

Senate State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

HB21-1212 Diversity Of Governor's Appointments To Boards

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<p>Cody Davis For Mesa County</p>	<p>Good afternoon, Chair Gonzales and members of the committee.</p> <p>My name is Cody Davis, and I am a Mesa County Commissioner.</p> <p>I am here today to urge you to vote in favor of House Bill 1212, which requires the Governor to consider geographic and demographic diversity when making appointments to boards, commissions, committees, or task forces.</p> <p>The bill requires a balance so that rural Colorado voices have a seat at the table. Often decisions made at the capitol have different and disproportionate effects on different regions of the state. Not surprisingly, rural economies and lifestyles are very different from the Front Range. One size does NOT fit all. That's why it's important to appoint members of diverse groups to statewide boards, commissions, committees, and task forces.</p> <p>Policy efforts should balance agriculture, environmental protection, economic vitality, and most importantly, the rulemaking process should be done with an upfront, transparent process that analyzes impacts before implementation to ensure balance for all of Colorado.</p> <p>It is time to move into a process that operates under accountability and transparency. House Bill 1212 would ensure the implementation of geographic and demographic diversity before making appointments, and would serve the communities that are negatively impacted by one-size fits all policies.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration. I respectfully request your support.</p> <p>Cody Davis Mesa County Commissioner</p>