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Bill Ritter, Jr.
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LT. GOV. O'BRIEN: FIRST 100 DAYS IN OFFICE

■ Colorado Commission on Indian Affairs

- Facilitated first-ever “learning” trip with Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribes.
- Convened Ute Mountain Ute tribal council members, Cortez law enforcement, and other city and county leaders to discuss mutual concerns in Montezuma and Cortez counties.
- Collaborated with Sen. Williams to write and successfully pass SJR07-024.

■ Health and Wellness

- Partnered with Kaiser Permanente and CDPHE to launch the “Live Well” initiative.
- Acting as spokesperson for CHP+ program.
- Chairing the Metro Denver Health and Wellness Commission.
- Partnered with a coalition to write HB1347.
- Worked with HCPF, CDPHE on funding for obesity and nutrition programs and promotion.

■ Early Childhood

- Worked to move policy work on ECE to the Office of the Lt. Governor.
- Launched key efforts and raised needed funds to examine a potential governance structure for early childhood in Colorado.
- Launched efforts to increase Colorado Preschool and Kindergarten Program by an additional 2,000 slots, fulfilling a 2003 goal of the Children’s Campaign.

■ K-12 Education

- Made key contributions to fine tuning governor’s executive order establishing the P-20 Council.
- Partnered with the Donnell-Kay and Piton Foundations to host a conference and several meetings with business and legislative leaders regarding education reform.
- Appointed by the governor to represent Colorado on the Education Commission of the States.

■ Governor’s Commission on Community Service

- Aligned federal priorities for Commission on Community Service with Colorado Promise.

■ Economic Development

- Partnered with the Colorado Council on the Arts, C.U. Denver Film Program, and the Denver Film Society to create a new focus on the arts as an economic development tool.
- Chairing the Henderson Underground Science and Engineering Project.