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 HB22-1092 Loans From Irrigation Districts To Landowners
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| <p>John Lefebvre Amend Colorado County Treasurer's and Public Trustees Association</p> | <p>HB22-1092- Loans from Irrigation Districts to Landowners</p> <p>Thank you, Committee Chair and Agriculture, Livestock and Water Committee for allowing me to testify today.</p> <p>I am John Lefebvre, Weld County Treasurer and Public Trustees Association, Chair of the Colorado County Treasurers and Public Trustees Legislative Committee.</p> <p>HB22-1092 – Is designed to allow for special assessments from irrigation companies to their landowners for the purpose of irrigation system improvements.</p> <p>PROBLEM The County Treasurer’s are charged with these new duties of billing and administering these payments without consideration of compensation. The fees charged for irrigation systems were set as fixed cost in 1906 at \$25 or \$100 per year at the discretion of the irrigation companies board to decide which amount to pay regardless of the extent of the number of such bills. Our costs have risen substantially over the last 116 years. The cost to administer a tax bill in Weld County is approximately \$27 per bill. We are opposed to asking for additional services when all other taxing authorities are already subsidizing the collection costs of irrigation company billing, administration, collection, and distribution.</p> <p>SOLUTION - AMEND and SUPPORT Therefore, we asked that HB22-1092 be amended to include a \$5 fee for each bill that Treasurer’s administer and render these services to for each year that those services are requested by the irrigation companies. With this amendment the Colorado County Treasurer and Public Trustees Association supports this bill.</p> |