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Bipartisan Legislation is Set to Improve Colorado's Energy Development Practices

DENVER – Two notable bills, serving as examples of bipartisanship and broad stakeholder agreement, have made their way through the legislative process and are set to improve Colorado energy development practices.

SB [167](#) – Enforce Requirements 811 Locate Underground Facilities

“This bill, which touches a broad number of commercial, residential, municipal, and agriculture practices, will improve the safety of Coloradans across our state. It became clear in the past year that Colorado’s 811, one-call system, which administers the rules for ground excavation, needed improvement. Stakeholders began a lengthy collaborative process last fall, and after getting this bill to the governor’s desk, they should be very proud of that work. One key element is the creation of a new accountability and enforcement authority that was previously missing. Once fully implemented, it should significantly reduce the actions of those who attempt to cheat the system,” said Dan Haley, President & CEO of the Colorado Oil & Gas Association (COGA).

SB [230](#) – Modify Laws Drilling Units Pooling Orders

“The passage of Senate Bill 230 is a testament to how our representative government can work. It wasn’t easy, but ultimately compromise and bipartisanship carried the day. The procedure for statutory pooling mineral right interests is critical for modern horizontal drilling practices, but the laws defining its utilization had not been updated since the middle of the last century. This bill brings those practices into the modern era, with a lengthier and improved public notification process, as well as a liability waiver clarification for those who prefer not to negotiate or sign a lease. Listening to conservationists, neighborhood representatives, and industry leaders testify uniformly in support of this bill, and witnessing the bipartisan votes in the Senate and House, was a remarkable highlight from a productive 2018 session,” Dan Haley, President & CEO, COGA.

About COGA

Founded in 1984, the Colorado Oil & Gas Association’s (COGA) mission is to foster and promote the beneficial, efficient, responsible and environmentally sound development, production and use of Colorado oil and natural gas. COGA is a nationally recognized trade association that aggressively promotes the expansion of Rocky Mountain natural gas markets, supply, and transportation infrastructure through its growing and diverse membership.