



March 21, 2022

House State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs Committee
Colorado General Assembly

RE: HB22-1059 - Two-thirds Voting Requirement For Bills With Fees - OPPOSE

Dear Chair Kennedy, Vice-Chair Woodrow, and Members of the Committee:

HB22-1059 would require a two-thirds vote in both houses to create or authorize any new fee or to increase or authorize increasing any existing fee.

The League is a nonpartisan organization encouraging informed and active participation in government and influencing public policy through education and advocacy. Our members span the state of Colorado.

The League of Women Voters believes efficient and economical government requires adequate financing. This bill could block majorities in both chambers, representing a majority of Coloradans, from providing adequate financing for fee-funded programs. Last session's SB21-260, raising existing fees and creating new ones to fund Colorado's needs for years to come, gathered support from less than two-thirds of both houses, and may well not have become law had HB22-1059's two-thirds requirement been in effect.

On HB22-1059, please vote to Postpone Indefinitely.

Sincerely,

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