

House Education

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SB26-103 At-Risk Pub Sch Prog & Pub Sch Accountability

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Ollie Glessner For Inside Out Youth Services	<p>Hello Chairperson Lukens and members of the committee,</p> <p>My name is Ollie Glessner, and I am the advocacy director of Inside Out Youth Services, which supports LGBTQIA2+ youth and families in Colorado Springs. On behalf of our policy advocacy committee, I urge you to vote yes on SB26-103, At-Risk Public School Program & Public School Accountability.</p> <p>As an organization that interfaces regularly with schools in support of marginalized students, we have seen boards of education rolling back initiatives and funding for at-risk students “ and the damaging impact of these rollbacks on students. By investing back into these students’ education and public school system, we can ensure access to life-changing interventions and supports. This bill will direct funding to where it is most needed, prioritizing access to equitable public education.</p> <p>We also appreciate the attention of this bill toward the Community School Model, and how such a model can support students, educators, schools, and districts. As a community organization ourselves, which often supports students at community schools or provides services that schools cannot, we see the value in institutionalizing community partnerships, and making that institutionalization more accessible to all schools. Widening access to this model will connect students to necessary resources in their communities, and relieve a large burden on educators, who are often expected to fill every need for every student despite a lack of time and funding.</p> <p>Vote yes on SB26-103 and support public education in Colorado for ALL students. Thank you for your time.</p>