

Lindsey Causer

From: Kristen Erin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 3:38 PM
To: House Education
Subject: House Bill 105

House Bill 105

Greetings,

I strongly encourage you to not support House Bill 105, Governor Dunleavy's "parents rights" bill.

It is punitive to students, school staff and school districts. If children do not feel comfortable or safe sharing with their parents about themselves and what is going on in their lives that is the fault of the parents for not developing a welcoming safe environment for their children. If those children feel more safe at school and or talking to a teacher than their own parents then that should not be taken from them by threatening schools and school districts with lawsuits. Encouraging frivolous lawsuits because of parents own poor parenting is only going to hurt all students as funds are diverted from educating students. How many hours could you pay to have a classroom aid assisting in a classroom for \$5,000+ instead of throwing away to parents that care more about controlling their children than growing them. Also kids need comprehensive sex education and education on what healthy relationships look like. We need to limit teen pregnancies and the need for abortion and reduce sexual assaults by informing kids about the real world and give them real world information to help them make good choices. Putting children in a box with a fantasy of perfection does not help children, it hurts them.

Please do not punish our students. Do not support this bill.

Thank you,
Kristen Schupp,
Parent in Fairbanks, AK

Sent from my iPhone

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Alexander Sanchez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 3:38 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

Please pass HB 99/SB 108: LGBTQ+ Equality and oppose HB 105/SB96, Governor Dunleavy's attack on LGBTQ+ youth.

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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,
Mx. Alexander Sanchez

[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: Rae Trainor-Wright <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 3:38 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 105

Hello,

I live in Fairbanks Alaska and am a concerned parent about House Bill 105. It doesn't make any sense to clump sex education and gender identity together in a bill.

As a parent, I want to be informed about what sex education lessons my child is learning about, but just being given the option to opt out is enough. I don't need to fill out a permission slip every time my child might learn something about his or her changing body and the reproductive system. Those conversations are important and one email informing me is enough. I trust my child's teachers because they are professionals.

Gender identity is something entirely different and does not belong in this bill. As a parent, if my child wants to identify as a different gender because he is exploring his identity, it would make no sense to send home a permission slip for that. How would that even work? We live in a world that is changing and gender is seen by most children as fluid. I am not threatened by this and think children should be free to explore who they are without parents having to give permission slips for that.

A friend of my daughter wants to be called them/they by her teachers. I think she should be allowed to do so without sending home a permission slip for that. No one is being harmed if a teacher is allowing a child to choose what to be called. Teachers allow children to go by nicknames without a permission slip home because it is a way of respecting that child's choices as an individual. Gender should be seen in the same light.

Thanks for hearing my concerns,

Rae

Sent from my iPhone

Lindsey Causer

From: McKenna Slivensky <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 4:01 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 105

To all the members of the House Education Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 105. This bill comes off as an attack on LGBTQ+ youth. First of all, Alaskan parents already have the right to "opt out" of lessons they deem inappropriate, however misguided that belief may be. So if what our governor says is true about this bill not being discriminatory, why do we need it?

We don't. This bill isn't about parental rights, it's just another vessel for Dunleavy and other lawmakers' hatred.

Regardless of political affiliation, Alaskans have long prided themselves on being independent free-thinkers that buck political stereotypes. Many Alaskan politicians, including Dunleavy and many of the conservative lawmakers, love to talk about how the government should be smaller and have less oversight over people's daily lives. I would really like to understand how introducing legislation that specifically targets a group of people aligns with those goals.

Dunleavy and all of the lawmakers who support this bill are wasting time, money and other resources for their own personal agendas. In a state where we have a budget crisis and are losing our young people, this bill is pretty blatantly unwarranted and hateful.

I think the lawmakers supporting this bill are using it as a false flag, just a distraction from the rampant incompetence of the administration. It's political fodder and nothing else, but regardless of intention, we won't stand for it.

This bill is purposefully endangering an already-marginalized group of children. Children who may not be able to be themselves or get the guidance they need safely at home. Children should be able to go to school and get an education without fear of someone punishing them for their sexuality or pronouns.

If you support this bill, I want you to ask yourself why you hate LGBTQ+ people. I want you to ask yourself why you're even concerned with someone's gender. I want you, at least once, to wonder why someone else's identity offends you so badly that you would waste taxpayer dollars on putting your hate into law.

I grew up in Alaska and I love my state, but I am absolutely disgusted by the so-called "leadership" here. This bill can't and won't pass. Take your hate elsewhere, we don't want it.

McKenna Slivensky

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Danielle Meeker
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 7:19 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

Please pass HB 99/SB 108: LGBTQ+ Equality and oppose HB 105/SB96, Governor Dunleavy's attack on LGBTQ+ youth.

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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. Danielle Meeker

[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Maria Crawford
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 7:36 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Ms. Maria Crawford

[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Cheryl Agnew-Schnabel
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 7:38 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

Please pass HB 99/SB 108: LGBTQ+ Equality and oppose HB 105/SB96, Governor Dunleavy's attack on LGBTQ+ youth.

As a mother, I am fearful for my transgender Alaskan daughter. Legislators across the US, including some in Alaska, are vilifying my child, attempting to take away her healthcare, and her rights and privacy. They are portraying transgender people as sexual predators, as less than human.

I am urging you, my Alaskan legislators, to be better than that.

LGBTQ+ Alaskans are our friends and neighbors and coworkers.

LGBTQ+ Alaskans are members of many Alaskans' families, mine included.

Most importantly, LGBTQ+ Alaskans are Alaskans. They deserve all the rights that all other Alaskans are granted. They deserve equality in receiving government services. They deserve to be treated without discrimination in housing and jobs.

LGBTQ+ Alaskans deserve equality.

I urge you to pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality.

I also urgently urge you to reject Governor Dunleavy's HB 105/SB96.

HB 105/SB96 would increase bullying and harassment of LGBTQ+ youth. It would cause LGBTQ+ students to be involuntarily outed. It would make these students less safe, in school and at home.

Trans youth should be treated with dignity and respect and should have the opportunity to live a healthy and safe life.

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

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Ms Cheryl Agnew-Schnabel
[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: Amy Cooper <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 7:40 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Opposition to HB105

Dear House Education Committee,

My name is Amy Cooper. I live in Fairbanks, AK with my husband and 2 children, ages 14 and 12. I am writing to you to tell you I oppose House Bill 105. This bill is a gross overstep of the state government. Parents already have a role in their child's education-this bill is not needed. This bill will only make the state more divided than it already is and will alienate an already vulnerable group.

Sincerely,
Amy Cooper

Sent from my iPhone

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Timbi Barron
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 8:22 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Ms. Timbi Barron

[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: Kacey Hopson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 8:32 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Opposing HB 105

Hello,

My name is Kacey Hopson, I am a resident of Anchorage. I live in Spenard and my representatives are Senator Gray-Jackson and Representative Galvin. I am strongly opposed to HB 105 and urge this body to flatly reject HB 105 in its entirety, and to oppose the provisions I have listed below. I have friends and loved ones who are either trans, gay, or gender queer. A bill like this will hurt people I love dearly. In a time when we should be making Alaska's education system better for our children, this will only cause harm. Please help us do the right thing for Alaska's children.

