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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; passed the House and Senate**
- * **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**

Other Priority Bills for 2011

- Advancing Students for a Stronger Economy Tomorrow: SB-126 ASSET bill that allows children of undocumented immigrants to attend college at in-state non-subsidized tuition rate, thus at no cost to the taxpayer (*awaiting 2nd reading in Senate*)
- Public Safety: HB-1261, concerning driving while drugged on marijuana, seeks to set THC blood-content limit at 5 nanograms (*passed by House*)
- Juvenile Sentencing: HB-1287 would allow offenders convicted as teenagers and currently serving life sentences to be eligible for parole after 40 years in prison (*assigned to House Judiciary*)
- 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*)
- 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*)

- 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. (*passed by Senate*)
- Foreclosure Assistance and Deferral Extension Bill: HB-1023 (*passed by House and Senate*); call 1-877-601-HOPE
- Closing Agricultural Tax Loopholes: HB-1146 would stop landowners from claiming the tax-break without actual farming or ranching (*awaiting 3rd reading in 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*)
- “Beer Wars” Bill Concerning Alcoholic Beverages: HB-1284 allows grocery stores, convenience stores, and gas stations to sell full-strength beer, but not wine or liquor. (*awaiting 2nd reading in House*)

Public Events with Sue and Cheri

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

Sat, Mar. 26	9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	WR Rec Center
Sat, Apr. 23	9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	WR Rec Center
Sat. May 28	9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	WR Rec Center (tentative)

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.