



SUPPORT HB 10-1010: *Expanding Public-Private Initiatives with Nonprofit Entities*

Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Mark Ferrandino (D-Denver), Sen. John Morse (D-Colorado Springs)

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Supporters: Colorado Nonprofit Association, Denver Kids, Inc., Mental Health America of Colorado, Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, Children's Hospital, Colorado Rural Health Center, Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council, Center for People with Disabilities, Mile High United Way, Denver Regional Council of Governments, Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition, One Colorado, Colorado Organizations Responding to AIDS, Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains, Coalition for a Thorough and Uniform Colorado Public Education System, Colorado Academy of Family Physicians

Fiscal Impact: Depends on if nonprofits submit proposals and agencies choose to consider them.

Summary: This bill would allow state departments and nonprofits to enter into Public/Private Initiatives (PPI) to carry out state programs that are authorized and funded by appropriations. With this change, a nonprofit could submit an unsolicited proposal to the applicable state department. The bill would establish general requirements for submitting unsolicited proposals and criteria for departments to evaluate such proposals based on standards of merit, innovation, and efficiency.

It would also set out requirements to ensure transparency in the selection process and require solicitation of comparable bids prior to selection. The statutory language for this bill is adapted from statutes allowing the Colorado Department of Transportation to enter such initiatives.

- Allows nonprofits to work more collaboratively and propose new ideas for carrying out state services in ways that are more efficient and innovative.
- Increases flexibility in how state departments can work with nonprofits in delivering state services
- State departments can leverage resources more effectively by keeping cost savings realized from a public/private initiative or by increasing levels of service without an increased appropriation
- Includes safeguards to ensure that PPIs are set up in a transparent manner and that there are opportunities for comparable bids to be submitted.

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