

Sent: Friday, April 16, 2021 8:04:48 AM
Subject: HB 60 - OPPOSED

Legislators: I am OPPOSED to the passage out of committee of HB60/SB80 to either establish standard for or create the positions for licensed mental health practitioners to become part of our school system. While I appreciate the concerns our teacher have for the individual students, I whole heartedly disagree that this is the way to address them. I recognize that it is convenient for the school to have the practice within the school to alleviate concern and challenges in the classroom. However, this is not the best use of education funding to address those concerns. I doubt funding for the establishment of standards, and the creation of these positions, will come from current funding; and will require additional funding to education, this not the best way to increase education funding at this budget critical time.

There are other means such as was practiced by the Success Academy in the hard core parts of New York to address similar issues. I beg of you all not to take this route over a better route to meet the alleged SEL needs of our school age children.

Please note DO NOT PASS Thank you, Christine

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Christine Hutchison
ARP Region 6 Rep

Subject: HB 60 Public Schools: Mental Health Education

As it expected from the oath taken as a legislator your vote would defend my rights first; and I not believe this legislation is supportive of my rights as a US citizen and Alaska citizen. Please VOTE NO
Christine Hutchison
Kenai 99611,

Subject: HB25 HB60 SB80

I write in strong opposition of SB 25, HB 60 and SB 80. As a mother of five children and a past state licensed professional in child care/early education services as well as holding a background in youth mental health services, I do not support these bills. It creates complications and is very invasive for families. The public school system has enabled the schools we fund to become more focused on indoctrinating children rather than educating them. It is the school's job to educate our children, not raise our children. This, along with poor choices made by districts during Covid 19, has prompted many people to remove students from schools and elect to homeschool instead. Evidence of this can be seen by the severe drop in enrollments in schools around the state. I have had many discussions with other parents about removing children from schools if they continue with this plan of government overreach. Anchorage already has this and Dr. Bishop indicated in her testimony during Covid they could not use their mental health staff and it was of little benefit. So, there is nothing to preclude a district from doing this now if they want to--we don't need it in state statute to become another unfunded mandate. I have read a proposed resolution and would also like to add that the continued pursuit of Mental

Health and Social and Emotional standards by violates the constitutionally protected guarantee of privacy of Alaskans enshrined in the Alaska Constitution and goes well beyond anything envisioned as the legislative charge as “adequate” education in the Alaska Constitution.

I urge you to reject.

Thank you,
Nina Delain

Subject: Reject HB 25, HB 60, and SB80

Hello,

I am writing to request you reject HB 25, HB 60, and SB80. Alaskans don’t want their schools to become institutions of indoctrination; we want them to be a place where children learn reading, writing, mathematics, and traditional academic subjects. These social and emotional standards and efforts to embed mental health assets in schools are a major departure from the “adequate” education clause in the Alaska Constitution.

Any local district who wants to do this can decide at the local level- with tax payer approval. It should not be mandated by the state or codified in statute as a requirement of an “adequate” education. It represents another unfounded mandate.

Please table these discussions on these bills and reject these three pieces of legislation.

Sincerely,
Mike Ryan
North Pole

Subject: HB 25 and Hb60/SB80

Dear Rep:

I am writing to request you reject HB 25, HB 60, and SB80. Alaskans don’t want their schools to become institutions of indoctrination; we want them to be a place where children learn reading, writing, mathematics, and traditional academic subjects. Please table these discussions on these bills and reject these three pieces of legislation.

Sincerely,

Davina Stuart
Palmer, AK

Subject: HB 25. HB 60. SB 80

Please say NO to HB 25. No red flag laws, opens doors to Government overreach/authority abuse of citizens (revenge issues by family members, corruption of courts, discrimination).

Please say no to HB 60 and SB 80.

Turns public schools into indoctrination centers, rather than education centers. Takes Parental rights from raising their children the way they see fit. Basic human rights of raising a family is violated by government overreach.

Sincerely, Sybille Curry
Concerned Alaskan

Subject: Please oppose HB25 and HB60/SB80

Dear Alaska Representative,

For Alaska's sake, I encourage you to please oppose HB25 and HB60/SB80. Anything pertaining to our children MUST have adequate parental considerations. These do not. Please oppose them.

Respectfully,
Michele Hartline

Subject: Reject HB 25, HB 60, and SB80

Dear Representatives,

As the Republican chair of District 4, and as a parent of 6 young children, I am writing to request you reject HB 25, HB 60, and SB80. These social and emotional standards and efforts to embed mental health assets in schools are a major departure from the "adequate" education clause in the Alaska Constitution. In my opinion, Alaskans don't want their schools to become institutions of indoctrination; we want them to be a place where children learn reading, writing, mathematics, and traditional academic subjects.

I'd prefer to let districts decide at the local level how they want to approach these issues, especially since they are more accountable to their communities. It should not be mandated by the state or codified in statute as a requirement of an "adequate" education.

Please table these discussions on these bills and reject these three pieces of legislation.

