

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 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 537 bills, 48 of which PPACG is monitoring for impacts to transportation, the environment, older adults, economic development, and the military (Attachment 1).

PPACG staff requests the board's approval of the following resolution of support (Attachment 2):

- Supporting the passage of Senate Bill 07-146, "Concerning the Creation of a Pilot Program to Provide Mental Health Services to Families of Recently Discharged Veterans"

This bill would create a three-year pilot program to provide mental health services to families of recently discharged veterans in the Colorado Springs area.

PPACG staff also requests the board's approval of the following resolutions of opposition (Attachments 3 and 4):

- Opposing the passage of House Bill 07-1189, "Concerning Drunk Driving Law Enforcement"

This bill would create a drunk driving enforcement fund and require the Colorado Department of Transportation to include as a priority within the Strategic Transportation Project Investment Program increased spending on enforcement.

- Opposing passage of the following bills that would reduce funding over five years for transportation projects through the Senate Bill 97-001 and House Bill 02-1310 mechanisms based on CDOT’s analysis. The bills are:
 1. House Bill 1022 ‘Rural Health Care Needs’
Funding impact is \$29,569
 2. House Bill 1040 “Warrants and Bonds for Illegal Immigrants”
Funding impact is \$2,252,970
 3. House Bill 1060 “Bioscience Research Grants”
Funding impact is \$2,500,000
 4. House Bill 1104 “Regulates Insurance Refer Property Repair”
Funding impact is \$20,402
 5. House Bill 1206 “Increase Gaming Moneys for Film Commission”
Funding impact is \$546, 315
 6. House Bill 1216 “Enhance Medicaid Funding”
Funding impact is \$3,045,000
 7. House Bill 1217 “Parks Outdoor Recreation Fines Penalties”
Funding impact is \$341,000
 8. House Bill 1234 “Public Notice Insurance Rate Increases”
Funding impact is \$37,192
 9. House Bill 1248 “Drug and Alcohol After School Programs”
Funding impact is \$5,000,000
 10. House Bill 1257 “Child Abuse Selling Drugs Around a Child”
Funding impact is \$22,204,271
 11. House Bill 1277, “Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Cleanrooms”
Funding impact is \$22,200,000
 12. House Bill 1279, “Machinery Exempt from Sales and Use Tax”
Funding impact is \$21,706,000

13. House Bill 1302, “Increase State General Fund Reserve”

Funding impact is \$337,100,000

14. Senate Bill 4 “Early Intervention Serve Coordinated Payment”

Funding impact is \$30,940

15. Senate Bill 45 “Public Records Fees”

Funding impact is \$16,315

16. Senate Bill 85 “Protect Consumer Real Estate Transaction”

Funding impact is \$125,165

17. Senate Bill 114 “Substantive Criminal Omnibus”

Funding impact is \$16,533,779

18. Senate Bill 119, “Sunset Div Racing Events Commission”

Funding impact is \$13,025,000

19. Senate Bill 193 “Medical Payments Coverage Auto Insurance”

Funding impact is \$251,335

The total funding impact of these bills is **\$446,965,253**. While PPACG’s staff recommendation is to oppose these bills due to their cumulative impact on transportation funding, staff also encourages a discussion at the board level about such action. In previous legislative sessions, PPACG has followed the Colorado Department of Transportation’s lead on taking legislative positions. However, for the 2007 legislative session, CDOT has decided to monitor and remain neutral on all bills that have funding impacts.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

The PPACG Board of Directors passed three resolutions of support and one resolution of opposition at its February 14, 2007 meeting.

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 3).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:

None

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve resolutions
2. Disapprove resolutions
3. Modify and approve resolutions

RECOMMENDATION:

PPACG staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve the resolutions of support and opposition

PROPOSED MOTION:

1. Approve the resolutions of support for Senate Bill 07-146
2. Approve the resolution of opposition for House Bill 07-1189
3. Approve the resolution of opposition for the following bills with a negative fiscal impact on transportation funding: House Bill 1022, House Bill 1040, House Bill 1060, House Bill 1104, House Bill 1206, House Bill 1216, House Bill 1217, House Bill 1234, House Bill 1248, House Bill 1257, House Bill 1277, House Bill 1279, House Bill 1302, Senate Bill 4, Senate Bill 45, Senate Bill 85, Senate Bill 114, Senate Bill 119, Senate Bill 193

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Legislative Tracking Sheet
2. Resolution Supporting the Passage of Senate Bill 07-146
3. Resolution Opposing the Passage of House Bill 07-1189
4. Resolution Opposing the Passage of Bills with a Negative Fiscal Impact on Transportation Funding