



Newsletter for April 22



It's time to start talking about legislation for NEXT YEAR. If you have issues or ideas that impact HD37, please use the contact information below and let us know what we need to be at work on.

Highlights of My Week at the Capitol

Another week of early-mornings and late-nights at the Capitol as we keep on moving to wrap up this legislative session. This past week I was honored to meet with Gabby Giffords, a former member of the US House of Representatives, who was in town to speak at the Columbine High School Vigil. On the Legislative side, this week we passed bills to support our emergency services, our workers, and the environment, below I have highlighted a few bills for you most notably, the Airports bill that I have been working on.

Airports ([HB24-1235](#)) - We have passed this bill through the House! It will be heard in the Senate Finance Committee on Tuesday, April 23rd. As you may have heard this bill aims to reduce the use of leaded fuels in aviation and support airports in developing programs to reduce noise over populated areas like ours. I'm proud to bring this bill forward because it originates from our community's input. I will be holding my final Zoom with updates tonight (April 22nd) you can click [here for the Zoom link](#).

We will be adding another meeting to this series as we wrap up the Legislative session, we will also have events regarding airport issues throughout the interim.

SB24-108 - Prohibits joining a public safety radio network without authorization and protect it from connection from unauthorized radios that attempt to "hack" into the system.

HB24-1008 - The bill aims to enhance accountability for wage claims within the construction industry. It mandates subcontractors to forward written demands for payment to general contractors, establishes joint liability between general contractors and subcontractors for wage claim debts, and permits general contractors to request specific information from subcontractors, including pay data and legal history. The aim is to encourage construction by creating a more stable environment for contractors to get paid.

Let's Talk about Housing:

This week we should see the final bits of the many housing bills that are working their way through the building. HB24-1313 (Housing in Transit-Oriented Communities) will be heard tomorrow in it's first (and hopefully final) time in the Senate as it faces the Local Government & Housing Committee. I have said repeatedly that this bill would pass the House, but I'm expecting it to reach an end in the Senate. This bill takes \$35 million from existing Affordable Housing Grant funds (that actually support development in our local community) and moves it to a program that we will have a very hard time complying or participating.

The Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) bill will also be heard in the same committee tomorrow in the Senate. This bill had significant momentum in the House, but still took some pretty serious amendments that give Local Governments more say in how these can be used. I expect this bill to see more amendments in the Senate. And while I believe this bill will likely pass in some form this year, I do think it may have some issues in appropriations with some of the price tags attached to supporting this program. This is one of the bills that has

wide popularity with voters statewide (although it's not as popular in our district where there is interest in maintaining aspects of our neighborhoods), so it's a hard one for anyone to fight - but we are hopefully getting it changed significantly so that it doesn't have some of the negative effects expected from the original version of the bill.



Bills That I Have Nonstop Attention On

Construction Defects Liability Reform ([SB24-106](#)) - This bill has passed the Senate! As most of you have probably read in previous newsletters this is huge. If passed through the House it will give homeowners the option of requiring the contractor that caused a construction defect a way to remedy the defect without first going to litigation. I will be continuing this bill's work throughout the House as we try to limit lawsuits from construction defects, as they can sometimes overcomplicate and bring up some hidden surprises, and focus on "if it's broken, we should make the builder fix it."

Repeal CBI Criminal Justice Record Sealing Fee - ([HB24-1432](#)) This bill, which has entered the House and been referred to Appropriations. The majority of people who have gone through the process in court to seal certain criminal history items from their record often are unaware of an existing required (additional) \$20 processing fee, causing more time for staff to attempt to collect these funds than it would take to process the request. We are removing the fee charged by CBI.

Colorado Disability Opportunity Office (CDOO) - ([HB 24-1360](#)) This bill will be seen in appropriations this week. We are excited about the creation of CDOO to serve as a resource for those who seek guidance and support regarding disability issues in Colorado, ensuring that individuals with disabilities can access opportunities for full societal inclusion and economic stability.

