

Commissioners in favor of state representation change

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State Rep. Jerry Sonnenberg's Concurrent Resolution to change election of state representatives was the focus of a hearing at the State Capitol Wednesday, April 9, which was attended by officials from 13 rural counties.

The resolution, if adopted by a two-thirds majority of each House, would refer a measure to Colorado voters in November. It proposes election of representatives from each of the 64 counties in Colorado instead of the current 65 based on population, comparable to the makeup of the United States Senate.

Testifying before the House State, Veterans and Military Affairs Committee were county commissioners from 13 Colorado counties, as well as a representative from Colorado Counties, Inc., which supports the measure. Five counties offered letters of support for the measure.

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Phillips County Commissioners, pictured from left at left, Harlan Stern, Don Lock and Joe Kinnie, watch as Weld County Commissioner Sean Conway, in center, testifies on behalf of Colorado Counties, Inc. in support of a change in state representation. Rep. Jerry

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Sonnenberg, pictured behind Conway, is the sponsor of a bill that hopes to give rural counties a larger voice in the Legislature.

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