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SB22-203 Program Of All-inclusive Care For The Elderly

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Julie Reiskin For Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition	The Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition strongly supports SB 203 to improve the oversight of the PACE program. As you know, this program has struggled with appropriate oversight and quality problems that have worsened since they became a for-profit several years ago. We no longer refer to PACE which is sad because the model could work for some people that need more support than is available under regular HCBS. However, because the problems are so severe and there is not a way to resolve them right now, we just do not refer. We would welcome an opportunity to change this. On a fiscal level we also welcome the oversight. The PACE program has grown in ways that cause us concern. There are limited and finite dollars for all long term services and supports and we are intent on assuring that all funds go to serve those in need of the services. We believe this bill is necessary to "right size" and improve this program. Thank you for your support.