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HB 2653

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Mr. Chairman, Vice Chairman, Ranking Minority Member, and members of the Committee,

I introduced this bill for these reasons:

Public confidence in results

Tabulation and counting process is accurate

Verification of precincts and precinct totals

Verification of process: election judge and workers required sign a statement that precinct totals are correct (KSA 25-3006 "original canvass" statute) also (25-3003)

Colorado already has a number of County Clerks posting copies of ballots from 2020 online

(Example Weld County has a website that anyone can register for and build an account)

Other Colorado counties allow a request for copies placed on a flash/thumb/stick drive

I have verified that clerks can download images to a flash/thumb/stick drive many times within an hour or less

Here are a couple of news articles concerning access to ballot images by the public:

<https://clerkandrecorder.elpasoco.com/2020-general-election-ballot-images-available-public/>

<https://www.greeleytribune.com/2022/02/02/weld-clerk-and-records-office-releases-tool-allowing-users-to-view-2021-ballot-images/>

For these reasons and others, I ask the Committee to pass HB 2653 favorably.

Sincere thanks,

*Rep. John Toplikar*

Rep, John Toplikar, Dist. 15