

House State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs

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HB25-1327 Modify Statewide Ballot Measure Processes

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Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Jeany Rush Against themselves	<p>TO: House State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs</p> <p>RE: HB25-1327 Modify Statewide Ballot Measure Processes</p> <p>Sponsors: Sirota, Froelich, Kipp</p> <p>From: Jeany Rush, Colorado Springs, Constituent 4-14-25</p> <p>VOTE: NO HARD NO</p> <p>This bill first and foremost, imposes more and over-reaching rules on submission to the title board, while also making it more difficult for the average citizen to make any reasonable submissions. The fact that the title board is slanted politically does not help matters.</p> <p>Limiting ability to submit ballot measures by basically adding more requirements if over 5 submissions are made, while also cutting the time to make these arrangements does not help the general public engage in what was supposed to be a free process in America.</p> <p>Further, you are demanding a full fiscal accounting when a tax measure is included, to carry this further into the legislative process.</p> <p>YOU do realize you all do not even have proper or accurate fiscal notes on the majority of your insane bill submissions, not to mention most of those bills do more than a single subject, and worse, subsequent amendments distort the whole intentions, or worsen the intentions of the bills.</p> <p>Adding insult to injury, you are asking the petitioners to notify the SOS at 25% done, 50% done, and 75% done, or if the petitions are ended, and if not done, a fine is made of up to \$1500. GESTAPO much? Wait, you are now empowering the same SOS who violated bios passwords for large numbers and further, over reached all over the state, into our election processes? What fine did the SOS get? Oh no, she gets to run for office again?</p> <p>This legislature literally has not given financial accounting for much of what it passes, but you are jumping on the front end, when you realize amendments will be adjusting it all anyway, and thereby forcing more scrutiny on the average citizen wanting to participate in the process, than you are on the very people already paid and tasked to serve those very same people.</p> <p>The idea that you would once again, abuse a Safety Clause on this, shows you don't want the public to vote on this, or even know about this. This is not a safety clause issue, and the only threat to the public safety is this bill not being put before the public.</p>

	This is certainly a Wrong Headed Bill. Feels like a true conflict of interest, if not outright collusion! Would not be the first time. Hard NO.
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RE: HB25-1327 Modify Statewide Ballot Measure Processes

Sponsors: Rep Sirota, Rep. Froelich and Senator Kipp

Name: Jody Nickerson

Representing Myself

Opposition

Thank you for this opportunity

This bill reduces citizen power, adding bureaucratic hurdles. By adding extra steps seems to dilute the initiative right. It shortens the already tight timeline for collecting signatures. Amendment K was given to the people in 2024, and this is a duplicate effort because you did not agree with the voter's decision. That says a lot about the sponsors efforts and their writers trying to overreach the voters, their constituents. It seems the more you are being seen attacking your voters rights proves how we should make sure the message gets out to the citizens of Colorado. This is a very bi-partisan issue.

I feel you are being deceptive with the Fiscal note because the State is in such a disaster budget wise you know anything with a fiscal note will be denied or challenged this late in the game. Adding a hearing could raise costs for initiative campaigns but favor well-funded groups, making the process less accessible to average citizens.

With the legislature having such a strong partisan lean, and the abundance of bills proposed this year alone, more citizens are becoming more aware of how this is going way overboard and allowing gatekeepers to potentially discourage measures they oppose.

Adding a prior hearing risks muddying the clarity of the Blue Book process with early political framing. If hearings lead to legal challenges or rewording, we witness a cluttered ballot as seen in 2024s 14 measure what they called "Ballotpalooza". This in itself will be costly. Workload will increase with the upload of the additional tracking requirements. You just can't say minimal. That means there is a costand connected to TABOR which opens another can of worms.

Please VOTE NO on this bill