

Lindsey Causer

From: Irene Bortnick <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 8:37 AM
To: Rep. Justin Ruffridge; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Mike Prax; Rep. CJ McCormick; Rep. Thomas McKay; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; Rep. Andi Story
Subject: Opposition to HB 105 Parental Rights

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My name is Irene Bortnick, and I live in house district 14.

I STRONGLY oppose HB 105

A representative has stated that "There should be nothing that goes on in schools that the parents shouldn't be allowed to know." I totally agree with her but at least in Anchorage, parents already have rights and always have. Raised 4 children who attended ASD schools k-12. Never felt that I could not walk into a classroom at any time or ask to see what my children were learning. Is there any evidence that parents have been denied access to what their children are learning anywhere in the state of Alaska?

As a teacher in the district for 20 years, my classroom as all others in the school I worked in and those in which I subsequently subbed, were always open to parents. Many years I invited someone from STAR to do a presentation appropriate to the age of my young students so that they could learn how to keep their bodies safe. The school nurse also did lessons. Parents were always informed ahead of time and in 20 years no one ever objected. We all have the same goal of keeping our children safe.

We also for many years used an anti-bullying curriculum. This bill strikes me as a bully. This bill targets a segment of our population and leaves them vulnerable to bullying and discrimination.

In addition, it is damaging fiscally as well as socially. People who may have thought of relocating here, will change their minds and many others may leave. We are already in a population and workforce crisis.

Please, do the right thing, and do NOT pass this damaging bill.

Sincerely,

Irene Bortnick

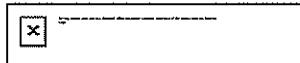
Lindsey Causer

From: Shawnel Padilla <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 4:40 PM
To: Rep. Jamie Allard
Subject: Re: HB105 Public Testimony Closing Soon

I'm fully against this bill. It's an overreach and does not help to protect students. As a parent, I can review curriculum and the school has an open door policy. I don't want the government trying to fix something that is not broken. There are other ways to support our students, families, and schools. This bill is NOT NEEDED.

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

On Thursday, April 20, 2023, 1:05 PM, Representative Jamie D. Allard <rep.jamie.allard@akleg.gov> wrote:



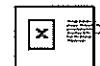
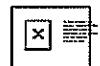
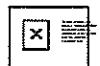
Public Testimony HB105 is almost closed.

As your legislator and your voice here in Juneau, I support the Governor's Parental Rights Bill and the rights of all parents in our state.

If you have not already testified in regards to HB 105, please respond to this email. No matter your stance, we want to hear from you.

A BIG thank you to everyone who has called in and written in their testimony!

[Link to HB105](#)



Lindsey Causer

From: Katie Bell <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 5:28 PM
To: Rep. Jamie Allard
Subject: Re: HB105 Public Testimony Closing Soon

I absolutely do NOT support this bill. It creates problems where there are none and undermines professionals from being able to do their job.

The inclusion increased "parental rights," functionally endorses restricted rights for gender non-conforming youth in HB 105 is unproductive and harmful. Additionally, reduced access to scientifically accurate sex education is shown to increase unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease. This is my statement of clear opposition to this bill.

Moral panic is defined by the Oxford English Dictionary as "A mass movement based on the false or exaggerated perception that some cultural behavior or group of people is dangerously deviant and poses a threat to society's values and interests." The aim of moral panic is to trigger a reactive response from the public, often promoting legal actions and calls to arms that radically dwarf any actual threat of harm or concern.

The response of the governor, Mike Dunleavy, to introduce education reforms with HB 105 that explicitly call out, "parents to sign off when a child asks to change their name or pronouns and require children to use locker rooms and restrooms according to their biological sex," is a perfect example of the application of moral panic for political gain. Similarly egregious were the reform measures introduced in the Mat-Su Valley last year restricting the participation of children in athletics to their "biological sex." Now, this same measure is under consideration from the Alaska State Board of Education. Not only do these two propositions both reveal the gross ignorance of elected officials of what biological sex actually is (see <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/the-new-science-of-sex-and-gender/>), they created fan fair for "issues" that cause no actual threat of harm.

The use of moral panic is explicitly to redirect attention away from actual threats of harm and displace anger onto an issue or group of people, in this case, our vulnerable LGBTQ+ children. Dunleavy is using moral panic to redirect our attention away from his gutting of the state University system and intentional failures to adequately fund and intelligently guide education and invest in our children, who are the economic and cultural future of our state.

Blatant redirects aside, Dunleavy's denial of his intent to call out LGBTQ+ children is intentional ignorance and does nothing to prevent the actual harm it will cause. At this time, there are over 400 LGBTQ+ legislative bills under consideration that many, like Dunleavy, have defended as a "difference of opinion," with a refusal to be held accountable for the real harm they will cause to real people.

