

House Finance

04/16/2026

HB26-1119 Authority for Different Mill Levy Rates

Typed Text of Testimony Submitted

Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Bennett Rutledge Against themselves	Chair Woodrow and members of the committee, The problem with spending someone else's money is that you eventually run out. Those of us who are retired on limited incomes have been hit with huge jumps in property tax in recent years. The HCR24-1006 Property Tax Revenue Growth Limit proposition has already been taken out of our hands. The HB26-1119 Authority for Different Mill Levy Rates will allow more monkeying with our Property taxes ... as always on pain of homelessness when the point where those of us who cannot pay, is reached. Vote NO on HB26-119
Kim Archuletta Against Colorado County Treasurer & Public Trustee Association (CCTPTA)	Chair and Members of the Committee While the concept of allowing different mill levy rates for land and improvements may sound like a flexible policy tool, the reality is that this bill creates significant operational challenges for the very offices responsible for implementing it. From a systems standpoint, this is not a small adjustment. Property tax software currently used across Colorado is not designed to handle split mill levy rates. Implementing this would require major system overhauls, costly vendor changes, and possible staff retraining. These are unfunded mandates that will fall directly on local governments. Administratively, this bill creates a much more complicated tax structure. Treasurers would be responsible for billing, collecting, reconciling, and distributing taxes calculated at two different rates on the same parcel. That increases the likelihood of errors, complicates audits, and makes correction processes more time consuming. It also creates inconsistency across the tax base. Several major property classes including agricultural land, renewable energy, conservation easements, oil and gas, mining, and state assessed properties are excluded. That means counties would be forced to operate parallel systems within the same jurisdiction, which is

	<p>inefficient and difficult to manage. For taxpayers, this will not improve clarity. It will make tax bills harder to understand, increase confusion, and ultimately increase calls and disputes. A system that is harder to explain is harder to administer. And all of this comes at a cost. Local governments would bear the expense of system upgrades, training, and ongoing administration without any dedicated funding source. It’s also important to keep this in perspective, Colorado already has one of the lowest property tax burdens in the country. The added complexity introduced by this bill does not clearly justify the administrative and financial impact. Colorado already separates property into classes: residential, commercial, agriculture, etc., each having its own rate, now you’re adding a subclass within the class which raises legitimate legal questions around uniform taxation under the Colorado Constitution and could expose local governments to unnecessary litigation.</p> <p>In closing, this bill shifts significant complexity and cost to local governments without providing the tools or resources to manage it effectively. For those reasons, I respectfully ask for a no vote on HB26-1119.</p>
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Opposition to: HB26-1119 - Authority for Different Mill Levy Rates

Submitted By:

TriBella, LLC – Bicycle Shop – 1060 Bannock St. Denver, Co 80204

Owner: James Sharpe

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This bill doesn't directly call out what ultimately will be the end result if implemented. That being, a future landscape of a city soon to be following in the footsteps of city's such as; Miami, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Vancouver to name a few.

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