LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
General Assembly adjourned on March 14th until March 30th and submitted an interrogatory to the Colorado Supreme Court asking whether the days of the constitutionally limited 120-day session had to be counted consecutively or just working days.

The Colorado Supreme Court ruled that during a declared public health emergency disaster legislative days did NOT need to be counted consecutively.

The decision means that approximately 51 days are left in this year’s session and approximately 355 bills to be acted upon.
Preparation for remainder of the session
Schedule

- Executive Committee of the Legislative Council met on April 8th
- TENTATIVE schedule for the session and JBC Committee
  - Joint Budget Committee will begin meeting May 4th
  - OSPB and Legislative Council will present a new economic forecast on May 12th
  - General Assembly to reconvene on May 18th
  - Introduction of the long bill in the House May 20th with action concluding on May 22nd
  - Senate action on the long bill May 25th-27th
  - Governor signature on the long bill by May 30th
Preparation for the remainder of the session
Social Distancing at the Capitol

- Members with health vulnerabilities will likely not attend in person.
- Members will be seated on the floor and in the gallery to create distance between each member.
- Access to the House and Senate lobbies will be restricted.
Legislative priorities are budget, school finance, sunset & other mission critical or COVID-19 response bills.

Governor’s Office asked agencies to re-evaluate priority agenda items and look at creative budget cuts without hampering programs.

Speaker Becker and House Committee Chairs contacted bill sponsors to deliver message that bills must be revenue neutral, non-controversial and likely bipartisan.

Senate President Garcia and Majority Leader Fenberg priority bills will be identified before session.
CHAMBER PRIORITY BILLS

Prognosis

- FAMILI
  - Not introduced prior to suspension of session
  - Fiscal Note
  - Controversial
  - Proponents believe pandemic highlighted need
  - Ballot initiative

- COLORADO OPTION
  - Fiscal Note
  - Controversial
  - New Program
Arbitration – SB 93
  ▶ No fiscal note
  ▶ Controversial

Data Privacy
  ▶ Not introduced
  ▶ Controversial

Secure Savings SB200
  ▶ No fiscal note
  ▶ New Program
  ▶ Some controversy