



Members of the House Business Affairs & Labor Committee –

Thank you, Madame Chair and members of the committee, for the opportunity to provide testimony today. My name is Dorothy Jones and I am Director of Public Affairs at the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce. I am here today on behalf of the Chamber, our 3,000 members and their 400,000 employees, to express our support of House Bill 1039 and to thank the bill sponsors – Representative Coleman, Representative Baisley, Senator Zenzinger, and Senator Tate – for proactively tackling an issue that will help our businesses better understand upcoming rulemaking changes that often impact them greatly.

The current process is challenging to companies because they must individually identify the government agency responsible for the rule change and then navigate their websites for next steps. By creating a transparent and easily accessed portal for rulemakings, we can reduce the burden on employers as they navigate the various rulemakings across the state and attempt to accurately understand the changes that may be coming their way.

This especially impacts our smallest businesses, which employ over one million employees statewide as they often do not have the resources to maintain their knowledge of these proceedings. This will also help them be more engaged in the rulemaking process.

House Bill 1039 is a sensible approach to increasing transparency of rulemaking proceedings, and we urge you to vote yes.