The Trevor Project, a national advocacy and support group recently published this statement:

"Our 2022 U.S. National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health by State found that **54% of trans and nonbinary youth in Florida seriously considered suicide in the past year, and 20% made an attempt**. Transgender young people consistently report disproportionate rates of suicide risk compared to their peers, and the increased politicization of their very existence continues to harm their mental health and sense of self."

As a licensed professional counselor with 20 years of experience in the behavioral health field, I can testify to the truth of these findings. Replication studies within the fields of sociology, psychology,

endocrinology, and pediatric health have all displayed that engagement with gender affirming care and environment consistently reduce patient stress, depression, anxiety, suicidal experiences, and inflammation (an immune reaction). No studies have ever displayed that receiving affirming care or treatment is regretted or causes health or psychological harm. Denial of gender affirming care, education, and supports HAVE been shown to increase risk of harm to these children and further increase implicit bias and unfair treatment of our fellow citizens.

As a mother of three, I beg you to stop weaponizing my children by creating conditions intended to displace aggression and divide us further. Moral panic fuels prejudice as it is always based in fear and assumption. The use of moral panic is an intentional practice to redirect and manipulate the masses. It fuels discriminatory practices and distracts us from real issues facing our children today: economic instability, fear of mass shootings in school, anxiety, depression, and the general struggles that come with growing up. Stop making up problems where there are none and focus on what really needs to happen. Educators, lawmakers, and public figures, hear my plea: end your flagrant use of moral panic and get back to work, vote NO on HB 105 and any other actions that direct hate onto our children or restrict their rights to exist.

And, because it is also a part of this waste of time bill, please feel free to look at STD rates, teen pregnancy, and unwanted pregnancy rates in states that promote abstinence only education, which is usually marketed at parental rights sex education.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3194801/>

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Do NOT support this bill, it is fear based and harmful.

A frustrated parent and professional,

Kathryn Kajdan Bell

<http://www.arttherapyak.com>

<https://www.akeatingdisordersalliance.org/>

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Lindsey Causer

From: Katie Bell <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2023 8:25 AM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 105 Opposition

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Blatant redirects aside, representatives who support HB 105 and Dunleavy's denial of his intent to call out LGBTQ+ children is intentional ignorance and does nothing to prevent the actual harm it will cause. At this time, there are over 400 LGBTQ+ legislative bills under consideration that many, like Dunleavy, have defended as a "difference of opinion," with a refusal to be held accountable for the real harm they will cause to real people.

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Likewise, "parental rights" or "opt-in" associated with the teaching of sex education typically translates to restricted access to scientifically accurate sex education teaching. This push for parent rights undermines professionals and limits important information that parents themselves may not be educated in. Please feel free to look at STD rates, teen pregnancy, and unwanted pregnancy rates in states that promote abstinence only education, which is usually marketed as parental rights sex education. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3194801/>

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Kathryn Kajdan Bell

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From: Jessica Wuttke-Campoamor <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 6:59 PM
To: House Education
Cc: Rep. Andy Josephson
Subject: HB 105

This bill is damaging and hateful.

It hurts all children by denying them sex education; it's been shown over and over that education decreases teen pregnancies, decreases violence, and increases social emotional learning so kids grow into adults who can talk about their needs.

It's hateful because it's denying kids their biology and teaching them they're hated, wrong, and shouldn't be included or loved. This hate encourages suicides and violence against trans and non-binary kids.

Show support for ALL Alaskans by squashing this bill and letting it die. It's ridiculous, shameful, damaging, and hateful.

Respectfully,
Jessica Wuttke-Campoamor
[REDACTED]

Anchorage, AK 99518

Lindsey Causer

From: Diana Carbonell <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 6:56 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB105

I'm emailing in opposition to HB105. It is nothing but ginned up fear mongering in an attempt to distract people from the need to properly fund our schools. Trans children are children first and it's immoral to target them score political points.

Sincerely
Diana Carbonell
Fritz Creek

Lindsey Causer

From: Caitlin Hawthorne <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 6:01 PM
To: House Education
Subject: House bill 105

To whom it may concern:

Please. Please. Please. Please. DO NOT pass House Bill 105. If you do, you will directly be responsible for making our schools even more unsafe for students. Being transgender is already fraught enough without adding the danger of having literally no safe space to be themselves when there are still parents and families who think they can beat the queer out of a child.

Please. Do not pass House Bill 105.

Lindsey Causer

From: Kaylee Evans <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 5:25 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB105 public testimony

Hello,

I am writing in opposition of HB105 as I am unable to testify via phone on Monday.