Section 7 on page 2 will only serve to worsen the mental health of children who already cannot express themselves safely at home, especially those who live in a home environment that is not accepting of their gender identity. I strongly believe our legislature should not be creating additional barriers for children to express themselves. Schools should be a place that nurtures the child, and that includes using whatever names and pronouns they are most comfortable with. Additionally, students learn best when they feel seen and validated. Policies like this will only serve to weaken the connection between students and teachers and there is a high likelihood that it will stop these students from engaging fully at school. This is bad for everyone involved.

Provisions that separate kids on the basis of biological sex, such as section 10 on page 4, will also cause a lot of harm. This provision will make it even more difficult for students to feel safe at school by othering and outing those who identify with a different gender identity than their biological sex. This provision will do nothing but put these kids in further danger. The claim that this is being done for student safety is ludicrous.

Please do right by our children and reject this bill and any other legislation that would attempt to otherize, out, and shame kids for their identity. The legislature has far more important issues to contend with than engaging in hateful politics that serves no purpose but to make our schools a more dangerous place for our kids.

Thank you,
Kacey Hopson

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Kai Scott <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 3:02 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 10 /SB96

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

Please pass HB 99/SB 108: LGBTQ+ Equality and oppose HB 105/SB96, Governor Dunleavy's attack on LGBTQ+ youth.

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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. Kai Scott

[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Kaile Hutton
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 3:05 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

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 Kaile Hutton

Lindsey Causer

From: Leban, Elizabeth <beth.leban@juneauschools.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 3:08 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 105

I would like to go on record as strongly opposing HB105. This bill is heavy-handed in the requirements it makes of teachers to get individual parental consent for topics that are typical in health classes, in penalizing schools for recognizing a young person's request for more appropriate and respectful gender identification and naming, and for denying confidentiality to students in matters of their well-being. The onus should be on parents to communicate their values and wishes to their children. Schools are and should be designed to meet the needs of all children in the community.

Respectfully,
Beth Leban

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Beth Leban *she/her*
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Lindsey Causer

From: Derek Reed <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 3:12 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 105

Hello,

My name is Derek Reed. I am a citizen of Anchorage, AK. I am writing in opposition of HB 105.

Very little of the bill is about parental rights. While I do support the ideas presented in Section 1.a.1, the rest of the bill will not promote the health and safety of students. LGBTQ students often do not have families who are supporting them with their best interests, and this bill would cause further harm to LGBTQ youth.

Thank you for your time,

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-Derek

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Shelley Gill
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 3:13 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Ms Shelley Gill

[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of ANTHONY TRAN <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 3:23 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Mr. ANTHONY TRAN

Lindsey Causer

From: Jen Gunderson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 3:24 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Opposition to HB 105

I'm writing this letter in strong opposition to HB 105.

I would like the members of this committee to consider my parental rights.

I should have the right to send my children to a school where they are not going to get murdered in their classroom.

I should have the right to send my kids to a school where they learn how to treat others with respect and kindness, no matter what they look like or where they come from.

I should have the right to send my children to a school where they don't ban books or try to cover up important parts of history.

This bill tries to own what parents want and what's good for their kids. This bill reflects the views of a tiny minority of extremists who are trying to scare the people of Alaska into believing that those who are different from them are dangerous. This bill does not reflect what many Alaskans want for their children and schools. This bill is a waste of time and taxpayer dollars.

Sincerely,

Jen Gunderson

Fairbanks, Alaska

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Kristen Dutson
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 3:28 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

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,
Dr. Kristen Dutson

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Maliko Ubl
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 3:29 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Miss Maliko Ubl

[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Cheyenne Wagner
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 3:30 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Cheyenne Wagner

Lindsey Causer

From: Autistic Anthony <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 4:05 PM
To: House Education
Subject: To Governor Dunleavy

I am emailing to tell you that lgbtq+ Alaskan youth will die and will commit suicide if you pass HB 105

Those youth belong here and deserve care that doesn't forcibly out and expose them and put them in danger. It is an attack on LGBTQ+ youth and we will not stand for it! Do NOT pass HB 105.

Lindsey Causer

From: Tiffany Boitnott <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 2:12 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Sex education bill

Hello,

I write to you as a current parent of a student within the ASD, and a healthcare worker.

Alaska has always been a choice parent state, where permission slips are sent out prior to education being taught. That being said, it still most definitely needs to be taught. The no sex education prior to 4th grade is appalling. Given Alaska has one of the highest abuse rates out of the US kids need to understand sex education for their age. An example is in kindergarten they learn safe people, how to say no, and what parts on them are PRIVATE. This needs to continue on, and those parents who do not want their children to learn pertinent information can simply choose to opt out.

As far as sexual education for highschoolers go, they should be learning about ALL forms of safe sex and consent. This includes gay sex, straight sex, protection, sexual assault etc. Parents can opt out of their children learning but I don't feel as though some students need to have their sexual health teaching disregarded just because others do not approve. I still had to learn how a penis works, even though I am not sporting one. It's important to give the education, let parents make the decision to opt out but again in a state with incredibly high assault and abuse rates it's such an important tool to have.

And sex is NORMAL. Sex is HEALTHY. Teaching teens and preteens facts before they learn misinform by the internet is key. Especially since they will eventually find out about it, whether through the internet, friends, movies etc.

I don't believe there needs to be a change with our current sex education. Maybe even more sex education, as with internet and the plethora of social media they're learning about things earlier and earlier.

Lindsey Causer

From: Culbreth House <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 2:16 PM
To: laura.stidolph@alaska.gov; House Education
Subject: HB 105

To Whom it Concerns,

We strongly oppose HB 105 because it assumes that all of Alaska's children come from safe homes, which our stats for child abuse and domestic clearly highlight is NOT the Case. This bill endangers children.

Sincerely,
Matthew Culbreth

Lindsey Causer

From: Culbreth House <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 2:17 PM
To: laura.stidolph@alaska.gov; House Education
Subject: HB 105

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Sincerely,
Dawn Jouppi

Lindsey Causer

From: lauryn guthrie <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 2:20 PM
To: House Education; laura.stidolph@alaska.gov
Subject: HB 105

Good afternoon

I strongly oppose HB 105 because it assumes that all of Alaska's children come from safe homes, which our stats for child abuse and domestic clearly highlight is Not the Case. This bill endangers children.

Thank you,
Lauryn guthrie

Lindsey Causer

From: stephanie strickland <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 2:24 PM
To: House Education
Cc: laura.stidolph@alaska.gov
Subject: I oppose HB105

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Stephanie Strickland
[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: Hali Duran <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 2:27 PM
To: House Education; laura.stidolph@alaska.gov
Subject: Opposed to HB 105

I strongly oppose HB 105 because it assumes that all of Alaska's children come from safe homes, which our stats for child abuse and domestic violence clearly demonstrate is not the case. This bill endangers children.

Hali Duran

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Kim Fitzgerald
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 2:48 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

Please pass HB 99/SB 108: LGBTQ+ Equality and oppose HB 105/SB96, Governor Dunleavy's attack on LGBTQ+ youth.

