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GOVERNOR HICKENLOOPER TO SIGN BILLS IN CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE

Cherry Hills Village, Colorado. May 8, 2013. Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper will make his first state visit to the City of Cherry Hills Village on Monday, May 13 to sign two bills passed by the Colorado General Assembly. At the invitation of House Representative Daniel Kagan (D, Cherry Hills Village), Gov. Hickenlooper will officially sign HB13-1163 and HB13-1308 at 12:30 PM MDT at the Cherry Hills Village Joint Public Safety Facility in the Community Room. Rep. Kagan, the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, was the primary sponsor for both of the bills.

House Bill 1163 creates the Sexual Assault Victim Emergency Payment Program, providing a mechanism for paying the costs associated with a medical examination of a victim of an alleged sexual assault that are not otherwise covered by current law. Currently, limited funds are available to cover the costs for forensic examinations of sexual assault victims, often leaving victims with the financial burden of establishing an assault. The bill also appropriates funds out of the state's general fund for the program, avoiding the creation of an unfunded mandate on municipalities or law enforcement agencies.

House Bill 1308 allows law enforcement agencies to acquire call location information from cell phones and other telecommunication devices without a court order in emergency situations such as kidnappings. The bill will provide for an enhanced ability of law enforcement agencies to act quickly in response to life-threatening situations.

"This marks the first time that a sitting Governor has made an official state visit to the Village," said Cherry Hills Mayor Doug Tisdale, "and to have the ceremony conducted in our newly-dedicated Joint Public Safety Facility is a great thrill for all of us in Cherry Hills." "We very much appreciate Rep. Kagan inviting the Governor to do the bill signing here," Tisdale added. Mayor Tisdale will introduce the Governor and Rep. Kagan at the ceremony at 12:30 PM on Monday, May 13.

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