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Good Business Colorado: “The Civil Rights Division is Good for Colorado Businesses”
New business group applauds House Judiciary members for passing reauthorization bill

DENVER – Today the business group Good Business Colorado applauded the Colorado House Judiciary Committee for passing a bill on a bipartisan 10-1 vote to reauthorize the Colorado Civil Rights Division and Commission.

“The growth of Colorado’s strong economy depends on attracting and retaining a talented workforce – a workforce that feels valued and respected,” said Dan Shannon, owner of Gary’s Auto Shop in Denver. “The Civil Rights Division gives our employees, customers and community the confidence that they will be treated fairly and equally in our state.”

The Colorado Civil Rights Division investigates claims of discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations based on race, gender, disability, sexual orientation and other characteristics. In February, the Joint Budget Committee temporarily blocked funding for the agency, unleashing a storm of protest from community groups and Good Business Colorado.

“When people don’t feel secure, they can’t work and they can’t spend money, which is bad for our businesses,” said Shannon. “Good Business Colorado believes that our strong economy is built on a strong foundation of respecting civil rights.”

The bill will advance next to the Colorado House Appropriations Committee.

With more than 50 business owner members, Good Business Colorado is a nonpartisan business voice for a strong economy, thriving communities and sustainable environment in Colorado.

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