



## HB22-1201 Standards For Immunization Requirements

Thursday, March 3rd, 2022

House Business Affairs & Labor

1:30 pm | Old State Library

Mr. Chair and fellow members of the Colorado House Business Affairs & Labor committee. The following comments are submitted on behalf of the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce and the Colorado Competitive Council (C3).

For 154 years, the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce has been a leading voice for Colorado's business community, advocating for sound policy that strengthens our economy and makes our state the best place to live, work and do business.

We are writing today to express the Chamber and C3's opposition to HB22-1201.

As you are aware, the bill allows individuals who are required to receive an immunization for any purpose to claim an exemption in certain outlined cases, and requires the Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to post certain vaccine related data on its website.

We believe that businesses have the right to decide the best way to protect their employees and private property, and this bill creates an undue risk and burden for businesses that are trying to implement safe practices for their specific workplace.

Additionally, this bill complicates businesses' ability to adapt as the COVID-19 climate will continue to change. Businesses have already had to stay vigilant with the constantly evolving state and local ordinances surrounding COVID-19, and to impose a bill such as House Bill 1201 would add another layer of difficulty in managing workplace safety.

We urge the members of the committee to vote no on HB22-1201.

Sincerely,

Adam Burg

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Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce