

Good afternoon, Senate District 26!

Aerospace Day at the Capitol

I would like recognize and thank everyone who came to the Capitol this week for **Colorado Aerospace Day!** I was honored to present them with a resolution, recognizing their hard work and dedication to the study of aerospace. Here in Colorado, we have the second largest space economy in the country and we rank second only to California in private sector aerospace jobs!

Bill Update

- Last Wednesday, **HB 13-1223** passed the Senate Health and Human Services Committee with a bipartisan vote. This bill aims to help small health insurance companies and division staff by modifying reporting requirements.
- Also last week, **HB 13-1060** passed through the Senate Local Government Committee with bipartisan support. Currently, maximum municipal court fines have not been increased in 21 years. This bill increases the maximum amount a municipal court may fine a person convicted of violating a municipal ordinance. It's been great to work with the Metro Mayors Caucus, Colorado Municipal League, Greenwood Village Mayor Rakowski, and Cherry Hills Village Mayor Tisdale.
- My final bill that passed through the Senate State, Veteran, and Military Affairs Committee this past week was **HB 13- 1147**. This bill gives college students an opportunity to register to vote at the time of course enrollment. Institutions of higher education that do not use electronic course registration are required to provide information on voter registration to students. I am proud to sponsor HB 13-1147 because it gives college students a more convenient opportunity to register to vote and, hopefully, starting a lifelong habit of civic engagement.
- Today, Governor Hickenlooper is signing three of my bills into law. It is the 80th day of session and I will now have four bills that have been signed by the Governor. I am still working on over 15 more bills to complete by the end of the session which is over on May 8th.

Child Abuse Prevention Month Resolution

April is **Child Abuse Prevention Month**, and unfortunately, since 2007, more than 175 children in Colorado have died from abuse or neglect. Next Monday on the Senate floor, I will be presenting a resolution recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. This is a time to remember that we are **all** responsible for looking out for the safety and well-being of the children around us. If you have any concerns about a child, you can anonymously call the Child Protection Ombudsman at 303.864.5111 or visit <http://www.protectcoloradochildren.org/>.

Town Hall Update:

Our next Town Hall is on Saturday, April 13th at 9 am. We will be meeting at Blueberry's Bakery and Cafe, 1500 Littleton Boulevard in Woodlawn Shopping Center. I will be giving a legislative update. Then, our next one will be April 17th in Aurora. Hope to see you there!

Thanks for being engaged in the legislative process!