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Town Hall Meeting
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Legislative Update

Sue's Bills–Prime Sponsorship

- * **HB-1013: Exempt military personnel from renewal fees for their professional or occupational license during deployment and for six months after discharge; Signed into law by Governor, April 13, 2011**
- * **HB-1085: Prevent the repeated traumatizing of victims by prohibiting violent offenders from frequent applications for halfway houses: Signed into law by Governor, March 22, 2011**
- * **HB-1254: Increase school safety and prevent verbal, physical, and cyber bullying: Passed the House, on to the Senate Education Committee**

Other Priority Bills for 2011

- **Advancing Students for a Stronger Economy Tomorrow:** SB-126 ASSET bill allows undocumented students who have graduated from a Colorado high school to attend college in Colorado at the unsubsidized, in-state tuition rates; state College Opportunity Fund (COF) monies will only go to legal, in-state students; e.g.: Tuition at CU for legal students is \$7,000; undocumented students pay \$9,000 (*passed by Senate*)
- **Colorado Health Insurance Exchange:** SB-200 aligns Colorado with the Affordable Care Act; Exchange will cover at least 300,000 uninsured Coloradans (*laid over due to one sponsor's indecision*)
- **Public Safety:** HB-1261, concerning driving while drugged on marijuana, seeks to set THC blood-content limit at 5 nanograms (*passed by House*)
- **Small Business Navigator Bill:** HB-1209 will provide a single point of assistance for small businesses within the Office of Economic Development (*passed by House and Senate*)

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- **Small Employer Health Insurance:** SB-019 allows small businesses (50 employees or less) to reimburse employees for partial or full cost of their personal health care plans, without having to offer a group plan (*passed by House and Senate, signed by Governor*)
- **Foreclosure Assistance and Deferral Extension Bill:** HB-1023 (*passed by House and Senate, signed by Governor*); call 1-877-601-HOPE
- **Colorado Civil Union Act:** SB-172 allows two unmarried adults, regardless of gender, to establish legal arrangements for property rights, adoption, hospital visitation, and end-of-life decisions. (*lost in House Judiciary on a party-line vote*)
- **Closing Agricultural Tax Loopholes:** HB-1146 would stop landowners from claiming the tax-break without actual farming or ranching (*passed by House*)
- **Reforming State Amendment Process:** SCR-001 would raise the required votes to pass a constitutional amendment from simple majority to 60%; would require signatures to be gathered from every district in the state; legislature can only overturn citizen-initiated change of statutory law with 60% vote for three years after change occurs (*passed by House and Senate*)
- **Restorative Justice (RJ):** HB-1032 would facilitate face-to-face meetings between crime victims and their offenders and allow for sentences that focus on repairing harm to victims and communities, while promoting acceptance of individual responsibility; RJ may reduce the sentence and save prison costs (*passed by House*)

Public Events with Sue and Cheri

Town Hall Meetings with Sue & Sen. Cheri Jahn (4th Saturday of every month)

Sat, Apr. 23 9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m. WR Rec Center

Shadow Sue or Visit the Capitol

Any weekday, except Friday
9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Historic Tour of the Capitol for Individuals, Groups or Schools

Every weekday on the hour
10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

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Click on House or Senate and follow the link to the bills by bill number.