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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 Kim Fitzgerald

Lindsey Causer

From: Adriana Bryan <bryana@sitkaschools.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 2:56 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 105

Dear Legislators,

I do not support HB 105, and I strongly believe that this bill will only harm already vulnerable students. We as Educators, Legislators, and just plain members of communities in Alaska don't know what these students go through in their young lives for us to make it more difficult for some of them by adding a condition that might be of harm to their only safe place whenever they find themselves facing an unhealthy, and/or threatening environment at home.
Please, do not pass HB 105!

Adriana Bryan

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Lindsey Causer

From: Renee Trafton <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 2:59 PM
To: Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; House Education
Subject: House Bill 105

Hello ,

As a parent of a 17 year old, and as an employer of many young people, I oppose HB 105. Sexual education is essential for empowering young people to make decisions for themselves. This bill creates a barrier to this vital information.

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Renée Jakaitis Trafton
Chef and Owner
Beak Restaurant
Sitka, Alaska

Lindsey Causer

From: Clay Venetis <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 6:27 PM
To: House Education
Subject: No on HB105

Fairbanks voter here,

HB105 is hateful and will deplete the already critically low level of teachers in Alaska. I urge this body to vote against this bill.

Requiring parental permission for children to be addressed as the gender they identify with is a roadblock to those children making their fundamental self. happen. For some, whose parents do not accept that expression (or for whom gender-fluidity does not exist despite the entire history of human culture, even in the face of death and torture, proving otherwise), it is a complete bar to that self-expression, and would lead to dangerous consequences in the form of self-injury and suicide.

The level of parental involvement is ill-advised, and will drive teachers - the experts in education - away from Alaska. Our next generation will not be equipped to face the challenges ahead.

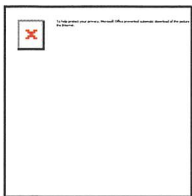
HB105 is an embarrassment.

It is not my Alaska. Here, we help children be their true, rugged, and hardworking selves. We sit by fires in camps of our own making, and we comfort those who ask to join, tapping the stump next to us, and say, "Welcome. We'll need you for tomorrow's hunt, just as you are."

Clay Venetis Fletcher

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Clay Venetis Fletcher
Director, [Fairbanks Farm Access LLC](#)

[REDACTED]
I live and work on the traditional territories of the lower Tanana Dené Athabascan Peoples.



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Lindsey Causer

From: ddg <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 6:33 PM
To: House Education
Subject: In opposition to HB 105

I am writing in opposition to HB 105. If you want to get more involved in the educational experience of our children, fund education at the level that gives them more opportunities to play sports, band, theater, the arts: restore the extracurricular choices, and give more tools to teachers.

Stop your culture war on our children.

David Guttenberg

Lindsey Causer

From: Kristan Kelly <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 6:58 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 105

Vote no to this ridiculous bill and devote your energies to solving the state's fiscal issues. I am a school counselor and know the damage this bill if passed will cause. School is the only safe place for a lot of kids. Don't take this away from them. If you're looking for a project, fix the state retirement system for teachers in Tier 3 and later so we can stay in Alaska to retire.

All the best,
Kristan Kelly

Sent from my iPhone

Lindsey Causer

From: Diana Wildland <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 7:02 PM
To: House Education
Subject: I oppose HB105

To the legislature:

As a mother, as a lawyer, and as an Alaskan who cares about the protection of constitutional rights, I oppose HB105. This bill would not only make our community's most vulnerable children more endangered, but it would also violate these children's right to privacy in one of the few spaces where these kid may feel safe in their daily lives.

Conservative political talking points pretend that this bill protects female athletes or children who may see a body that is different from their own. Women and girls do not need to be "protected" from second place trophies - nor are they made unsafe by their trans peers using the same bathroom or locker room. There is simply no evidence to support this.

There is, however, evidence to support that LGBTQ kids are more likely to be bullied, raped, murdered, abused, turned out by their parents to be homeless on the streets, or otherwise have their lives permanently and irrevocably damaged by being forceably outed. We also know that trans children are more likely to have poor outcomes if they are forced to remain closeted throughout adolescence. In an effort to protect themselves from the above-mentioned outcomes, these kids will engage in dangerous self-injurious behavior like substance use and self harm.

This bill invites immeasurable harm to kids who have likely already been ostracized from their peers. If we are trying to protect children and enforce constitutional rights, this bill should not be passed.

Diana Wildland

Lindsey Causer

From: Debra Buchanan-Adams <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 1:02 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 105

Dear Education Committee,

I am a veteran teacher with 35 years in the classroom. I pride myself in the fact my classroom was an inclusive environment where all students felt safe and valued.

I appreciate the Education Committee's definition of gender as being "an internal sense of being male, female, or something else, which may not correspond to an individual's sex assigned at birth or sex characteristics." This is, however, the extent of my appreciation.

I would remind the committee the number of students who may identify with genders other than their assigned "birth sex" is quite small. HB 105 is a waste of the Education Committee's valuable time considering the number of students it addresses. I do not support further marginalizing such students who already have a host of personal struggles. The classroom should be a place of acceptance, not a gender policing state.

I do not support HB 105. I urge the Committee to dismiss it as well.

Respectfully,

Debra Adams
Cordova, AK

Lindsey Causer

From: Alexander Moriarty <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 1:15 PM
To: Rep. Jennie Armstrong; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Ashley Carrick; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; Rep. Genevieve Mina; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Cliff Groh; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Alyse Galvin; Rep. Zack Fields; Rep. Donna Mears; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. CJ McCormick; Rep. Sara Hannan; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Calvin Schrage; Sen. Jesse Kiehl; Rep. Justin Ruffridge; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Mike Prax; Rep. Thomas McKay; House Education
Subject: HB 105/SB 96 Letter of Opposition & HB 99 Letter of Support

Dear House Education Committee Members, Senator & Representatives:

An earlier version of this letter was originally written in support of last week's HB 99 bill, and in opposition to HB 105 and SB 96, but the arguments presented therein are timeless.

Let's look to Elizabeth Peratrovich as our example, not just to applaud her past courage, but continue to realize her vision of speaking up for a just present and future for all Alaskans.

Unfortunately, I cannot attend tonight's hearing as I have to work, but I would be remiss if I did not speak up against HB 105 on the record.

Thank you to Senator Kiehl, and Representatives Armstrong, Hannan, Carrick, and Story for reaching back out to me with your encouraging words. It is good to know that I, and other trans and gender-variant folks in all kinds of communities all over Alaska, have neighbors on my side.

Please stand against HB 105/SB 96, and vote in support of HB 99.

The attitude represented in the HB 99 opposition letter filed by Mike Coons of "Concerned Conservatives of Alaska" is exactly why we need to pass HB 99, and stand against HB 105/SB 96 and similar bills.

Opposition leaders may say, "the science has always said," but their intent, in the end, is clear, as Mr. Coons expresses in his letter: to put me, my wife, friends, and people like the doctors and therapists helping us--and helping us all, as a society, to understand new scientific theories and use them to move toward best-practice medical treatments--in jail, or worse, for the 'crime' of asking to be treated with respect, being able to use restrooms in public, or have fair access to housing and employment.

Opposition leaders may say, "we've had such-and-such an understanding of gender for thousands of years," but as Alaskans, please ask yourself, "who is the 'we' in this sentence?"

