- **HB19-1313** Electric Utility Plans To Further Reduce Carbon Dioxide Emissions
- **HB19-1228** Affordable housing tax credit
- **HB19-1333** Unclaimed property trust fund transfer to Affordable Housing Fund
- **SB19-262** Transportation $100 million GF to HUTF
REFERRED BALLOT MEASURES

November 2019:

- De-bruicing proposal to reallocate funds above the TABOR revenue cap to fund:
  - P-12 Education, Higher Education and Transportation.
- Legalize sports betting to fund the CO Water Plan.

November 2020:

- Delay 2019 question to authorize CDOT to issue TRANs bonds up to $1.84 billion including annual $42.5 million GF transfer to State Highway Fund.
INTERIM ACTIVITIES

- CDOT Transportation Stakeholder Group
- OEDIT Rural Jump Start Discussions
- Interim Committee – Tax Expenditures
QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

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