

Thank you Madam Chair, Madam Vice Chair, and the rest of the Education Committee for accepting my written testimony as you consider HB22-10170, Special Districts Early Childhood Development.

I am Autumn Brooks, Volunteer Lobbyist for Clear Creek School District Re-1 (CCSD). After speaking with a representative with [Rocky Mountain Preschool Coalition](#), as well as a lobbyist for HB22-1070, CCSD is no longer taking an Amend or Opposed position.

Stances change as knowledge is gained and processed. CCSD's original concern was HB22-1070 would likely lead to state sanctioned discrimination of our state's minority groups. CCSD did not believe that was the intent of the sponsors, considering their past records in education. Which is why I reached out.

Through our correspondence I found out CCSD was not the only one with this concern. After all, "special districts" is a relatively new concept to the education world. That being said, those of us that voiced the possible concern allowed the sponsors, draft writer, lobbyist, etc. to reexamine the bill to ensure all the appropriate safeguards were in place, prior to heading to committee.

With the knowledge that we now have, CCSD is now taking a Supporting stance. HB22-1070 will benefit all of Colorado children. Thriving children is our goal and HB22-1070 will assist us in achieving this goal.

Once again thank you for your time and consideration:
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