

March 4, 2025

Dear Mister Chairman, Madam Vice Chair, and Members of the Health and Human Service Committee,

I support the spirit and intent of HB 25-1204, and respectfully request a small conforming amendment to address a potential conflict with existing statute.

As I understand it, the ICWA allows a parent to request anonymity on the front end of the adoption as part of stating a preference in the process of placing their child. We take no position on this aspect of the bill. But on the back end of the adoption, once the child turns 18, any such anonymity provision appears to be in conflict with Colorado's adoption records statute found in Section 19-5-305.

Therefore, we respectfully request the following amendment or similar language with appropriate conforming amendments to the bill:

p. 52, line 12 – add: (7) Notwithstanding any other provision in this section, a confidentiality requirement, if any, shall not be construed to prevent an adult adoptee, adult descendant of an adoptee, or other eligible party from obtaining unredacted copies of adoption records pursuant to Section 19-5-305, C.R.S.”

p. 63, line 6 – add “Except as provided in Section 19-5-305, C.R.S. ...”

Thank you for considering this request. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

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