

## CoSEA Colorado Legislative Update May 1, 2023

### **The Final Countdown**

We are down to the final eight days of the legislative session. There are over 250 bills left in the hopper that need to complete their legislative journey to becoming statute, be voted down or die on the calendar. Democrats and Republicans in the House have had a pretty good stint of cooperating over the last few weeks; however, it is safe to say those days are over. This past Friday, a Democratic filibuster to Democrat bill amidst Democrats insisting Republicans limit debate on key controversial bills to one hour set off a firestorm again. The gloves are off and Republicans have taken to reading bills at length again as a delay tactic. There are a number of very controversial bills that still need to work their way through the legislature, in addition to newly-introduced bill, which will lead to very long days and late nights of committee work and floor action leading up to the final day of the session, May 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Sales and Use Tax Simplification System**

HB23-1017, Electronic Sales and Use Tax Simplification system finally made its way out of the House after the sponsor and proponents found a way to reduce the fiscal impact of the bill. The bill passed the House overwhelmingly with a 64-0 vote and should expect a similar reception in the Senate. It is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Finance Committee on Tuesday, May 2.

### **Reporting Adjustments to Taxable Income**

HB23-1277, Reporting Adjustments to Taxable Income, consolidates the composite return and withholding options for partnerships and S-corps, provides additional time at the state level for reporting federal taxable income adjustments and allows pass-through entities to handle adjustments at the entity level on behalf of their owners, and changes the due date for income tax returns by C corporations to align better with federal filing due dates. This bill passed the House by a vote of 63-0 and is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Finance Committee on Tuesday, May 2.

### **Property Tax**

Legislation to address the issue of high property taxes in Colorado is likely to be introduced today. The Governor and sponsors are holding a press conference at noon on what is likely to be a referred measure the ballot. Rumored details are that the property tax breaks would apply only to primary residences and commercial property that is not centrally assessed. It would not apply to secondary homes and centrally assessed entities.

The CoSEA Public Policy Committee meets regularly throughout the legislative session and takes positions on legislation on behalf of CoSEA. **If you have an interest in serving on the Public Policy Committee, please email [governmentrelations@cosea.org](mailto:governmentrelations@cosea.org).**

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