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HB25-1048 State Tax Expenditure & Grant Database

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Janet laning For themselves	<p>As an educator with 30 years of experience, 25 of which have been dedicated to overseeing programming and writing grants for students and families at risk, I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed bill to establish a statewide database for accessing tax credits and grants.</p> <p>Throughout my career, I have witnessed firsthand the transformative impact that targeted financial resources can have on vulnerable populations. However, navigating the complex landscape of grants and tax credits often requires significant time and effort, diverting valuable resources away from direct service delivery. A centralized, easily accessible database would be an invaluable resource for professionals like me and the organizations we serve.</p> <p>Such a system would streamline the process of identifying and applying for available funding, reducing redundancy and improving efficiency. It would also enable greater equity by ensuring that smaller organizations and underserved communities can access opportunities they might otherwise miss. In turn, this would allow educators and administrators to focus more time on their core mission—providing meaningful support to at-risk students and families.</p> <p>This tool would also enhance accountability, transparency, and collaboration across sectors, enabling stakeholders to make data-informed decisions that maximize the impact of available resources. The ability to quickly access accurate, comprehensive information is not just a convenience; it is essential in today's fast-paced and resource-constrained environment.</p> <p>In my experience, the benefits of a statewide database would extend far beyond time savings. It would promote a more equitable allocation of resources, foster innovation, and ultimately contribute to stronger outcomes for individuals and communities. I urge policymakers to support this critical initiative.</p> <p>Sincerely, Dr. Janet Laning, Director</p>

<p>Sheryl Fernandez</p> <p>Amend</p> <p>Broomfield Taxpayer Matters</p>	<p>Hello Members of the Committee,</p> <p>My name is Sheryl Fernandez and I represent the Broomfield Taxpayer Matters organization. BTM is a non-partisan 501c4 that addresses tax issues. Although our name says "Broomfield", we have a huge network of active and engaged people all over the state of Colorado.</p> <p>BTM has been working for over a year to understand and track those nonprofits who have received grants from the City and County of Broomfield. It has proven to be a daunting task for our organization, as it seems that proper vetting and documentation of "nonprofit status" has been handed off to "Grant Administrator" organizations (which lacks transparency), or generally, been completely overlooked or ignored. In our research we have found many of the recipient organizations, have NO website, NO filings with the Colorado Secretary of State, and NO Federal IRS tax status. Needless to say, this is questionable.</p> <p>Because of the issues we've addressed above, Broomfield Taxpayer Matters is asking if you would be willing to make a small amendment in order to continue toward the goal of transparency. Could you possibly consider adding to page 3 line 20, "to include Colorado Secretary of State ID number, and Federal IRS tax ID number, to ensure they are correctly filed (and in good standing) with the proper tax entities, and easily referenced".</p> <p>Broomfield Taxpayer Matters would LOVE to support this bill if amended. BTM would activate and engage the 100's of citizens in our network (all over the state of CO- not just Broomfield), and work hard to get this bill (as amended) passed.</p> <p>I have sent several emails to all sponsors and have offered to meet, sadly- no response (which is disappointing).</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p> <p>Sheryl Fernandez on behalf of Broomfield Taxpayer Matters</p>

Madam Chair and Members of the Committee,

The Colorado Rural Schools Alliance is pleased to support HB25-1048. This is similar to a bill we pushed last year and are pleased to see it brought back again, with the leadership of Representatives Marshall and Soper.

Over the years, this body has created a variety of grant programs to bolster certain programs and provide needed resources to entities in the state, including rural schools. The challenge, as we have moved through the years of grant programs, is that it has become harder to know what opportunities exist. Grant programs have been stashed in a variety of different departments from education, to transportation, to local government, etc.

This bill is a commonsense step to help put everything in one place and create that “one stop shop” for understanding all the opportunities that exist. Having additional resources to bolster programs or goals doesn’t move the needle of the entities who could benefit cannot find the resources or understand how to access them.

We urge your support of HB 1048.