



February 2025

TO: Senate Judiciary Committee

RE: AAUW Support of SB-043--Deflection Supports Justice-Involved Youth

Dear Committee Members:

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is one of the oldest women's organizations in the country, empowering women since 1881. The mission of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy. More than 700 community leaders are members of AAUW branches around Colorado.

AAUW applauds the sponsors of SB043 for recognizing the importance of creating more comprehensive and individualized treatment plans, including mental health evaluations, therapy, life skills programming, and substance use disorder treatment for youth involved in the justice system. This is especially important for girls whose needs may vary greatly from boys, as well as from other girls.

Our hope is that the SB043 will result in shortening the time youth offenders spend in the justice system, and improving long-term outcomes for justice-involved youth.

AAUW of Colorado strongly supports SB043 and requests your AYE vote in committee and throughout the process of becoming a law.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Su Ryden".

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American Association of University Women--AAUW is a top-rated 501(c)3 charitable organization whose mission is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

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SB25-043 Deflection Supports Justice-Involved Youth

Typed Text of Testimony Submitted

Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Mary-Katherine Brooks-Fleming For League of Women Voters Colorado	My name is Mary-Katherine Brooks Fleming, and I represent the League of Women Voters of Colorado's 1800 members from across the state regarding SB25-043. We urge you to vote YES on SB25-043