

Date: June 4, 2020
Subj: POSTPONE INDEFINITELY HB20-1200

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee,

I simply bring to your attention Article V Sections 21 and 17 of the Colorado Constitution:

Section 21. BILL TO CONTAIN BUT ONE SUBJECT - EXPRESSED IN TITLE

No bill, except general appropriation bills, shall be passed containing more than one subject, which shall be clearly expressed in its title; but if any subject shall be embraced in any act which shall not be expressed in the title, such act shall be void only as to so much thereof as shall not be so expressed.

The title of HB20-1200 is: “ **CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE HOA INFORMATION AND RESOURCE CENTER, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE 2019 SUNSET REPORT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES.** ”

The Business Affairs Committee L03 amendment to HB20-1200 added language to the Bill that has absolutely nothing to do with continuing the HOA Resource Center. The 2019 Sunset Report also does not mention a need for addressing the subject of the L03 language.

Section 17. NO LAW PASSED BUT BY BILL – AMENDMENTS

No law shall be passed except by bill, and no bill shall be so altered or amended on its passage through either house as to change its original purpose.

The purpose of HB20-1200, as introduced, is clear in its title. The inclusion of language concerning freedom of religious expression in no way fits under the purpose of the Bill. Discussions of 1st amendment protections should be completely separate from this particular Bill.

The L03 amendment to the L02 amendment to HB20-1200 must be removed or HB20-1200 must be POSTPONED INDEFINITELY for any further consideration during the 2020 legislative session.

Very respectfully,
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