As the HB 99 supporting document from Dr. Charlene Apok of Native Movement points out, the brunt of the impact of discrimination from this law--and similar laws and practices--has fallen on not just the LGBTQ+ citizens of Alaska, but specifically the "**LGBTQ2** youth, adults, and elders within the state of Alaska." Two-Spirit Native people, who Dr. Apok specifically references in her acronym, have already always been here, living in their own lands, expressing their own Indigenous understandings of gender and sexuality, for many thousands of years more than the 'we' in Mr. Coons' letter have been here, bringing with us settler ideas of the sex and gender binary, and a colonial science that forced the imposition of Western scientific ideas on both ourselves, and other peoples, through violence and silence.

Whether you look to the past or the future to answer the question, "should we treat people fairly, give them fair access to the necessities of life like housing, employment, and the major life activities of public and private life, even if their

gender identity and/or sexuality does not match my own understanding?" the answer comes across clearly. Why should the present be any different?

Those who stand in support of HB 99, and against policies like HB 105/SB 96, want to treat all Alaskan people fairly. We supporters have an opportunity to reject a violently imposed, outdated, inaccurate, colonialist mindset about gender and sexuality, medicine, history, and social structure, and help our own Alaskan communities here, whether we ourselves are Native or non-Native, to heal from that violence.

Those who oppose HB 99, and support bills such as HB 105/SB 96, do not want to treat all Alaskan people fairly. Like Mike Coons, they have said themselves, in their own words in opposition to HB 99, that they want to limit those with a gender identity or sexuality they do not themselves understand, and also imprison doctors and other practitioners who are following best-practice medicine. Can criminal penalties and prison for existing as LGBTQ2 people be far behind? Governor Dunleavy, and others, your colleagues, have already shown their willingness to implement and support proposals that perpetuate Mr Coon's vision of silence now. Those who oppose HB 99 and bills like it may want silence now, but envision violence later. Already, Mr Coons openly supports imprisonment of LGBTQ2 people's defenders.

Those who oppose HB 99 and support HB 105/SB 96 are exercising their understanding of power to ensure that the vilification and diminishment of your Alaskan neighbors, friends, and loved ones not only continues, but will be deliberately increased, with the end goal of silence and violence continuing to rule this land, and continuing the historic wrongs done to Native people--especially Two-Spirit people--on their own lands, all in the name of retaining the past colonizer understanding of gender, sexuality, medicine, science, history, and social structure.

This understanding was wrong.

It is wrong historically, it is currently wrong, and it will be wrong in the future.

People whose understandings of gender and sexuality vary have always been here, they are here now, and they will always be here. Do we want to acknowledge that, and move toward healing and reconciliation and fairness?

Or, like those opposing HB 99, will we remain silent--complicit--in the deliberate crafting of new policy and law that continues to hurt not only others, but also ourselves--all in the name of holding on to our own incorrect, violent, colonial understanding that exercising power through silencing the voices of those who don't think 'like us'--like colonists--is the only way to power?

Thank you for reading my letter, and as a transgender genderqueer man, thank you to HB 99's sponsors and supporters.

Please vote in support of HB 99, and stand against HB 105/SB 96 and similar bills.

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Alexander M Moriarty, Lingít Aaní Guest, Juneau Resident

Lindsey Causer

From: Jackie and Edward Debevec <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 1:35 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Opposed to HB 105

Legislators:

I am strongly opposed to HB105, the poorly named "Parental Right in Education" bill, and I urge you to vote against this and any other bill that contributes to the demonization of LGBTQ+ youth, especially trans kids. Let's be honest, this bill does not address a problem, but rather puts vulnerable kids at increased risks and weakens their rights and protections. It seems that the trans community is the enemy du jour in this country and it is my fervent hope that Alaska does not jump on this hateful bandwagon.

If you want to solve a problem, look at increased discrimination, hatred, health risks, and bullying of LGBTQ+ individuals and the resulting depression and suicide. Focus on that and then support HB 99 which would prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity. That is the problem that needs addressing.

Parents have rights. Kids have rights. Teachers have rights. Defending the rights of one does not mean ignoring the rights of the others. Everyone deserves to be respected. Our kids deserve a safe and welcoming place to learn and grow. Let's agree to provide that and oppose HB 105 and support HB 99.

Thank you.

Edward Debevec

[REDACTED]
Fairbanks, AK 99709

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Sonia Kumar <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 1:41 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

Please pass HB 99/SB 108: LGBTQ+ Equality and oppose HB 105/SB96, Governor Dunleavy's attack on LGBTQ+ youth.

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I urge you to pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality.

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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. Sonia Kumar

Lindsey Causer

From: Kami Gmail <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 1:48 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 105 Testimony

To the House Education Committee,

My name is Kami Webster. I live in Unalakleet, Alaska. I am strongly OPPOSED to HB 105. I am both a parent of Alaskan students and both my husband and I are educators. This bill is irresponsible in its restrictions of sexual education to K-3 students. Learning about bodily autonomy, respect, and consent is beneficial to the socialization, health and identity formation of young students. Additionally, requiring educators to "out" gender non-conforming students to their parents puts kids in potentially dangerous situations and gets rid of their personal autonomy. Many educators are in relationships with their students and parents and would continue healthy, productive conversations if students were to show any self-damaging behaviors. Being trans or non-binary isn't self-damaging. But the parents responded might be.

Please OPPOSE this bill. It is not what's best for our kids or schools.

Thank you,
Kami Webster

Sent from my iPhone

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Daria Severson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 1:50 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Mx. Daria Severson

[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: Brook Crolius-Ross <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 1:57 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 105 testimony

Hello Esteemed House Members,

I urge you to vote down HB 105. This bill is harmful to schools and students. I am a middle school life science teacher and this bill will impede my ability to teach the life science standards adopted by the State of Alaska in 2019 by bogging down the process of sharing information that has already been vetted. All materials are available for parent inspection and all materials are pre-approved by the school district. This bill is unnecessary. Any parent wishing to have greater control over what their own student learns in school, or what pronoun or bathroom their student uses has the option to homeschool. Any parent who provides their student with a cell phone with a data plan has already provided their child with unlimited and unmonitored access to information on gender identity, sexual reproduction, and sexual matters. This bill is unnecessary and steeped in transphobia. I urge you to vote it down.

Regards,
Brook Ross
Active Voter

Lindsey Causer

From: Brendan Sullivan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 2:01 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 105

I am an Alaskan citizen writing in from Juneau in regard to HB 105.

I am writing to express how awful I believe this bill to be for ALL of Alaska children, young and old. This bill is dangerous and must be stopped.

Please, DO NOT let this pass. It will do nothing but harm innocent children who have done nothing wrong. And our Alaskan children do not deserve to be exposed to this kind of madness. Let the children be free of this kind of controlling ugliness.

State leadership behind this bill should be ashamed of their actions and their intent.

Thank you,
Brendan Sullivan

Lindsey Causer

From: Nicole Eiseman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 2:02 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Opposition to HB 105

As a 50-year-Fairbanks resident and grandparent to three public school students I stand in strong opposition to HB 105. This bill is seeking to create problems where none exist. Parental rights are already strong in our schools. This bill is a distraction from the real work of this committee.

