



April 2024

To: Senate Judiciary Committee

Re: AAUW Support for HB1452- Airport Accessibility Requirements

Dear Committee Members:

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is one of the oldest women's organizations in the country, empowering women since 1881. The mission of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy. More than 700 community leaders are AAUW members in local branches around Colorado.

AAUW has led the fight for economic empowerment for women, and we have made progress over the years. Yet women continue to face barriers to reach our full potential. For women with disabilities, these barriers become even more difficult to overcome, needlessly preventing them from reaching their full potential. When women are held back, it impacts our families, our communities and our state's economy.

It is well past time that we include accessibility requirements in everything we do. HB1452 will require airports in Colorado to consult with the disability community during construction projects, incorporate technology to aid visually impaired individuals, track accessibility issues, provide comprehensive training programs for airport staff, include accessibility requirements in agreements with third parties, install restrooms including companion care changing tables, and use elevators for transporting mobility devices. It will also allow individuals who have suffered due to non-compliance to take civil action.

For these reasons, AAUW of Colorado urges your YES vote on HB1452 in committee and as the bill moves through the legislative process.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Su Ryden".

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April 30, 2024

Re: Support for HB24-1452, Airport Accessibility Requirements

To Whom It May Concern:

The Independence Center is the local home of civil rights for people with disabilities. Working with individuals, their families, and the community, we create independence so that all may thrive.

Our organization provides information, resources, and support to help people with disabilities live, learn, work, play, and participate in civic life as equals.

For this reason, we would like to make clear our statement of support for HB24-1452, Airport Accessibility Requirements. As THE disability resource center in the Pikes Peak Region, we are deeply passionate and committed to walking alongside people with disabilities, promoting their personal independence. Encouraging thriving in ALL areas of life, it is difficult to imagine travel, and the necessary accommodations, not being improved. We whole-heartedly encourage our major airports to make travel accessible to ALL, in particular accommodations to individuals with disabilities.

We look forward to the passage of a bill that contributes to the quality of lives for everyone, including Coloradans with disabilities.

Thank you for your consideration and support of this important legislation.

Respectfully,



Indy Frazee, CEO