



Colorado Office of the
Child's Representative

Please Vote YES on HB22-1041 Privacy Protections for Protected Persons

Sponsors: Rep. Boesenecker, Rep. Larson and Sen. Ginal

Background:

HB22-1041 expands existing protections to additional civil service workers who may fear for their safety. Under current law, it is unlawful to make available on the Internet the personal information of law enforcement officials, human service workers, public health workers, and their families. Currently these individuals may submit a written request to a state or local government official to remove personal information on the internet such as property tax records, voter registration, etc. Additionally, the law protects these individuals by prohibiting someone else from putting their personal information on the internet.

Problem:

HB22-1041 addresses two problems:

- 1) The nature of certain jobs, including government workers and contractors, and the availability of their personal information can result in safety concerns for the workers and their families. Often this can result in threats related to their official duties. This is specifically a concern for:
 - a. Code enforcement officials.
 - b. Municipal code enforcement officials; *
 - c. Attorneys and family defense teams representing indigent parents in dependency & neglect proceedings; *
 - d. Attorneys and advocates from the Office of Child Representative who represent juveniles or their best interests in various proceedings* and
 - e. Essential health care personnel. *
- 2) Threats against workers and contractors cause safety, morale, and job retention problems.

The bill as introduced did not include these categories of workers, but a friendly amendment in committee is expected to add them

Solution:

HB22-1041 amends CRS 18-9-313 and allows code enforcers and certain child welfare public servants and their families in this protected class to request the removal of their personal information from the internet. Covered workers and contractors may submit written requests to a local government official to remove records with personal information from the Internet if the records pose an imminent and serious threat to their safety.

Additionally, the bill will provide a carve out for real estate transactions so that they may occur in a timely manner while still ensuring that an individual is provided the necessary privacy protections.

Please Support HB22-1041

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