Parents already have the right to participate in curricular decisions, through participation in school-district curriculum committees, regular open review of curricular materials, and through regular communication with their schools administration and classroom teachers. Teachers are already required to offer alternative instructional materials when requested.

Parents already have the opportunity to opt their children out of sex education classes. Parents already receive written notice of lessons involving human sexuality and reproduction.

Parents already have easy in-person and online access to library materials at their children's schools AND the opportunity to question a book through existing library policy. Any parent may also communicate directly with their school librarian about their child's book selections.

Individual parental rights are already protected.

However a parent's rights over their individual child must not supersede what education professionals have already deemed appropriate. What this bill seeks to do is give undue power to a single parent at the expense of all students. We've already seen what happens when a small group of parents decides they know what's best for all students. In Florida a principal was fired because two parents deemed David, the Renaissance masterpiece, pornographic. At another Florida school the Disney movie about 6-year-old Ruby Bridges was not shown because a single parent feared that learning about Ruby's historic role in the civil rights movement might teach children that white people hate Black people. By extension - might an Alaskan parent demand that their child, and hence all children, not learn about Elizabeth Peratrovich, for fear that it might teach children that white people hate Alaska Natives?

Sec. 5. AS 14.30.361 (f) in its effort to limit human sexuality education, makes me wonder if the author intends that educators refrain from using the words boy or girl until 4th grade. Yes... HB 105 borders on the absurd.

We are Alaskans. We do not need to emulate Florida. We have easy access to our schools, our administrators and our teachers. Our curricular processes are open and accessible. Parents are welcome in their children's classes at any time. As I said before - HB 105 is looking for a problem where none exists. I urge a solid No vote.

Sincerely,
Nicky Eiseman
Fairbanks

Lindsey Causer

From: Michele Robinson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 2:02 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 105

As a Health teacher in Fairbanks, I am concerned about forcing parents to opt their child into sexual education. We have a VERY difficult time getting a certain number of parents to respond to email or etc. I cannot call ALL parents to get them to respond; I do not have the time. There are just too many students who do not, for whatever reason, have parents who respond to letters, emails or notes sent home. This will result in students not being fully educated in sexual health. You would not believe the questions I've had from students who do not understand anything about sex or even how their own bodies function; there are many parents who clearly do NOT educate their kids in this way. Kids NEED this education, and we cannot allow it to be neglected. In a state with really high, and growing, numbers of STDs, this education is especially important. It is also unclear how I could teach about recognizing abuse-- including sexual abuse-- when I can't educate kids about sex. Will some parents consider that sex education? Do I have to worry-- when I'm trying to teach kids something important-- that I'm going to end up in trouble for talking about sex?

Parents who do not want their children to participate in sex education have every opportunity to be aware of when it's going on. These parents can pull their children from those classes, so it isn't as if they don't already have these "parental rights."

Passing HB 105 will only mean that students who do not have involved parents will miss out on the education they deserve and need to keep themselves safe.

Thank you.
Michele Robinson

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*Michele Robinson
AP English Lit, British Lit, Health & Yoga teacher
Lathrop High School
456-7794 ext 17140*

Lindsey Causer

From: Ritter, Kathryn <kathryn.ritter@juneauschools.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 2:05 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Comments on HB 105

As a parent of two children in the Juneau School District, as well as a classroom teacher, I understand how important it is for teachers to work collaboratively with families to build strong relationships with students. I also know that it is extremely challenging for some families to be present and communicative with their childrens' teachers, and teachers do their best to build strong relationships with their students, even in the absence of parental input or communication. I think this bill will create unintended consequences, and drive a wedge between families, students, and teachers. Students are entitled to express their identity separate from their families consent, and I believe that if parents are at odds with their children about their child's gender identity, the child will lose trust with their teachers if the teachers are not permitted to honor the child's request to choose their pronouns. Educators never want to undermine parents, and strive to work as a team, but this bill is putting educators in the position of being a voice box for the child's parent, rather than a mentor or guide for the child. I do not support this bill, and I hope the House sees how damaging this bill will be for some of our most vulnerable children. Please VOTE NO!

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Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Kyla Durham
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 2:11 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

Please pass HB 99/SB 108: LGBTQ+ Equality and oppose HB 105/SB96, Governor Dunleavy's attack on LGBTQ+ youth.

No on HB 105!

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Miss Kyla Durham

Lindsey Causer


From: Raven Amos <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 9:56 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Written testimony OPPOSING HB-105

I sincerely hope you have listened with open ears to all the testimony here tonight.

You've heard from teachers, parents, students, LAWYERS, that HB-105 is short-sighted, dangerous, and expensive for the state of Alaska.

I'm genuinely sorry if a certain book upset someone or that a parent was upset at the consequences of their child bullying another because of their identity, or if there is some vague, hazy fears about teaching kids that diversity exists - but how does this bill actually address parental rights that don't already exist, and in fact, are referred to HEAVILY throughout HB-105?

On the topic of objectionable books, English teachers don't just "spring" book reports on kids - from my experience as a student assistant, they plan out curriculums way ahead of time, and send parents home with a syllabus at the beginning of the semester outlining what books will be reported on, that *_parents had to sign off on as having received it_*, so what I heard in prior testimony is that this parent didn't use the rights they *already* had, ignored a permission slip, and instead reacted so objectionably to the material and it's subject that they made their own child uncomfortable talking about it to their parents or teachers, and now this parent wants to make it *_every_* Alaskan parents' problem.

 Don't parents also have the right to send their kids to schools that aren't in danger of closure? We're looking at closing 6 of them in Anchorage alone! And don't kids *_also_* deserve rights afforded to them by the Alaska State Constitution? This bill just pits kids against their parents, and encourages kids to not open up to their parents or to their teachers, tells them that they shouldn't live as their authentic selves.

How will this bill change the statistics of rape in this state, if kids don't even know how to define it because their parent forgot to sign a permission slip for sex education class?

You heard from many people tonight that the horrible experiences they went through growing up would have been made better had they the language and the knowledge to apply to what happened to them and how they felt, and that knowledge will be denied those children if this bill passes because of provisions in HB-105 banning sex education for anyone under a certain age - **and I feel I must need to remind the council that most of the people who testified about their experiences with sexual abuse had their experiences happen before 4th grade, which is the age outlined in HB-105 as far as when it's "appropriate" to teach sex education. Why would you instead vote to put more students through the same abuses, and now with no one safe to talk to?**

How can I see this bill as anything else but an attack on LGBTQ people given the language of this bill requiring teachers "out" their students to their parents, and **given a parent's stated goal during their testimony was to make a state-maintained list of _gay children_**? Were you listening to that, Ms. Allard? Did that not disturb you in the slightest?

And given testimony I heard about so-called "Christian parenting", how can you separate the spirit and content of this bill from a certain type of *Christian dominionist indoctrination*? How can I be assured that this is not part of the so-called "Seven Mountains Mandate" that has a stated purpose of indoctrinating every facet of American life into a certain sect of Christian evangelicalism? Given the chilling and cynical testimony I heard in support of this bill from so-called "Christian Parents", I would be shocked if certain members of this council and

Government weren't at least slightly sympathetic to the Seven Mountains Mandate, which might I add, flies in direct opposition to the inalienable rights afforded every US citizen against being ruled over by a religious minority, and against common decency.

