

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 14, 2006
TO: PPACG Board of Directors
FROM: Jennifer Young, Policy and Communications Manager
THROUGH: Robert MacDonald, Executive Director
SUBJECT: 2007 State Legislative Session: Resolutions of Support and Opposition

ACTION REQUESTED: Review and Approve

SUMMARY

For the 2007 state legislative session, PPACG staff is monitoring bills that concern the agency's programs and member governments. To date, legislators have introduced 421 bills, 36 of which PPACG is monitoring for impacts to transportation, the environment, older adults, economic development, and the military (Attachment 1).

Since bills often move quickly through the legislative process, PPACG staff proposes to streamline board approval of resolutions supporting and opposing legislation. The first step would entail action by the executive committee of the board to approve a resolution as appropriate. The second step would entail action by the full board to ratify the resolution at the next regular board of directors meeting.

For the February 14 board of directors meeting, PPACG staff requests the board's approval of the following resolutions of support:

1. Supporting the passage of House Bill 07-1100, "Concerning an Increase in the Funding to the Older Coloradans Cash Fund from the State Sales and Use Tax, and Making an Appropriation Thereafter"
2. Supporting the passage of House Bill 07-1190, "Concerning Limiting the Amount of a Sales or Use Tax that is Levied by a Regional Transportation Authority and Administered by the Department of Revenue that the Department May Retain to the Net Incremental Costs of Such Administration"
3. Supporting the passage of House Bill 07-1232, "Concerning Aid for School Districts in which Pupils who are the Dependents of Military Personnel Enroll after October 1"

For the February 14 board of directors meeting, PPACG staff also requests the board's approval of the following resolution of opposition to bills that significantly reduce transportation funding:

1. Opposing the passage of House Bill 07-1002 (Parole Consent to Search), House Bill 07-1054 (Increase Number of Court Judges), House Bill 07-1059 (School Security Infrastructure Grant Program), and Senate Bill 07-096 (Theft from At-Risk Individuals).

PPACG is waiting for the fiscal note on additional bills that may reduce funding for transportation and will request, as appropriate, a similar resolution of opposition from the board.

In 2006, about 30 bills were introduced that impacted transportation funding in the amount of \$1.6 billion over six years. However, nearly all those bills were defeated.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

The PPACG Board of Directors has passed resolutions supporting and opposing legislation during previous sessions of the state legislature.

BACKGROUND:

A synopsis of each bill PPACG is monitoring, including the bills being proposed for resolutions from the board, is provided in the legislative tracking sheet (Attachment 1).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:

None

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve resolutions
2. Disapprove resolutions
3. Request more information

RECOMMENDATION:

PPACG staff recommends that the board of directors approve the following: 1) the process for streamlining the approval of resolutions; and 2) the four resolutions of support and opposition to current legislation.

PROPOSED MOTION:

Approve the process for streamlining the approval of resolutions, whereby the PPACG Board executive committee would decide on approval and the full board would ratify the resolutions at the next regular meeting, and

1. Approve the resolutions of support for House Bill 07-1100, House Bill 07-1190, and House Bill 07-1232
2. Approve the resolution of opposition for House Bill 07-1002, House Bill 07-1054, House Bill 07-1059 and Senate Bill 07-096

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Legislative Tracking Sheet
2. Resolution Supporting the Passage of House Bill 07-1100
3. Resolution Supporting the Passage of House Bill 07-1190
4. Resolution Supporting the Passage of House Bill 07-1232
5. Resolution Opposing the Passage of House Bill 07-1002, House Bill 07-1054, House Bill 07-1059, and Senate Bill 07-096