

House Public & Behavioral Health & Human Services  
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 HB22-1006 Child Care Center Property Tax Exemption  
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Dominic Mauriello For Self	<p>I am writing in support of HB22-1006. I have worked as a land use planner for the last 30 plus years, with most of that time in Colorado. I also happen to be a registered unaffiliated voter. Today my primary area of focus is working with land owners and developers to obtain entitlements through the local government review process. This house bill will make it very attractive for my clients to provide leasable space to nonprofit childcare providers. There is a win win for the nonprofit and the commercial property owner by reducing the costs associated with securing and maintaining quality space for childcare. I encourage you to approve this bill. Thank you.</p>
Sarah Johnson For Echinacea Montessori School	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>Our small, nonprofit school looked endlessly across the Denver metro area for a shopfront, community nestled space that we could lease for 10+ years. When we finally found space that met childcare licensing regulations in the Baker neighborhood, we were told by our real estate agent that we would have property tax exemption. Unfortunately after going through the entire process, we found out that nonprofit schools LEASING a space, cannot apply for the property tax exemption. This would eat an additional \$5000 of our yearly budget to pay for the property taxes, when our revenue only gives us a \$10,000-\$15,000 surplus each year- barely enough to be sustainable, especially during a pandemic.</p> <p>Echinacea Montessori School is a part of the Wildflower School network focused on providing equitable Montessori to all children. We aim to serve 30% CCAP, 30% scholarship, and 30% full paying families in the name of equity for our families.</p> <p>Our school staff and community at large is strongly in favor of this proposition as it would help us to be more financially stable for the future. We are thankful for the opportunity to provide this written testimony and want everyone to know this would have a strong positive impact on our one-room school house.</p> <p>Sincerely,            Sarah Johnson            Co-Founder            Echinacea Montessori School</p>