

House State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs

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HB24-1279 Vote Tracking Number Elections

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Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Jennifer Gregg For themselves	At a time when public confidence in voting has fallen to an all-time low, I believe it is important to make the voting process more transparent. HB24-1279 would allow each voter to check that their ballot has been counted and would allow them to see HOW their ballot was counted. Colorado citizens would be more confident that their votes matter and have been counted correctly if they could verify for themselves exactly how their ballot was counted. It would be relatively easy to implement the vote tracking system and add it to what Colorado is already doing. I believe this would be an important step in increasing voter confidence.
Pamela Poll For themselves	<p>Dear House State, Civic, Military & Veteran Affairs Committee members:</p> <p>I am very disillusioned with the voting system used in CO. I do not trust it and for very good reason. There are many more in CO like me. I encourage you to allow this bill to move forward. Any measure you can take to make voting in CO more transparent would be welcome. When I say I don't trust the system, it's because I have read the summaries in the Mesa County Reports which revealed that the machines are easily hacked into. They don't have even basic protections that would stop a hacker from entering the system. The Mesa election server was full of wifi devices. There is also evidence the system manipulated votes in both 2020 and 2021. The experts who wrote the reports are very qualified and have nothing to gain by presenting false information.</p> <p>Additionally, since those reports came out, the CO legislature has done everything they can to make our voting system LESS transparent. Now counties are banned from hand counting their election if they choose to unless they have only 1000 or less voters. It's now against the law to do cyber audits of election code in CO. Third party audits are banned. Why is the govt allowed to audit itself? In fact, CO has contracts with voting software companies that block</p>

	<p>the state from seeing the election code. This is absurd in a time when even our federal government can't stop our adversaries from hacking into their systems.</p> <p>The treatment Clerk Peters has endured for exposing the voting system flaws has only confirmed my suspicion that the people in charge of CO govt do not want the voters to know the truth that our voting system is not secure. If the CO state officials cared about transparency, they would be thanking Tina Peters. Instead, they want to lock her up.</p> <p>I'll conclude by saying voting in CO should not require FAITH. Every aspect should be transparent. What we have now is merely theater because the second the ballot goes into the electronic scanner, we have no way of knowing if it was counted correctly since the election data is off limits to inspection and we can't hand count ballots. This should not be acceptable to anyone who believes in honest elections. Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Pamela Poll</p>
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