

House Transportation, Housing & Local Government

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HB26-1334 Modify Standards of Wildfire Resiliency Code Board

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<p>Carmela Vanore For themselves</p>	<p>Carmela Vanore Council Member, City of Trinidad</p> <p>Good afternoon Chair and members of the committee,</p> <p>I support HB26-1334 because the current April 1, 2026 deadline is not workable. Key tools and guidance were only released in mid-February, leaving local governments just weeks to adopt a complex code.</p> <p>If this bill does not pass, we will be forced to adopt the State’s Wildfire Resiliency Code or portions of the IWUI, triggering a building code change without adequate local review or public input.</p> <p>In a community like Trinidad, we’re already trying to balance affordable housing with aging infrastructure. Moving too fast on this risks driving up costs and creating requirements our systems may not be fully ready to handle.</p> <p>This bill simply provides the time needed to implement the code responsibly.</p> <p>I respectfully urge your support.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
<p>Jeany Rush For</p>	<p>TO: HOUSE TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, & LOCAL GOVERNMENT</p>

<p>themselves</p>	<p>RE: HB26-1334 MODIFY STANDARDS OF WILDFIRE RESILIENCY CODE BOARD</p> <p>SPONSORS: FLANELL, PASCHAL</p> <p>FROM: JEANY RUSH COLORADO CONSTITUENT 4-7-26</p> <p>VOTE: YES</p> <p>FOLKS:</p> <p>Having just now reviewed the original bill, SB23-166, The Act, I am amazed that a bill like that was passed. But then I should not be, since the almost 700 bills each year for the last several years have shocked my every sensibility.</p> <p>The impact on our communities, building departments, code enforcement, permitting processes, and more have been stretched to beyond breaking.</p> <p>The sad part is more of the fires happening are due to arson, due to improper wildlife/wild lands management by not allowing proper grazing, proper culling, and WAY too much government ineptitude. The very government organizations we tasked with protecting our lands, are creating more and more dangerous environments, less land for we the people to have access to use, and more costs to over manage administration, and under manage actual "On the Ground" assets. Did they/you forget that it all belongs to us?</p> <p>Giving people adequate time and means to adapt, adopt the UBER rules of the bill is the very Least that should be done. The implications already reach into your communities via real estate industry, construction industry, and of course land management!</p> <p>I noticed on the SB23-166 bill that the legislature employed the dreaded SAFETY CLAUSE, THEREBY BYPASSING THE VOTERS ONCE AGAIN ON MATTERS THAT IMPACT THEM IN BIG WAYS!</p> <p>This bill is definitely needed by a large part of the Colorado State industries, and certainly by the citizens and homeowners, who will otherwise be adversely impacted.</p> <p>Other considerations for local governments, and administrative functions are also a need in giving more time to adapt procedures.</p> <p>This bill gives people some relief to adjust.</p>
<p>Jenn Pauls</p> <p>For</p> <p>themselves</p>	<p>April 6, 2026</p> <p>Colorado House of Representatives</p> <p>200 E. Colfax Avenue</p>

	<p>Denver, CO 80203</p> <p>Government Committee:</p> <p>Dear Chair Froelich and Members of the Colorado House Transportation, Housing & Local</p> <p>YES vote on Senate Bill 26-098.</p> <p>My name is Jenn Pauls, and I am a musician/dancer based in Centennial, Co. I write to ask for your I depend on the live music industry in Colorado to make a supplementary income and connect with so many lovely communities throughout Colorado. Bringing back the authority to local governments</p> <p>and communities for noise permits is the right thing to do!</p> <p>PLEASE vote yes!</p> <p>en Haul s</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Jen Pauls</p> <p>Musician/Dancer</p> <p>Centennial, Co</p> <p>Jennpauls@gmail.com</p> <p>720 434 9061</p>
<p>Jodi Brady</p> <p>Amend</p> <p>Yuma County</p>	<p>I am Jodi Brady. I am Yuma County’s Land Use Administrator. I am here to vote Yes to extending the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code project. The code and its implementation begins with me.</p> <p>Yuma County is Colorado's #2 agricultural-producing county, generating over \$900 million annually in production. Located in Northeastern Colorado, it is a top national producer of corn, cattle, hogs, and wheat. The county is notable for its high number of young farmers and its significant contribution to Colorado's agricultural economy. It’s population is almost 10,000 folks. We encompass 2369 square miles of land and is a little smaller than the state of Delaware.</p> <p>That being said, Yuma County understand its fires. We have two fire protection districts. Yuma County Fire Protection district encompasses 8 towns across the Eastern part of Yuma County. The Yuma Rural Fire Protection district encompasses 3 towns across the Western part of Yuma County. All firemen are super volunteers.</p>

	<p>The first issue is how the Map defines our county. While fires will be intense, the destruction of property is a lot less than a more populated area. The Map does not represent Yuma County overall with fires. Headwaters took my concerns to the people controlling the map to no avail. We will need to go back to petition the CWRC.</p> <p>The second issue is enforcement. We are a large agricultural county that does not have building codes. Our fireman force is completely made up of volunteers. We do not have the avenue to have those volunteer fireman add enforcement into their job description, and we should really leave them up to fighting fires, its what they do best.</p> <p>Third issue, is very unsupported and unfunded mandate. I am grateful to have been included in the grant program with Headwaters. We have a small staff at the county, and having to meet these new rules, educate the county, and still believe that these are made for more populated areas has redirected the resource we have to do other important work.</p> <p>This bill has put some unnecessary pressure on this rural county to put in code and processes that we don't use, use resources we don't have.. and tackle to Fire problem that is smaller in a unoccupied front range neighborhood. We would like to have a bit more time to iron out some of these requirements that don't mean much to us except someone else wants our money.</p>
<p>Manuel Trujillo For themselves</p>	<p>I would like to testify in strong support of Hb26â€“1334 as mayor Protem of the City Of Trinidad the extension of the timeline for the wildfire resiliency code would greatly benefit our community. As the April 1, 2026 deadline has come and gone the City Of Trinidad faces particular challenges in meeting this deadline,our community needs time to investigate available options consult with experts and engage with residence to ensure the wildfire resiliency code is both effective and practical without an extension, we risk implementing measures that are less tailored to our environment, potentially compromising, public safety, and long-term resilience. As mayor pro-tem I pledge my full support for HB26-1334. We believe it is a crucial step towards ensuring that communities have the time and resources necessary to protect our residence and natural environment. Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your continued commitment to Colorado safety and resilience. Thank you Manuel Trujillo mayor pro-tem</p>