

# End of Session Newsletter

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Thank you to everyone who reached out to me (either by call, text, email, mailed letter, or in-person) this past 2024 session to express your concerns, comments, and words of support. While it was a tough four months in Denver, my family and the good people of Colorado made it worth it.

## My Bills This Session

- **SB24-227: Automated External Defibrillators in Public Schools.** *Status:* Passed out of both chambers
- **SB24-220: Overweight and Oversize Vehicle Permits.** *Status:* Passed both chambers. Signed by Speaker of the House
- **SB24-161: Parks and Wildlife Licenses and Passes.** *Status:* Signed into Law
- **SB24-121: Licensure of Critical Access Hospitals.** *Status:* To the Governor's Desk
- **SB24-099: PERA Employment After Retirement.** *Status:* Signed into Law
- **SB24-004: County Veterans Service Office Administration.** *Status:* Signed into Law



Pictured Above: I was proud to speak about SB24-099 as it passed on Third Reading

As always, please feel free to reach out to me. It is my honor to serve you and I always appreciate hearing from my constituents.

Faithfully,

Senator Rod Pelton

## A Little Good in the Bad

Despite this session being one of the roughest I have ever experienced during my legislative career, there was some good to come out of it.

Out of 705 bills introduced, nearly 200 were killed. Two of the bills that were killed were the assault weapons ban (HB24-1292), and a bill wanting to increase electric vehicle charging stations across the state (HB24-1173). Both of these bills would have been devastating for Colorado.

Another notable achievement was the restructuring of the school finance formula. What this did was give rural school districts an additional 250 million dollars, 280 million to help support special education kids, and 380 million for at-risk kids each year. For Senate District 35, that's 7.2 million extra dollars per year for its schools.

The last major accomplishment I would like to mention is a property tax relief bill (SB24-233). This bill puts a 5.5% local district government increase cap and 6.95% residential rate adjusted by CPI. This will likely be 6.5% after adjustment. Commercial and agriculture is 27.9% in 2024, and will be ratcheted down to 25% in 2 years. This bill is a great representation of how Colorado Republicans brought economic relief to our constituents.

# Senator Rod Pelton



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