

Thank you Madame Chair and members of the committee for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Kelly Brough, and I'm here today on behalf of the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce and our 3,000 members to testify in support of Senate Bill 125.

This bill ensures that the rulemaking process includes ample stakeholder outreach and maintains focus on the intended subject of rulemaking rather than at times unrelated alternative proposals. We see this effort as a positive step toward streamlining rulemaking while continuing to engage impacted parties.

This doesn't prohibit alternative proposals outright, but instead requires that in order for an alternative proposal to be considered, it meets thoughtful criteria like an economic impact analysis, a description of who will be impacted and a statement as to whether the proposal was developed in consultation with those impacted. Economic impacts, transparency, a chance for impacted parties to be heard and collaboration are all key to good governance and this bill ensures they are part of any alternative proposals considered.

At its core, this bill will help all parties at the AQCC know the lay of the land and work accordingly prior to hearing. If we all know the rules of the game, we can work more efficiently and effectively with state resources and create more equitable rules for the state.

We encourage you to support SB 125. Thank you for your consideration.