



URBAN DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

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Dear House Energy & Environment Committee Members,

House Bill 19-1284 is a very simple bill to eliminate the requirement for the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District (UDFCD) board of directors to meet annually on the first business day of February and to permit the district to replace that meeting date with its normal third Thursday of the month meeting.

Article 32-11-101 et seq. C.R.S., a/k/a the Urban Drainage and Flood Control Act, created the flood control district in 1969. The statute requires that the UDFCD board of directors meet on the first business day of February and otherwise is silent regarding other specific meeting dates of the board of directors.

In 1969 when UDFCD was first created, a prescriptive meeting of the board was a probably good idea.

The flood control district turns 50 this year and has for decades met ten times each year, typically taking one month in the summer and one month in the winter off. With the exception of the statutorily-required February meeting, every meeting takes place on the third Thursday of the month.

Board members (of which there are currently 22) all have the third Thursday marked on their calendars and know that is when they are expected to convene at the flood control district offices.

The requirement for the directors to meet annually on the first business day of February is no longer necessary, is difficult to administer, and results in absenteeism and tardiness as directors forget about this unusual meeting day.

HB19-1284 also repeals the statement "The board shall consist of sixteen directors" [32-11-203(4)], since the board is already at 22 members and will likely grow to at least 23 after the 2020 census. Additionally, the specific number of board members is already covered under 32-11-204 CRS and the repeal of the provision of the statute regarding the specific number of directors will eliminate a conflict within the statute.

This bill is very straightforward, has no fiscal impact, and allows UDFCD to operate more effectively.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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

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