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[SB17-055 Prohibit Discrimination Labor Union Participation](#)/Sen. Tim Neville (R) and Rep. Justin Everett (R)

**The Chamber opposes SB17-055.** The Chamber has consistently opposed any efforts to weaken our existing Labor Peace Act because its statutory framework provides the right balance to ensure a healthy relationship between business and labor in this state. Colorado's Labor Peace Act has long provided a unique legal middle ground between right-to-work and union states. The Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation has examined the economic performance of right-to-work states, union shop states and Colorado's unique Labor Peace Act to determine how states' economies performed during good and bad times. The Metro Denver EDC determined that Colorado's Labor Peace Act was the perfect balance between the two approaches, adding more jobs than either right-to-work or union states after the recession. Therefore, the Chamber opposes SB16-055, as it would damage the balance created by the Labor Peace Act, which economic data has shown to be the most successful approach.