



February 2026

To: House Education Committee

Re: AAUW Support for HB1029—Student Rep. on Commission on Higher Education

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. Every girl should not only be able to attend college, but also be able to learn leadership skills along the way.

HB1029 adds two student voting members to the Colorado Commission on Higher Education—one student member from a graduate research university or a 4-year institution of higher education; and one student member from a community college, local district college, or area technical college.

This bill provides an exciting opportunity for students to be involved in their own education in a very meaningful way.

For these reasons, AAUW of Colorado strongly supports HB1029 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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