I hope the people who are supporting this bill because they believe it will grant them "more rights" as a parent are also listening to the overwhelming testimony from your community members opposing this bill. I urge all of you to support the State constitution's right to privacy, and support the First Amendment and Bill of Rights of the United States for ALL ALASKANS, not just a vocal evangelical Christian dominionist minority looking to muddy the waters with their fake "parental rights" religious crusade.

Raven Amos

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Lindsey Causer

From: Billie Singley <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 10:09 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Statement in Opposition to HB 105

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you today as a constituent residing in Anchorage Alaska to voice my opposition to HB 105.

In regard to the matter of requiring parents to opt-in to their students between taught material related to sexual education, this bill feels redundant and unnecessary as parents already have the option to opt-out. As a child my mother opted-out for most sexual education classes and because of this I thought I was dying when I had my first menstrual cycle. It wasn't until several years later when my mother decided not to bother with opting out that I learned about subjects like consent, which helped me realize my best friend was being sexually abused. It was in that class that I learned how to report that abuse. The only thing this bill would accomplish would be reducing the amount of students that have access to vital lessons like the ones I received due to errors like the child forgetting to bring the form home, a parent missing an email or returning the form too late. Errors which are easily avoided by continuing with the already effective opt-out already available.

Regarding the matter of school's being required to inform parents when a student would like to go by a new name/pronouns, or discloses to a staff member that they are transgender, I find this bill dangerously reckless. Outing students puts these youth at risk of abuse, homelessness, conversion therapies (which have been scientifically proven to be ineffective and harmful), among other unnecessary harm. It undermines the trust that already vulnerable students put in their teachers, which are often the only adults they feel safe with. We all want to believe that parents have their child's health and wellbeing as their top priority, but gambling the child's trust and safety is not an effective means of establishing whether or not that holds true with that child's parents.

Regarding requiring that students use the locker room and restrooms that correlate with their assigned sex. My first concern is how a child's biological sex is going to be determined by schools. Will this be established by a physical exam from the school nurse? A doctor's note? Would students who do not wish to have an exam or whose parents cannot afford an extra doctor's visit be required to use the restroom in the nurse's office? Would they be barred from physical education and sports? If a child is intersex, what then? Transgender youth do not pose a risk to their peers on the basis of those youth being transgender. However, policies requiring transgender youth to use restrooms and locker rooms that correlate with their assigned sex do pose a risk. It requires school administration to undermine a student's identity and reinforce harmful and hateful rhetoric, creating an environment in which that student's peers are being led by example to discriminate against that student. Transgender humans have always existed, will always exist, and the continuation of denial of that reality has no place in legislation on any level.

In closing, HB 105 is unnecessary, it is government overreach, a breach of students' trust, a violation of students' autonomy, and creates more problems than it seeks to solve.

Thank you for your time,
Eliza Singley

Lindsey Causer

From: z <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2023 5:34 AM
To: House Education
Subject: I Oppose HB 105

I am an Alaskan living in the Denali borough, and I oppose HB 105 with all my heart - which this bill does not have ANY of.

- Jess

Lindsey Causer

From: Tess Olympia <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2023 8:51 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Oppose HB 105

Dear House Education Committee,

I am writing to oppose HB 105. I am a parent of a child in the Juneau School District. Our schools across the state already face so many challenges. This bill only brings more, from the paperwork, to the bullying that will occur, to navigating parent requests and demands, to legal challenges. Alaska deserves better.

This bill has already been deemed unconstitutional by an attorney in the state legislature. It is a waste of everyone's time to deny children the right to use a bathroom that fits their gender identity, to deny the rights of children to learn about their own body, boundaries, and consent. As a parent, I expect school to be a safe place for all children. Student's privacy is at risk if this bill passes. Student safety is at risk if this bill passes. As a parent, I do not support this bill in any way.

HB 105 has no place in Alaska.

Gunalchéesh,

Tess Ramsey
Juneau, AK

Lindsey Causer

From: Lauren J <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2023 10:25 AM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 105 Opposition Public Testimony

My name is Lauren Johansen, I am an attorney in Juneau and I oppose HB 105.

These comments are in my personal capacity.

I represent children in delinquency and CINA (child in need of aid) proceedings in the Alaska Superior Court through Southeast Alaska. Advocating for children is the honor of my life. These kids are amazing and they deserve a great childhood and quality education.

My youth clients are extremely vulnerable to sexual assault and grooming behavior by adults—including their parents. This bill appears to support pedophile parents' ability to continue to sexually abuse children in their custody by denying these very children sex and reproductive education. Often children who are being sexually abused (1) do not know that what is happening to them is sexual abuse, and (2) have been groomed to believe that if they disclose their abuse grave consequences will fall upon them by an outside authority. Sex education solves both of these problems.

I am from Anchorage and received a quality sex and reproductive health education in our public schools. Because of my quality sex education, I was able to plan my family and protect myself from sexual abuse throughout my life.

Turning to the parental notification for sexual identity provisions: this will increase youth suicide, which is already an epidemic in Alaska.

Parents have rights, but children also have rights. Most of these provisions will be struck down by the court under the privacy clause of the Alaska Constitution. Litigation costs money. We don't have a lot of it, right now.

So, if the drafters of this bill's goal is to (1) support child sexual abuse, (2) increase youth suicide, and (3) waste money: good work. This bill accomplishes all of these things.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Lauren Johansen

Sent from my iPhone

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Joanna Nolasco
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2023 10:44 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

Please pass HB 99/SB 108: LGBTQ+ Equality and oppose HB 105/SB96, Governor Dunleavy's attack on LGBTQ+ youth.

LGBTQ+ Alaskans deserve equality, period. LGBTQ+ Alaskans are our friends, neighbors, family, and coworkers. When it comes to being able to earn a living, having a place to live, or being served by a business or government office, they should be treated like anyone else and not be discriminated against.

I urge you to pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality.

Governor Dunleavy's HB 105/SB96 is an attack on LGBTQ+ youth and will undoubtedly increase bullying, harassment, and stigmatization towards trans students in particular. Through this bill, Dunleavy is attacking Alaska students' sense of safety, making it extremely difficult for LGBTQ+ kids to live healthy and safe lives. All kids deserve to be safe at school. Trans youth should be treated with dignity and respect and should have the opportunity to live a healthy life.

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

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Ms. Joanna Nolasco

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Andora Ovsepyan
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2023 11:01 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

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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,
Mx. Andora Ovsepyan

[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Mary Szatkowski
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 1:24 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

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. Mary Szatkowski

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Alexandra Poje
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 1:29 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

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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 Alexandra Poje

[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Adam McComb
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 1:31 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

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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. Adam McComb

[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Victoria Nelson
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 8:30 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

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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. Victoria Nelson

[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: John Ruyak <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 8:28 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Opposition to HB 105

My name is John Ruyak, from the Anchorage community, and I am writing in representing myself.

I am writing to express my strong opposition of HB 105. I urge you and the entire House Education Committee to vote against a bill that would put Alaskan students, our youth, at risk.