Airports ([HB24-1235](#)) - This was heard on the floor today and it went very well. I will be holding a Zoom with any updates or discussions about airports every other Monday the next and final meeting will be held on April 22nd, you can click [here for the Zoom link](#). The bill aims to reduce the use of leaded fuels in aviation and support airports in developing programs to reduce noise over populated areas. This bill was seen on the House floor this week for second reading and has passed.

TRAPs- ([HB24-1324](#)) - It is now onto the Senate to get this passed through to law, it has been assigned to the Business, Labor, & Technology committee in the Senate.

JYACAP- This bill is scheduled for second reading this week in the House. This bill would be a small but important step in juvenile justice reform. (Even the Governor thinks that Juvenile Parole can be managed without his personal oversight.)

State Employee Deductions Bill (HB24-1293) - The bill has passed completely through the House and has made it through committee on the Senate side as well.

Community Events



A flyer for an online community engagement event. It features the CHAD logo (Colorado House District 37) in the top left corner. The background is a blue sky with white clouds and a white airplane flying towards the viewer. The text on the flyer reads: "Online Community Engagement HB24-1235" in large, bold letters. Below this, it says "Every other Monday Night 7-8 PM" and "Can be shortened if there are no updates". A list of dates follows: "• March 25th", "• April 8th", and "• April 22nd". A QR code is located on the right side of the flyer, and the text "Scan to join our Zoom Link" is at the bottom right.

Tonight! April 22nd at 7 PM, I will be having a virtual discussion on the aviation bill HB24-1235 until passage.

Join if you want to talk about how HB24-1235 will affect the Centennial Airport and its surrounding neighborhoods. Scan the QR Code or go to the link below:

Zoom Link

April 30th, 6-7 pm I will be holding a Virtual townhall. With tricky scheduling during the end of session and having multiple requests for a townhall during the week a virtual Townhall is the best that we can do. If you would like to join please scan the QR code or select the link below.



A flyer for a virtual townhall event. It features the CHAD logo in the top left corner. The background is a photograph of a group of people sitting in a room, participating in a townhall. The text on the flyer reads: "April 30th 6-7 Pm" and "HD37 TOWNHALL VIRTUAL" in large, bold letters. Below this, it says "Please join me for a virtual townhall over Zoom to share your thoughts on upcoming legislation and hear about what I've been working on lately. Even if you can only come for 10 minutes please stop by!". A QR code is located on the right side of the flyer.

April 30 Town Hall Zoom Link



THE TORTURED POETS REVIEW

(a fun addition from my staff this week regarding Taylor Swift's new albums)

While Rep. Clifford had a 14-hour day of non-stop debate on the House Floor on Friday, we took time to briefly celebrate Taylor Swift in his office!

When Taylor put up the peace sign at the Grammys, it *did* mean something! She released Tortured Poets Society at midnight then two hours later she released 15 more songs!!! LIGHTS PLEASE! We thought most of the songs were going to be about Joe who she had a 6 year relationship with but it turns out many of them seem to be about Matty Heely. It's difficult to determine if any of the lyrics are about Travis because of the timeline of when she wrote it however Alchemy does seem to have some lyrics that relate to Travis. Taylor snaps back at fans that have opinions about her relationships in "But Daddy I Love Him." And "thank you alMee" is clearly about Kim Kardashian she does not hide her distaste for Kim...

Best Overall Song: Who's Afraid of a Little Old Me?

My Sleeper Pick: imgonnagetyouback

Best Pick for when you're alone: I Can Do It With a Broken Heart

The "I could do without": None of them I would never say such a thing about Taylor (*CoughCough* Cassandra).

In the News

Take a look at some news clippings from this week:

Colorado Politics /// 4.21.24 [The votes are in and here's what Colorado lawmakers want to spend money on](#)

The Colorado Sun /// 4.22.24 [Thousands of affordable housing units are at risk in Colorado. A bill would help local governments buy them](#)

Colorado Politics /// 4.20.24 [Potato spud-ition | Capitol M, Week of April 20, 2024](#)

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