



**COLORADO
MOUNTAIN COLLEGE**

**PLEASE SUPPORT HB 24-1131
CONCERNING LOCAL COLLEGE DISTRICTS
REPS. VELASCO AND LUKENS & SENS. ROBERTS AND WILL**

This legislation has two components that would apply to any statutory local college district (Colorado Mountain College or Aims). The first section is intended to provide added diversity on local district college boards *by allowing, not requiring*, at large members on the institution's Board of Directors. The second section updates antiquated statutory provisions that address the timing of annexation elections. Current statute requires that elections for municipal annexation into a local college district take place only in odd years. Other sections of municipal election code allow these elections whenever the municipality is ready to go the ballot. Section two of the bill conforms this practice to the rest of annexation code.

- **HB24-1131 ALLOWS LOCAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO ADD AT-LARGE MEMBERS**
 - This minor change to existing law will allow local college districts to more effectively balance the representation of their elected boards of trustees, especially in rural areas with significantly dissimilar populations and economies.
- **THE BILL STRIKES THE "ODD-YEAR" ELECTION REQUIREMENT FOR MUNICIPALITIES SEEKING ANNEXATION INTO AN EXISTING LOCAL COLLEGE DISTRICT.**
 - Current law requires elections on the issue of whether land should be annexed into a local college district to occur in odd years only. This is an obsolete concept that does not apply to other procedures concerning municipal annexation under Colorado law (municipalities may hold annexation elections in odd or even years when they are ready to put the issue on the ballot).
 - Striking this unnecessary requirement will allow local governments to place these questions on their ballots when they are prepared to do so, which corresponds with existing law governing processes of this type for other types of annexation.
- **AMENDMENT L.001 – TAHG GRANTS & PRIORITIZING STUDENTS AND LOCAL WORKFORCE ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES**
 - The Transformational Affordable Housing Grant (TAHG) program provides supplemental state funding for affordable housing projects across Colorado. This law prioritizes projects in rural-resort communities, where most of CMC's campuses are located.
 - Amendment L.001 would allow local district colleges to prioritize income-eligible students and local government employees, such as police officers, teachers, and first responders, to inhabit properties funded by TAHG grants, provided such units are located on land controlled by local