This bill threatens to do many things to harm Alaskan youth. First, this bill will limit rights and protections of LGBTQ+ students, our students. Forcibly outing students, by requiring written permission before school staff can use a student's preferred name or pronoun will put them at risk for harm. Educators will be forced to get parental permission regardless of the student's wishes or appropriateness. The reality is that not all students come from safe and stable homes. By forcibly outing students, you risk exposing them to mental trauma and potential physical harm in those situations where families are not supportive of their child's identity. This bill further targets specific youth, transgender students, by forcing them to use a bathroom or locker room that doesn't match their gender identity. This violates students' privacy and will force trans youth to choose between violating their sense of self or facing punishment. LGBTQ+ youth experience higher rates of mental health issues, including depression, anxiety, and suicidal ideation. Discrimination and stigma can exacerbate these issues and create additional barriers to success, including lower academic achievement, higher absenteeism, and social isolation; this bill, which is already communicating to youth that some Alaskans do not value them, will make these issues worse. Alaska's trans youth deserve dignity, respect, and the opportunity to live a healthy life, and lawmakers should oppose this bill to protect all students' privacy and health. Legislators should not be in the practice of targeting our community members.

Additionally, the bill prohibits sex education below 4th grade, despite the importance of equipping children with skills for good health and critical thinking. Children need to be taught about bodily autonomy in order to build important skills and knowledge to communicate boundaries as they grow and need to have communication skills that allow them to express when they have been assaulted. This of course needs to be done in age appropriate ways, but refraining from educating students on their bodies will do nothing but make issues such as assault and unwanted pregnancies worse.

Also, please don't try to be like Florida. That is definitely not a good look.

As legislators, you have the power and responsibility to create policies and practices that promote equality, justice, and safety for all students, including those who identify as LGBTQ+. I urge you to use this power wisely. Vote against any bill that would put these students at risk. Spend your time (and our money) passing legislation that will strengthen Alaska's education system through increased and sustained funding, inclusive sex education requirements, anti-bullying policies, and training on supporting LGBTQ+ students.

John C. Ruyak

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of ESTELLE THOMSON
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 8:47 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

Please pass HB 99/SB 108: LGBTQ+ Equality and oppose HB 105/SB96, Governor Dunleavy's attack on LGBTQ+ youth.

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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. ESTELLE THOMSON

[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Alleen Bentson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 8:42 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

Please pass HB 99/SB 108: LGBTQ+ Equality and oppose HB 105/SB96, Governor Dunleavy's attack on LGBTQ+ youth.

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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. Alleen Bentson

[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Jacqueline Oliver
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 8:55 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

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. Jacqueline Oliver

[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: Katie Craney <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 9:20 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Testimony in opposition of HB 105

Hello,

My name is Katie Craney, I live in Haines and I'm writing on behalf of myself. I strongly oppose HB 105. Alaska's schools should be a welcoming and safe place for all LGBTQ+ students. LGBTQ+ youth should feel supported to share their story and identity with their families if and when they choose they are ready to do so and not be forced into harmful situations. I urge you to oppose HB 105.

Thank you,
Katie Craney

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Benjamin Wrede <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 9:21 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

Please pass HB 99/SB 108: LGBTQ+ Equality and oppose HB 105/SB96, Governor Dunleavy's attack on LGBTQ+ youth.

Thank you representatives and board for your time, For the record, my name is Benjamin Wrede, i am speaking on behalf of myself and I oppose this bill. I am a born and raised Genderfluid anchorage resident. I was able to listen to many of the testimonies and am very grateful that my community has stood up against this subtle oppression.

Many of my views have already been shared by others testifying, but I want to make it known that there are many of us, and one message said many times should not be ignored by a government "for the people".

My understanding of the school system is to educate our youth. This includes teaching the curriculum as well as social skills, Group dynamics, and how the world works. Sexual orientation, gender identity, and general sex education all significantly exist in the world. For some kids, and people of any age for that matter, home is not a safe space. School should be a safe space for all students, and the discrimination and ostracizing that this bill proposes can pose tangible harm to students who don't have reliable adults who they can trust. Suicide has been mentioned in previous testimony, what would lower that already too high rate? Making them feel further alone? Weird? Wrong? Invalidated? Shameful? Why are they too young to make decisions on their own identity as they're learning how they fit in society? If they're old enough to receive discrimination, abuse, bullying, they're old enough to be taught to recognize it and do something to stop it. I'd ask those responsible to please consider all children as equals when deciding the outcome of this bill. This bill has no positives. Ostracizing and outing is harmful, and this bill does just that. This concludes my testimony. LGBTQ+ Alaskans deserve equality, period. LGBTQ+ Alaskans are our friends, neighbors, family, and coworkers. When it comes to being able to earn a living, having a place to live, or being served by a business or government office, they should be treated like anyone else and not be discriminated against.

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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,
Mx. Benjamin Wrede
[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: Rebecca Bernard <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 9:30 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Oppose HB 105

Chair Allard and members of the House Education Committee,

My name is Rebecca Bernard, I live in Anchorage, and I oppose HB 105.

I am the proud mother of two beautiful children, one of whom is transgender. My daughter has her family's support, because we see how much happier she is now that she's free to live as herself. And we've done our homework, so we know that being trans is a real thing, not a delusion or a disorder; trans people have always existed and they always will. As parents, we want more than anything that our children be safe and happy. I'm sure that's what you want for your children too. My gentle trans daughter poses zero threat to any other child's happiness and well-being.

HB 105 is a harmful bill that has no place in freedom-loving Alaska. I'll focus on just one part of this bill: the requirement that schools get written permission from parents before using a child's chosen name and pronouns at school. The 2018 Human Rights Campaign LGBTQ Youth Survey revealed that only about a quarter of trans youth can count on their family's support. That means that broadly speaking, about 75% of kids would not be able to get this written permission and would have to spend their school days living an identity that no longer fits them. This will make it much more difficult for these kids to thrive at school, academically and socially. Worse, this survey and other studies show that due to social stigma, trans youth have much higher levels of stress, anxiety, depression, and suicidality than youth in general – and that what protects kids from these dangers are family support, school belonging, and peer support. So this provision would target kids who already lack the protection of their family's support and would take away from them the safe space and sense of belonging they now have at school. That would leave these youth with only peer support to lean on – and that's simply not enough.

Our trans youth deserve better: they deserve the same level of support and protection at school that all youth do. They are not a threat to anyone. Instead of this firehose of fear and hostility directed at them, trans youth need their community's love and acceptance, like all youth do. Please reject this harmful bill.

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Jeannette Doshier
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 9:35 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

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I urge you to pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality.

Governor Dunleavy's HB 105/SB96 is an attack on LGBTQ+ youth and Alaskans and will undoubtedly increase harassment and stigmatization towards trans students and all others in the LGBTQ communities. Through this discriminatory, divisive (petty) bill, Dunleavy is attacking Alaska students' sense of safety in their peer groups making it extremely difficult for LGBTQ+ kids to live healthy and safe lives. Every single child has the right to live safely in their communities and in their schools. Surely most of you recall how hard school can be and how much acceptance is important. Trans youth should be treated with dignity and respect and should have the opportunity like all the rest of us and our families to live a healthy life. This governor's agenda to police one's personal lives is over reaching and creating extreme hardship and alienation in some cases. Safety matters. Their sense of self-acceptance is critical and NO one has the right to put them to ANY ONE. Their personal expression of self is only THEIR business. STAND UP against this TALL reckless over reach by this governor. Don't jeopardize anyone's safety, PLEASE.