I would consider supporting the bill if "requiring written permission from a parent before the name or pronoun used by a public school to address or refer to the parent's child in person, on school identification, or in school records is changed" was removed. This puts Alaskan children in danger. We already have a high homeless population, mental health crisis, abundance of foster children etc. and outing children to families that may abuse, disown, or do worse to these children not only puts them directly in harm's way but it also poses potential to further exacerbate the above noted issues/crises when these teens are subjected to this policy.

Alaskans have already testified in resounding opposition to this bill. Listen to your constituents and keep our Alaskan children safe by continuing to vote down this dangerous policy.

Thank you,

Kaylee Evans

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Wendy Reed
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 5:23 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Please oppose HB 105/SB 96, an attack on LGBTQ+ youth and sex ed

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

Please oppose HB 105/SB 96, Governor Dunleavy's attack on LGBTQ+ youth and sex ed.

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To protect all students' privacy and health, I urge you to oppose HB 105/SB96.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Ms. Wendy Reed
[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Ron Lombard
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 5:15 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Please oppose HB 105/SB 96, an attack on LGBTQ+ youth and sex ed

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Dr. Ron Lombard
[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causier

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of ashlyn johnson
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 4:18 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Please oppose HB 105/SB 96, an attack on LGBTQ+ youth and sex ed

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

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To protect all students' privacy and health, I urge you to oppose HB 105/SB96.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Ms. ashlyn johnson
[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Katie Craney
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 3:54 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Please oppose HB 105/SB 96, an attack on LGBTQ+ youth and sex ed

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To protect all students' privacy and health, I urge you to oppose HB 105/SB96.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Katie Craney
[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Steven Bridwell
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 3:49 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Please oppose HB 105/SB 96, an attack on LGBTQ+ youth and sex ed

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To protect all students' privacy and health, I urge you to oppose HB 105/SB96.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Mr. Steven Bridwell
[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Nora Morse
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 3:01 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Please oppose HB 105/SB 96, an attack on LGBTQ+ youth and sex ed

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Miss Nora Morse
[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Jasmine Christiansen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 2:49 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Please oppose HB 105/SB 96, an attack on LGBTQ+ youth and sex ed

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

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To protect all students' privacy and health, I urge you to oppose HB 105/SB96.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Miss Jasmine Christiansen
[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Kelly Meierotto <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 2:39 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Please oppose HB 105/SB 96, an attack on LGBTQ+ youth and sex ed

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

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Additionally, It is important for young children to receive the basics of sex ed, such as good touch vs bad touch, so that they have the knowledge and language to tell adults if they are being abused.

To protect all students' privacy and health, I urge you to oppose HB 105/SB96.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Ms. Kelly Meierotto
[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Andrea Bond
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 2:37 PM
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No kids should be outed (to their parents, families, or otherwise) who aren't ready or don't feel safe to come out. And trans kids should absolutely not be forced to use restrooms or locker rooms that don't match their gender identity. This is critical to their mental health as well as physical safety.

Kids also need a comprehensive sex-ed class available to them at age-appropriate levels for all ages. This is one simple way to help prevent childhood abuse by giving young kids the language and understanding of anatomy and bodily autonomy.

To protect all students' privacy and health, I urge you to oppose HB 105/SB96.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Mx. Andrea Bond
[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: Amanda Simmons <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 7:44 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Stop the Hate and Harassment.

Pass HB99

Oppose HB105

Lindsey Causer

From: Crystal Howard <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 1:11 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB105

Regarding HB 105,
I want to know how this is supposed to dovetail with Bree's Law.

Butch and Cindy Moore, Bree's parents, did testify in opposition to HB105 last week. This is completely contradictory to the original intent of Bree's Law.

Thank you

Crystal
[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: Dawn Fitzpatrick <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2023 2:26 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Please oppose HB105 for the health of all AK children

Hello-

I have already written as the parent of two elementary children in Fairbanks to ask legislators to oppose HB105. But I see more testimony is being taken so I am writing again.

HB105 reflects the political showboating of the Lower 48 and hurts, rather than supports, Alaskan students and families. HB105 senselessly creates extra bureaucracy for our already overburdened schools. HB105 alienates and others some of our most vulnerable children. We should be supporting ALL children and students in Alaska. I hope my own children would accept and be kind to all children, versus othering and excluding them.

Also, my children have rights beyond me as their parent. I want them to be able to be their full authentic selves and be fully happy in life. I truly hope the legislator won't pass HB105 which would only make it harder for any child in AK to be their true, fulfilled self. It's shameful that legislators and the Governor prefer lower 48 politics to fully thriving children in Alaska.

