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SB25-143 Extend Prohibition on School Facial Recognition

SUPPORT

Madam Chair and members of the Committee,

My name is Jerry Wilson. I am acting as a volunteer lobbyist representing the League of Women Voters of Colorado. As a nonpartisan organization the League encourages citizen participation in government through education and advocacy. The League's 18 local Leagues span the state.

The League of Women Voters of Colorado supports this bill.

The League of Women Voters supports violence prevention programs in all communities and action to support the active role of government and social institutions in preventing violent behavior. These include policies and programs at all levels of the community and government that promote the well-being and ensure the safety of all children. The League of Women Voters of Colorado believes schools must provide a safe environment where learning can and does happen. During the 2024 legislative session the League supported bills on school safety. For example, funds were allocated to form a task force to study school staff safety issues.

This bill allows school districts and charter schools to use facial recognition software to identify a person who has made a significant threat against a school or the occupants of a school, to identify a missing student when there is a reasonable belief that the student is still on school grounds, and to identify an individual who has been ordered by the court or by the school administration to stay off school district property.

For these reasons the League supports this bill and urges a yes vote. Thank you for your consideration.

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