
Subject: FW: testimony on 1110

From: Lori Anne Lau [<mailto:LauFamilyFarm@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 11:16 AM
To: Senate State Affairs Committee
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Thank you madam chairwoman and committee members for this opportunity to testify remotely.

I am Lori Anne Lau of Soda Springs, Caribou County, which is part of LD 32. I am in support of SB 1110.

I'm excited to see the proposed change to the initiative process become law.

It is critical that ideas, which will become law via the initiative process, have broad spectrum, and broad based support. All parts of the state should be involved in this very important process. As several others who have testified in favor have said, Citizens from all areas of the state want to "count" and to be "heard" equally in our law making processes. I believe they deserve this equal input in the process.

Many others have testified about the small number of initiatives that have qualified and that only one initiative has become law. They seemed to be saying that this indicates there is a flaw in the initiative system. I would counter, that the majority of the ideas with merit, practical implementation methods, and broad based support are already working their way thru our representative legislature. Our state constitution gives the citizens the right to by-pass the legislature, if the legislature is failing to act. We need to demand that this is a rare circumstance. In those rare situations when good ideas, with practical application methods, and broad support are not being addressed by our legislature, we the people can turn to the initiative process. In these circumstances it will be relatively easy to gain the support of 6% of the voters in every portion of the state and qualify an initiative for the ballot.

Our founding fathers chose not to make us a direct democracy so as to protect the rights of minority opinion holders. They gave us a representative government, and we added the initiative process to our constitution for the rare times when the system doesn't work. The changes proposed by SB 1110 will help ensure ideas have broad based support, thus helping to ensure the rights of those with minority view-points.

Thank you for this opportunity to participate in the process. I'm unsure I will be able to rejoin the committee on Friday so I'm sending these comments in writing. I hope you will vote in favor of 1110 and urge your fellow legislators to do the same.

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From: Andrew Mix <andrewmix06@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 8:40 PM
To: Twyla Melton
Subject: Written Testimony for 2/17/21 Senate State Affairs

I respectfully submit the following written testimony for tomorrow's Senate State Affairs Committee meeting (I am unable to attend in person or virtually):

- I support S1110 because it increases involvement in the ballot measure process of voters throughout Idaho and diminishes the influence of outside special interests.
- I support S1112/HJR1 because I believe the Idaho legislature should be able to initiate a special session (for a stated purpose) with the support of at least 60% of its members.

Thank you!
Andrew Mix
Twin Falls, LD24

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From: Senate State Affairs Committee Secretary <no-reply@zoom.us>
Date: Tue, Feb 16, 2021 at 8:20 PM
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Hi Andrew Mix,

Thank you for registering for "Senate State Affairs Committee".

We appreciate your interest in testifying. The time allotted by the committee allows a limited number of people to testify for up to 3 minutes each on a first-registered, first-to-testify basis. Your testimony may be audio-only, not video. You will be muted until the committee chair has recognized you to speak. Please speak concisely to the agenda item. You will be muted again after you have finished speaking or the time allotted for you to speak has expired. You are also welcome to submit written testimony, particularly if the time for public testimony runs out before we hear from you.

Thank you for participating in the legislative process!

Please submit any questions to: sstaf@senate.idaho.gov

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