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HB26-1113 Modifications to Elections

Typed Text of Testimony Submitted

Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Susan Luenser Against themselves	<p>Honorable Committee Representatives:</p> <p>I request that you do not pass HB26-1113 out of the State, Civic, Military & Veterans Affairs Committee after its hearing on February 23, 2026. I am a Colorado citizen and have been an election judge in 2012, 2022, 2024, and 2025.</p> <p>I think that increasing the number of days before an election that ballots are available for marking and posting to drop boxes increases the chain of custody risk.</p> <p>In addition, the earlier the voter casts a ballot, the larger the possibility that he/she is deprived of all the relevant information for deciding on a candidate or issue, which can often develop and change as election day approaches.</p> <p>The current number of days before an election that ballots must be mailed and that drop boxes accept ballots is a better balance between making voting easier for the voter and minimizing distrust of the election process.</p> <p>I Also, the bill's fiscal note could not assess the cost to county clerks' offices, an unfair mandate for counties to have to assume, not withstanding potential savings, which also could not be assessed.</p> <p>Susan Luenser</p>

	El Paso County
Susan Caggiano Against themselves	I object to this bill. We donâ€™t need changes in election law in Colorado.
Bennett Rutledge Against themselves	I thought we were supposed to do single-subject bills. Please either divide the question, or amend the bill entirely, substituting restoration of write-in voting to the standard required in Section 5 of the Colorado Bill of Rights.
Ingrid Moore For themselves	<p>I am in support of this bill.</p> <p>I especially favor the provision that "modifies the 2-hour period that eligible electors are entitled to be absent from work to vote from only on election day to any day when VSPCs are open"; also please retain the part that "repeals the provision for any registered elector to challenge the registration of another person for illegal or fraudulent registration"; the increased access to voting for students is also very important.</p> <p>I think that much of this bill is a thoughtful set of provisions that would protect Colorado's elections from anticipated shenanigans of the current presidential administration in the next election or in 2028.</p> <p>Please vote YES to pass this bill.</p>