

House Agriculture, Livestock, & Water
 04/21/2022 Upon Adjournment
 HB22-1382 Support Dark Sky Designation & Promotion In CO
 Typed Text of Testimony Submitted

Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Marilyn Howe For Paonia Dark Skies	<p>Thank you for bringing this bill forward. Our organization is in full support of this bill. We are presently in the final stages of changing our town ordinance to comply with International Dark Skies Association requirements. Once approved we will continue our work to get international approval. This is Very important work as it not only affects our health but is very important to wildlife especially birds and bird migration. Our town has changed all our street lights to 3000k Led lights in compliance with our work and realized a cost savings within months. now we need to help homeowners change lighting to dark sky friendly and to help marijauna growers greenhouses work to shield obtrusive light pollution at night. We are a 501c3 organization and soon will be joining the Western Colorado dark sky association as one of their satellite projects. We hope with all our hearts that this bill passes.</p>
Dave Knutson For Self	<p>In Paonia, we are working to pass an ordinance to qualify the Town for dark sky designation. As a town with fewer than 1600 people, this bill would help our task force move the needle toward our designation goal. Our recent recreation study also proposed a dark sky platform on a hill overlooking the Town. The Town and our local electric utility, DMEA, has already changed all street lights to be dark sky compliant. So we are committed and would deeply appreciate any technical or financial assistance this bill would provide. This letter is my own personal view and as an individual Trustee, I cannot speak for our Board. Thanks for your consideration.</p> <p>Best, Dave Knutson</p>