

House Finance

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SB25-309 Authorize Legislative Fellows

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Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Hailey Shea McMoore Amend themselves	<p>Members of the House Finance Committee:</p> <p>My name is Hailey Shea McMoore, I am the Chair for the Political Workers Guild of Colorado, former legislative aide and a constituent of HD-25/SD-16. I am submitting this testimony as a Coloradan concerned with how this bill will affect the essential work done by legislative aides.</p> <p>I apologize to the bill sponsor, Representative Brown, and the members of this committee for the short notice on this request. This bill was brought to my attention within the last twenty-four hours and I have been working to find language that would adequately protect the legislative aide role.</p> <p>To be clear, the bill, as intended by the Sponsor, is not something I find issue with. But as written, it is not clear that those intentions will be directly implemented. For that reason, I ask for a Legislative Declaration to be added that states this bill is not intended to supplant or replace existing office labor or resources already dedicated to the individual Legislative Offices or partisan staff.</p> <p>Alternatively, striking the word "LEGISLATORS" from Section 1, line 12 and replacing it with "THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY" and/or clarification that "nonpartisan legislative policy fellows" are monetarily compensated for their work for the General Assembly through their organization are alternatives that address our concerns.</p> <p>Legislative Aides are not merely support staff – they are vital, highly-skilled professionals who ensure that Members of the General Assembly are informed, responsive, and well-prepared to represent their communities. The removal of core duties, such as policy analysis and research, would not only diminish the roles of the Aides but also negatively impact the ability of legislators to operate efficiently and with the personalized attention their offices need.</p> <p>I are respectfully asking that the bill be amended to accommodate the above request(s). I am eager to work with the bill sponsor to put forward the best possible</p>

	<p>bill which allows the General Assembly the resources it needs to continue its work while respecting the dignity of our staff.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration,</p> <p>Hailey Shea McMoore</p>
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