

SUBMITTED WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Committee House Public Health Care & Human Services
Meeting Date 05/27/2020 Upon Adjournment

Registered	Bill Number	First Name	Last Name	Position on Bill	Representing	Status	Testifying	Text of Testimony
5/27/2020 9:38	SB20-033	Michael	Neil	For	Self	Open	Submitted text	<p>Thank you Chairman Singer and vice-chair Michaelson-Jenet, and thank you esteemed members of the Public Health and Human Services Committee. Thank you Representative Lontine for bringing SB20-033 before us. I wish to speak in strong favor of the bill on behalf of myself and the Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition. This bill provides seniors with disabilities a great benefit in the Medicaid buy-in, provided they were previously on the program. While Medicare is a wonderful program (and one that I am on), it does not support for long term support services under the Home and Community Based Services program. Because it allows for individuals to receive health insurance, including personal care as a part of HCBS while still working, it promotes both the dignity of labor and the ability for individuals to become full taxpayers citizens with both rights and responsibilities. For these reasons, I would ask for an "aye" vote.</p>

Thank you,
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5/25/2020 20:10	SB20-033	James	Potter	For	Colorado Foundation for Universal Health Care	Open	Submitted text	<p>The Colorado Foundation for Universal Health Care supports the passage of SB20-33.</p> <p>The problem addressed by SB20-33 illustrates the dysfunction, complexity, fragmentation and irrationality of our current health care system. Medicaid was an advance in health care equity for many Americans. Colorado's Medicaid program permits disabled persons who can work to buy-in to Medicaid. Yet, the buy-in program also contains an irrational requirement that impoverishment be re-imposed as a condition of eligibility at age 65.</p> <p>Age and asset requirements as well as other arcane, punitive, complicated and unnecessary road blocks to health care should be eliminated.</p> <p>Our patchwork system of medical coverage has to be changed – either by a national system of improved Medicare for All or through a state system that includes all Coloradans with comprehensive benefits and without Byzantine requirements for coverage.</p> <p>Until this needed reform happens, we will have to continue to fill in the gaps of the present system with legislation such as SB20-33 and other fingers in the dike – thus making the system even more complex, administratively costly and difficult to navigate. We urge you to vote for this bill with the understanding that it is no substitute for a comprehensive health insurance system that is publicly financed, privately delivered and seamlessly covers everyone.</p> <p>Yours truly, James R. Potter</p>

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5/27/2020 10:16	SB20-126	Bill	Jaeger	For	Colorado Children's Campaign	Open	Uploaded file	
5/27/2020 11:50	SB20-126	Christina	Walker	For	Clayton Early Learning	Open	Submitted text	<p>Clayton Early Learning is a large early childhood education non-profit improving the early care and learning for thousands of young children birth-5 in Colorado. Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of SB 20-126. HOAs have the ability to ban licensed family child care home (FCCH) that serve a small number of children ages 0-5. This bill would prohibit HOAs from banning FCCHs as long as they comply with licensing from OEC. We support this bill as it would remove barriers for people interested in opening a FCCH. Child care allows parents to go to work or school while providing young children with the early childhood experiences needed for their healthy development. Colorado had a shortage of licensed, affordable child care options prior to the pandemic. Data released from OEC in 2019 showed that Colorado lost almost 1600 licensed FCCHs 2010-2018. This is concerning, as family child care homes are vital and necessary components of the child care network in urban, rural, and frontier areas across the state. Recent analysis from NAEYC and CAP suggests that we could lose as much as 55% of the state's child care supply. We must ensure that FCCHs can stay open and new ones can continue to open. Unfortunately, as was cited in SB19-063 Infant & FCC Action Plan report, most HOAs continue to ban licensed child care programs, despite the state's urgent need to increase supply as Colorado's economy begins to reopen and parents return to work.</p>