

Good Afternoon, My name is Kenneth DeBey, and I am a volunteer for the Colorado Alliance for Retired Americans Educational Fund. We represent approximately 28,000 retirees living in Colorado. I am testifying in opposition to SB16-122 for the following reasons:

What Does SB 16-112 Do?

SB 16-112 would significantly reduce the options for Coloradans who prefer to vote in person, or need to visit a Voter Service & Polling Center (VSPC) to register to vote, update voter information, or obtain a replacement ballot during the early vote period.

Current law requires that counties with 25,000 or more voters have at least 1 VSPC for every 30,000 voters during the early vote period. SB 16-112 would reduce the minimum requirements to 1 VSPC for every 75,000 voters during the first 7 days of early vote; it would also eliminate the requirement for VSPC's to be open on the first Saturday of early vote.

Now is not the time to reduce options for in-person voting locations

Until Colorado has been through a presidential election with the COVAME model, it is too soon to fully evaluate what voters need.

Instead of reducing the formulas, we should make sure that hours are convenient for voters, VSPCs are well- located to maximize accessibility, and counties maximize opportunities for voter education about in-person options.

Voter turnout in presidential years is significantly higher than in non-presidential general election years. Colorado voter turnout is likely to be 14 to 26% higher in 2016.

Colorado's election law worked in 2014, resulting in high voter turnout

During a midterm marked nationally by low voter turnout, Colorado had the 4th highest turnout in the country. (7)

Colorado's high turnout is due to our all-options model: all voters with a good address are mailed a ballot; voters can return ballots by mail or at a drop-off location; voters can register or update their registration and vote at Voter Service & Polling Centers.

Approximately 5% of voters—more than 100,000 Coloradans—chose to use the VSPCs to cast ballots. If the formulas were reduced, there's no way to know how these voters would have been impacted.

The investment in VSPCs is still more cost effective than Colorado's elections were previously

The cost savings for Colorado's election model are significant, so the investment in VSPCs is still a savings compared to the previous system.

When the legislature approved House Bill 13-1303, the fiscal note, based on information provided by 9 counties, projected a cost savings of between \$5 and \$15 million per year for counties running elections under the new model and with the current formula for VSPCs.
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1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes that this is essential for ensuring transparency and accountability in the organization's operations.

2. The second part of the document outlines the various methods and tools used to collect and analyze data. It highlights the need for consistent and reliable data collection processes to ensure the validity of the findings.

3. The third part of the document describes the results of the data analysis and the key findings. It notes that the data indicates a significant trend in the market, which has implications for the organization's future strategy.

4. The fourth part of the document discusses the implications of the findings and the recommendations for action. It suggests that the organization should consider implementing certain changes to better align with the market trends.

5. The fifth part of the document provides a summary of the key points and concludes the report. It reiterates the importance of ongoing monitoring and evaluation to ensure the organization remains competitive in a dynamic market.

6. The sixth part of the document includes a list of references and sources used in the research. It acknowledges the contributions of various authors and organizations to the field of study.

7. The seventh part of the document contains a list of appendices and supplementary materials. These include detailed data tables, charts, and additional reports that provide further context and detail for the main findings.

8. The eighth part of the document is a concluding statement that expresses the author's appreciation for the support and assistance provided throughout the project. It also offers contact information for further inquiries.

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