

June 3, 2020

Hon. Leslie Herod and Members of the Committee
House Committee on Finance
Colorado House of Representatives

RE: SB20 - 035

Dear Chair Herod and Members of the Committee:

The National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) is a national, century-old, not-for-profit organization supported by approximately 1,300 property and casualty insurance companies including many who write business in Colorado. Working hand-in-hand with our member-companies and law enforcement, we combat insurance fraud and crime through data analytics, investigations, learning and development, government affairs and public affairs.

SB20-035 would make a kiosk pilot program, providing services offered by the Colorado Department of Revenue, permanent, and expand services to authorizing the issuance of title documents. We are concerned, specifically, that the expansion of services to “issuing title documents” could lead to increased fraud.

1. An increased potential for fraud exists due to the ability to circumvent a clerk in the process to obtain motor vehicle titles. The clerks have a review procedure which prevents many fraudulent and forged documents from being utilized to obtain a title. Even with this oversight, Colorado law enforcement regularly sees stolen vehicles titled with fraudulent documents.
2. Our second concern is having a third-party vendor with access to blank title stock. Stolen blank titles have been used in the past to disguise stolen vehicles sold to unwitting third parties.

Subsequently, we express our opposition to SB20-035, unless amended to exclude “issuing title documents.”

Auto theft continues to plague Colorado. According to 2018 FBI statistics, Colorado has a higher auto theft rate per capita than any of its seven bordering states, except for New Mexico. Drilling further down, 2018 National Insurance Crime Bureau statistics of Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) theft rates, adjusted for population, reveal that Colorado’s MSA have some of the highest auto theft rates in the nation. Eliminating the issuance of title documents from the scope of services offered by the kiosks will go a long way to helping Colorado’s fight against auto theft.

The NICB thanks you for your review and consideration; if you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at hhandler@nicb.org or 847-544-7083.

Sincerely,



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SUBMITTED WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Committee		House Finance					
Meeting Date		06/04/2020 Upon Adjournment					
Bill Number	First Name	Last Name	Position on Bill	Representing	Testifying	Text of Testimony	
SB20-035	Howard	Handler	Against	National Insurance Crime Bureau	Uploaded file		
SB20-035	Mark	Bromley	Against	Self	Submitted text	<p>Since the DMV has been allowing outside sources to administer additional programs. I have noticed unfair testing and irresponsible program management by the DMV is on the rise. I do not believe it's in the states best interest to outsource DMV process to independent providers and that I have heard and been impacted by deceptive practices by the DMV to push or sale outside provider services by internal DMV employees conducting fraud or misrepresenting services.</p> <p>I don't think this is going to be utilized fairly and ends up ultimately costing the consumers more than required.</p> <p>Can we simply not keep the DMV to the state of Colorado?</p>	