Thanks,
Joe

Joseph Kurber
Fairbanks, AK 99712

Subject: Reject Bills HB 25, HB 60, and SB80.

Dear Representatives,

I am writing to request you reject HB 25, HB 60, and SB80. Alaskans do NOT want their schools to become institutions of indoctrination, nor do we want homeschool educators to also be mandated to teach things because of government overreach; public education needs to be a place of learning to read, write, and create a fluency in mathematics.

Adding in these other subjects are part of indoctrinating our children in topics that need to be left to the discretion and wisdom of the parents.

Please table the discussions on these bills and reject these three pieces of legislation.

Thank you

Stephanie Abrams

Palmer, AK 99645

Subject: Reject HB 25/SB 80/HB 60

Dear Legislators,

CASEL's SEL standards are not needed.

We are a homeschool family. The public education system is not the only area that will be affected by this. Is the intended consequence of this bill ultimately to delete our 2nd amendment right to bear arms? Have you decided that the government is the best parent and educator for my family? What is next?

Mental health is a crisis facing all Americans. Children are no exception. The assault on the traditional family, on people based on their beliefs or political affiliations, the intrusion into our medical freedom, the blatant attempt to take over our rights as parents. Mental health should be the focus, not an aside to the perceived threat. So many basics are being lost in the rhetoric of today's political climate.

I do not want Alaskan schools to become centers of indoctrination to critical race theory, that is actually functioning to bring equality backward, or any other political agenda. I want schools to be a place where kids can learn to love learning and education. Where they can dream and grow. Perhaps if politics was removed from school planning than that is exactly what would happen. I have seen it in my own homeschooling environment. Stop teaching kids to perform for tests, allow them to learn what they need to function as upstanding citizens in society and be successful adults. We are failing our kids in basic education.

Sincerely,

Sara Jokela

Anchorage, AK 99516

Subject: HB25 and HB60

Both of these are a no!!!! They are no good!! And funded by corporations! They also violate three parts of the constitution!

Do not pass this!!

Our children do not need either one of these in our schools!! Just stop already!!

Kelly Nash

Interior Patriots

Subject: HB 25 and HB60

Dear Representative,

Attached are two resolutions relating to HB25 and HB60 voted on at tonight's meeting. Thank you for taking time to consider our opposition to this legislation.

Barbara Tyndall

District 3 Chair

Resolution Rejecting House Bill 60

March 30, 2021

Whereas this body has passed prior resolutions rejecting embedding mental health workers and resources into Alaskan Schools

Whereas HB 60 is the companion bill to the placement of Alaska Mental Health Trust in the schools and the \$9M grant.

Whereas HB 60 violates Alaskans right to privacy in the Alaska Constitution when it adds language to Sec. 2. AS 14.30.360(a) defining mental health in a program of physical instruction

Whereas HB 60 adds language to Sec. 3. AS 14.30.360(b) adds language, "**Health guidelines must provide standards for instruction in mental health and shall be developed in consultation with the Department of Health and Social Services and representatives of national and state mental health organizations.**"

Whereas health guidelines are made into standards and placed in statute sight unseen; standards are different from guidelines in that they require compliance, and dedicated personnel and budget,

Whereas these standards are not written yet, by entities not yet named, so Alaskans are being asked to adopt unknown standards by unnamed health organizations regarding the mental health of their children,

Whereas these standards may or may not be funded, but will require district time and resources away from academic instruction in material required for an adequate education in Alaskan schools,

Whereas any given district may pursue such standards through their local school boards if they choose, but state mandates erodes local control over education,

Furthermore, the continued pursuit of Mental Health and Social and Emotional standards by violates the constitutionally protected guarantee of privacy of Alaskans enshrined in the Alaska Constitution and goes well beyond anything envisioned as the legislative charge as "adequate" education in the Alaska Constitution,

Be it Resolved that House District 3 urges the Alaska Legislature to reject House Bill 60

Subject: Vote No on HB 25 and HB60

Dear Representatives,

I am opposed to both HB25 and HB60. I ask that you consider the dangerous effect they will have on our state and our freedoms we cherish. Please vote no.

Thank you,

Cory Montague

North Pole, AK 99705

Subject: NO on HB 25 and HB60

An interior Alaskan who cares deeply about the state of our government run education system, I am writing to URGE you to vote NO on House Bill 25 and 60. Please hear my voice!

Earnestly,

Ms. Andie Rice

North Pole, AK 99705

Subject: NO on HB 25 and 60

Quit slamming social justice issues like institutional racism down our throats. Social engineering is not the job of schools.

Respectfully,

Libby Dalton Slane

HD 4 - Fairbanks

Subject: NO on HB 25 and HB 60

We don't need to infiltrate our schools with social justice issues. We don't need emotional learning. Public school enrollment is down and have you wondered why? Because the system has failed to teach well the basic core subjects of reading, writing and math. Parents are sick of the poor proficiency rates in Alaska and looking at private and home school options.

Danny Slane
HD 4 - Fairbanks