As a mother and a compassionate human, I beg you to oppose HB105 for the health of ALL Alaskan children.

Respectfully,
Dawn Fitzpatrick
Fairbanks, AK 99709

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Eli Michael <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2023 1:37 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Oppose HB 105/SB 96, an attack on LGBTQ+ youth and sex ed

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I am someone who has lived in Alaska for over 10 years and am a queer and trans business owner. I support all people to be their authentic self and hope you will too. I am emailing again today to show you and others that we are here, we are queer, and we are healthy, happy, and contributing members of society. We will continue to find each other and have queer joy. I hope that our students grow old enough to become adults to become healthy members of society. This bill will prevent that. I hope you stand with giving young people a chance at life and supporting life.

To protect all students' privacy and health, I urge you to oppose HB 105/SB96.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Mx. Eli Michael
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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Mr. Karl Bergman
[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: Mary Burtness <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2023 2:01 PM
To: House Education; Rep. Ashley Carrick
Subject: HB 106

Dear Members of the House Education Committee:

I would like to take this opportunity to ask you to stop this bill from moving forward. This lump sum payout sounds like an "entitlement" program. It gives a bandaid to a much more serious problem.

Giving a teacher a lump sum will not help their class size, or work load, or retention (current horrible retirement package) or support they needs from their district. It may give them an extra vacation, but that will not make them loyal to their district since that is where their workload is coming from.

It would be so much more wise to increase the student allocation to increase opportunities of recruitment and increase retention.

Thank you for this opportunity to voice my opinion, as a retired teacher.

Mary C Burtness
Fairbank, AK

Lindsey Causer

From: Terri Sanders <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 2:34 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 105

Vote no on HB105! Keep the state out of parental rights!

Lindsey Causer

From: Cathy Medland <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:59 PM
To: House Education
Subject: House Bill 105

Please SUPPORT Governor Dunleavy's common sense HB 105 that insists on parents maintaining their God-given rights, that ASD (or any other educational body) has NO business trying to take away!

Parents are the primary educators of their children, they know them better than anyone else, and they LOVE them and want what is best for their children, (unlike ASD and the Department of Education, that have been hijacked by the "woke" agenda and other ridiculous nonsense that is trying to destroy our children and their families).

A HUGE thank you to Governor Dunleavy (a former educator, by the way), who sees the danger in a liberal, biased agency trying to take control to indoctrinate our children in horrific ways, without parental knowledge or consent, right under our noses...it's THIS despicable behavior that should be against the law! Their motives are self-seeking, ideological, and have no positive end points whatsoever, for anyone!

Gender, by the way, is unchangeable (I'm an RN, and can confirm this easily & biologically... It's not rocket science to figure that out). It should be a CRIME to lie to children, to teach them that changing genders is even possible, and to try to divert their attention to wanting to damage themselves with hormones, and to hack off healthy body parts.

What happened to teaching our children to read, write, do math, balance a checkbook, etc.? I read that Alaska has some of the lowest test scores in the nation, and now we know why...WAY too much energy is going into indoctrination with garbage, rather than kids learning what they truly need to know in order to be successful in life.

ALL children are precious, and are made in the image & likeness of God, regardless of their race, gender, sexual orientation, etc. Therefore, all are valued equally, have equal opportunities, and will continue to be appreciated for what they truly are, rather than what this despicable group of educators are trying to MAKE them out to be.

Please pass HB 105 to put a stop to this horrific harming of our children NOW, before it gets worse. Thank you for your time, and helping us in this matter.

Sincerely,

C. Medland
Eagle River, AK

Lindsey Causer

From: Dave Peck <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 5:21 PM
To: Rep. Jamie Allard
Cc: Rep. Justin Ruffridge
Subject: HB 105 hearings administration

Good morning

While HB 105 was being heard I tried to call in with some pro testimony. I was on the phone for over 2 hours & had to go.

While I was waiting I went on Twitter to look up the bill & see if there were any comments. I found several posts indicating the con HB 105 folks, who were organized through several groups, including planned parenthood, had a plan for everybody to call as soon as the lines opened. They were boasting they had clogged the lines.

Organizing is fine. That's what people do. But in this case it felt like the con people tried to monopolize the phones.

I'm wondering if it would be better to have, say 30 minutes of pro testimony then 30 minutes of con, switching back & forth. That way the phone lines would stay open for everyone.

Just an idea for the future.

Dave Peck
Kenai

Sent from my iPhone

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 9:56 AM
To: Rep. Jamie Allard
Subject: HB 105

Rep J. Allard,

My wife and I want the Parental Rights Bill to be passed!
I have not been able to find the current status on the Web.
Please advise.
Les & Wendy Harpel, Eagle River