

SUBMITTED WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Committee House State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

Meeting Date 06/05/2020 Upon Adjournment

Registered	Bill Number	First Name	Last Name	Position on Bill	Representing	Status	Testifying	Text of Testimony
6/5/2020 11:09	HB20-1411	Bethany	Pace-Danley	For	Peer Assistance Services, Inc.	Open	Uploaded file	
6/5/2020 10:55	HB20-1411	Doyle	Forrestal	For	Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council	Open	Uploaded file	
6/5/2020 14:57	HB20-1411	Elisabeth	Rosen	For	Signal Behavioral Health Network	Open	Uploaded file	
6/5/2020 14:18	HB20-1411	Mark	Bromley	Neutral	Self	Open	Submitted text	<p>If laws were not enacted to stimulate drug addiction and abuse in Colorado and the age of adult was reduced to 18 instead of 21. Mental issues could of been prevented due to forms of addiction. I feel this bill only exasperates the condition of mental health and although the services are needed now in Colorado. This could of been prevented by not legalizing substance abuse and then giving the population nothing to do for 3 months due to COVID-19 shutdowns.</p> <p>Creating need of federal grants or taxpayer funds is not wise in any crisis and can lead to complications in tax collection and tax base in 2021 for even a 3 month delay. All forms of tax collection are equally at risk and this large sum of the CARES act adds greatly to deficit spending.</p> <p>Please send me more information on the cost calculations to justify this bill.</p>

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6/5/2020 15:56	HB20-1411	Moe	Keller	For	Mental Health Colorado	Open	Submitted text	<p>Dear Legislators,</p> <p>Mental Health Colorado urges you to vote yes on HB1411.</p> <p>At a time when millions are being forced into isolation and society's anxiety is high due to the economic and health impacts of COVID-19, the state must be prepared to deal with the secondary pandemic of mental health and substance use concerns.</p> <p>The funding in HB1411 will enable managed service organizations to provide life-saving services to Coloradans in need of substance use care and will allow mental health centers to expand their outreach to children, youth, and families who are experiencing stress due to finances, health, and school and business closures.</p> <p>In addition, funding will go to crisis response services and will support prevention and wellness activities for the entire community, especially for children and adolescents who will be deeply affected by the trauma of the pandemic.</p> <p>Mental Health Colorado has fought for many years to construct policies that meet the mental health and substance use needs of Coloradans. HB1411 ensures that prevention, early intervention, and treatment efforts can continue through this difficult time.</p> <p>This crisis drives the message home that our physical health and our mental health are not separate. We urge you to vote YES on HB20-1411 to help flatten the curve of mental health needs.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Moe Keller Director of Advocacy Mental Health Colorado</p>