

Senate State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

SCR21-001 Legislative Oversight Of Governor Emergency Powers

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Shane Mitchell For Self	<p>It is time that this bill be passed. The first time around it was turned down in March of 2020. But here we are again trying to make things right with overwhelming support by the Republican party. Governor Polis has showed us that he did not look at the best interest for the people by continually renewing the mask mandate without seeking any input from the legislators and or localities and counites-simply because he does not have to according to amendment 3. That is a power that needs to be checked. If our governor is exhibiting to the people that he is following what everyone else is doing and not concerning himself with anyone else but CDC guidance, his administration, and the Colorado healthcare department, we have to put something in place that allows our representatives to have input and speak up on our behalf-because the minority are not being heard! There is a big chance the governor may not even sign this into law because he knows that it threatens his unchecked power. But I write this to say enough is enough. We must have our legislators involved in everything, and of course any executive order that will cause the governor to use repetitive and renewed mandates that are made in the name of safety without knowing how the people feel. With this bill in particular we want our freedom to choose how to protect our health! My biggest concern last year and this year is that we were forced to wear masks. If we did not wear face mask we could possibly be fined, possibly lose our job and or prohibited from going into any establishment without fear of being trespassed by the police by saying no I will not wear a face mask. This is not what America does! The mask mandate has put police in a very compromising position as they know the face mask requirement is something they can not enforce. We have to prevent this broad overreach of power from ever happening again. There is no guarantee that the democrats will side with the republicans on something that is so important, but we will continue to push this until they do. I have heard over and over again about following the science, but when the science is being manipulated by politicians, science no longer has its true power and the science means nothing. It is most definitely assured that we will have more viruses, but how will we respond next time? Will we muzzle our people by force or let them decide on their own health.</p>