

# Resolution of the El Paso County Board of Health

**Resolution No.:** 2024-06  
**Subject:** Opposition to Colorado House Bill 24-1028  
**Effective Date:** April 11, 2024

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 25-1-508, C.R.S., the El Paso County Board of Health (“Board of Health”) has the power and duty to develop and promote the public policies needed to secure the conditions necessary for a healthy community in El Paso County, Colorado; and

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**WHEREAS**, Colorado House Bill 24-1028 (“HB24-1028”), titled “Local Control of Life-saving Overdose Prevention Centers Act,” currently being considered in the Colorado General Assembly 2024 legislative session, would amend Section 31-15-906, C.R.S. to allow the governing body of any municipality to authorize the operation of an overdose prevention center within its boundaries; and

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**WHEREAS**, if passed, this legislation could lead to inconsistent public health practices between municipalities within the same community; and

**WHEREAS**, while proponents of overdose prevention centers claim that establishing such centers results in the prevention of drug overdoses, a greater opportunity to transition to treatment, and a reduction in crime, there is insufficient evidence to support any of these justifications; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Health objects to HB24-1028 because it is not supported by evidence-based policies or practices and does not provide a suitable framework for implementation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE EL PASO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH:**

Hereby opposes the current draft of HB 24-1028 and urges state lawmakers to reject amendments to Section 31-15-906, C.R.S. that permit municipalities to establish overdose prevention centers.

**MOVED, SECONDED AND ADOPTED BY THE EL PASO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AT A SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON APRIL 11, 2024, IN COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO.**

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Signed by Board President Ted Collas and attested by Board Secretary Susan Wheelan.

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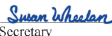
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ATTEST BY:   
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