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To: Senate Finance Committee

Re: AAUW Supports HB1026— Expanding Plan Options for PERA

Dear Committee Members,

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is one of the oldest women's organizations in the country, empowering women since 1881. The mission of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy. More than 700 community leaders are AAUW members in local branches around the state.

AAUW has led the fight for economic empowerment for women, and we have made progress over the years. Yet women continue to face barriers to reach our full potential. Many women in Colorado work for PERA employers and AAUW supports efforts to allow more options and flexibility in purchasing service credits and taking advantage of deferred compensation. HB1026 will help employees, especially women, increase their retirement income.

For these reasons, AAUW of Colorado strongly supports HB1026 and urges your YES vote in committee and throughout the process of becoming law.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Su Ryden".

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