

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

March 23, 2026

Chair of Committee

Date

Committee on State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB26-1320 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, line 3, strike "(3)(h)" and substitute "(3)(h);
2 and **add** (3)(h.5)".

3 Page 5, after line 10 insert:

4 "(h.5) IN DETERMINING WHETHER A BALLOT TITLE IS WRITTEN
5 USING ACCESSIBLE LANGUAGE FOR PURPOSES OF SUBSECTION (3)(b)(II)(B)
6 OF THIS SECTION, THE TITLE BOARD MAY CONSIDER WHETHER THE TITLE:

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10 POLICY PROPOSED BY THE PROPOSED LAW OR CONSTITUTIONAL
11 AMENDMENT;

12 (III) AVOIDS UNNECESSARY QUALIFIERS, DOUBLE NEGATIVES, AND
13 OVERLY COMPLEX PHRASING;

14 (IV) ORGANIZES CLAUSES SO THAT THE EFFECT OF A "YES/FOR" OR
15 "NO/AGAINST" VOTE IS READILY UNDERSTOOD; AND

16 (V) PRESENTS NECESSARY INFORMATION WITHIN THE BALLOT
17 TITLE IN A LOGICAL AND READABLE ORDER."

18 Page 5, strike line 12 and substitute "(3)(b), (3)(f), and (3)(g)(I); **add**
19 (3)(h.5); and **amend as amended by House Bill 26-1084** (3)(e) and
20 (3)(h) as follows:".

21 Page 6, line 18, after "will" insert "likely".

22 Page 8, after line 8 insert:

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