



URBAN DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

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To: Honorable Representative Jackson and Members of the House Energy and Environment Committee

House Bill 19-1213 is a very simple bill in this legislative session to bring the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District (UDFCD) board of director's compensation in line with the other special districts in Colorado. While other special districts have had their director compensation statutes updated periodically, the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District's compensation statute has been unchanged for over 20 years. This bill has the full support of the Colorado Special District's Association and to date has no opposition.

Effective in 1996, a bill (HB96-1250) was passed that increased the maximum annual compensation for UDFCD directors from \$240 per annum to \$1,600 per annum, to match the standard set for other special districts statewide at that time. A per-meeting compensation for UDFCD directors was also specified as not to exceed \$75.

Then, in 2005, a bill (SB05-12) increased compensation for special district directors statewide from \$75 per meeting to \$100 per meeting. Because UDFCD's "compensation of directors" language is self-contained in the 32-11-212 CRS (The Urban Drainage and Flood Control Act) and not in 32-1-902 CRS (Organization of board - Compensation) which governs nearly all other special districts in Colorado, the change did not apply to UDFCD directors.

Next, in 2017, a bill (HB17-1297) increased the maximum annual compensation for special district directors statewide from \$1,600 per annum to \$2,400 per annum. Again, because this bill modified 32-1-902 and not 32-11-212, this change again did not apply to UDFCD directors.

This bill is very straightforward and only brings UDFCD director compensation in line with that of other special district directors across the state. Additionally, by tying 32-11-212 CRS to 32-1-902 CRS, we will avoid this exercise in the future.

Thank you for your consideration of this important bill.

Sincerely,

Libby Szabo, Chair of the UDFCD Board of Directors and Jefferson County Commissioner

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