To protect all students' privacy and health, I urge you to oppose HB 105/SB96. Your commitment to serving ALL Alaskans for a better community is what's at stake/ We will not go quietly. Alaska is our home and we expect to live as freely as everyone of you and your families. STOP TREATING YOUR CONSTITUENTS like second class citizens. We expect the same opportunities for these children as any other child in. Alaska. Equality and acceptance for ALL Alaskans. Fight for all Alaskans as if it was your child being excluded — they are all our children.

Sincerely,
Ms. Jeannette Doshier

Lindsey Causer

From: Mitch Martineau <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 9:41 PM
To: House Education
Subject: I oppose HB105

Hello,

My name is Mitch Martineau and I am an Anchorage resident and graduate of the Anchorage School District (South Anchorage High '07) who opposes House Bill 105.

The House, and House Education Committee should be focused on policy decisions to ensure more consistent and stronger funding of our public schools to empower the excellent teachers that service our community. Instead, we're focusing lawmakers' time on a poorly written, impossible to litigate lower 48 inspired bill that has no place in Alaska.

Please focus state lawmaker's time on making solid and sound budgetary decision to empower our state educators and stop wasting time on this trendy trash.

Sincerely,
Mitch Martineau

Lindsey Causer

From: Emily Moody <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 7:04 PM
To: House Education
Cc: Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Louise Stutes
Subject: No on HB 105

My name is Emily Moody from Cordova. I'm a teacher and a parent and I strongly oppose HB105. Before I start, I want to express my dissatisfaction with this distinguished body for even taking up a bill like this. The state of Alaska has real issues that actually need attention, wasting even one legislative day on this is disgraceful. Less than 5% of people identify as trans. The BSA on the other hand affects EVERY SINGLE STUDENT. Let's get our priorities straight.

I actually want to talk about the other aspect of this bill. We don't let parents pick and choose what classes they get to teach their kids. My district would never let a parent with zero credentials teach an Algebra I class for credit. It wouldn't happen because we have a certification process in this state that requires teachers to have mastery in the content that they teach. Sex education should not be treated any differently than an English or math class. Sex education is a human right. There is a good chance that once students leave school they will never be asked to identify literary devices or use trigonometry, but every single one of our students has a body, and all of them will someday have sex. In fact, many of them are already having sex. And I don't believe as a parent that another parent has the right to deny their child access to good quality sex education. And here's why, consent is a huge part of sex ed. We have a sexual harassment and assault problem in our culture. The solution is more education not less. We have no way of knowing what a parent's idea of sex ed is, if they have any training, or if they were even taught sex ed themselves. Our students deserve a robust curriculum and the only way that we can ensure that is by requiring it at school.

Requiring parents to opt into sex ed will inevitably mean that less students will take sex ed which hurts society as a whole. This shouldn't be a decision individual parents are allowed to make.

I do not support HB 105. I urge the Committee to dismiss it as well.

Lindsey Causer

From: Emily Kane <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 7:38 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Testimony against HB 105

Dear members of the committee,

Thank you so much for your consideration of public input to this strange bill. In general bills are supposed to solve problems, protect people and resources, and advance civilization. This bill seems to aim to create a problem that doesn't exist. Queer people are here to stay; moreover they have always been a part of human societies. I believe that these unnecessary, cruel, repressive "culture war" issues have no place in our society. Leaning on biological or religious excuses for why children should be kept uninformed about their bodies and the rainbow panoply of how humans self-identify is a deep disservice to us all.

Biology moves slowly. Think of how long it took rain to carve out the Grand Canyon. It took thousands and thousands of years for Homo sapiens to walk upright and develop opposable thumbs. The biology of how a haploid sperm and haploid egg come together to make a diploid embryo is quite complex. Humans have survived as a species because our genetics' main job is to make sure they survive into the next generation. If there were a wide variety of mating possibilities (more flavors of genitals) the species survival would have been compromised. Too many possibilities in creating new humans would result in many more errors and failures. Therefore, biologically, we have evolved with only two sexes.

However, our society is much more complex: humans now and always have self-expressed in many, many different ways. Most humans today support diversity and acknowledge that most people don't fit neatly into 100% "girl" or "boy" boxes. Why as legislators would you render this beautiful, creative, inclusive, non-violent propensity of most humans a problem? Human individuals are so much more than their genes and their genitalia.

If it's a religious issue, please look at the major (and minor) world religions. They all acknowledge non-binary human experience. The Torah delineates six different forms of gender presentation. Indigenous peoples have honored "two-spirit" individuals since before time or history was recorded. The historical Jesus himself clearly presents in an androgynous way with a message of love, inclusivity and non-violence.

This bill is violent. It would seriously harm queer kids, and their families, and their communities and by extension our entire society. It would require teachers to rat out their students who trust them to provide a safe space. It would force teachers and children alike to pretend being informed about bodies and sexuality was somehow "dangerous." What's dangerous is to be UNinformed. Ignorance is not bliss; it leads to confusion, depression, repression, rape and murder.

I cannot imagine why you would want this bill in your legacy. Please stop this hateful bill right now.

With sincere respect and appreciation for your attention,
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Lindsey Causer

From: Zach Gianotti <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 7:38 PM
To: House Education
Subject: No on HB 105

House Education Committee Members,

I am asking you to vote no on HB 105. I grew up in the Juneau School District and had very positive experiences with teachers and administrators at my schools, and I'm thankful for that. Students have a lot to learn, from algebra to how to be a good person. I believe I had a good time in the Juneau School District because education was put first. This proposed bill does not put education first but rather inserts politics in schools. A school should be a place where students have supportive adults that want to create a trusting learning environment. Further regulating teachers and increasing their burdens will not result in better learning conditions for students. Please vote no on House Bill 105.

Thank you,
Zach Gianotti

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Amie Toepfer
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 7:42 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

Please pass HB 99/SB 108: LGBTQ+ Equality and oppose HB 105/SB96, Governor Dunleavy's attack on LGBTQ+ youth.

LGBTQ+ Alaskans deserve equality, period. LGBTQ+ Alaskans are our friends, neighbors, family, and coworkers. When it comes to being able to earn a living, having a place to live, or being served by a business or government office, they should be treated like anyone else and not be discriminated against.

I urge you to pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality.

Governor Dunleavy's HB 105/SB96 is an attack on LGBTQ+ youth and will undoubtedly increase bullying, harassment, and stigmatization towards trans students in particular. Through this bill, Dunleavy is attacking Alaska students' sense of safety, making it extremely difficult for LGBTQ+ kids to live healthy and safe lives. All kids deserve to be safe at school. Trans youth should be treated with dignity and respect and should have the opportunity to live a healthy life.

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

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Ms. Amie Toepfer
[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: Patty Brown <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 8:01 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 105

Thank you for the time to testify in opposition to HB 105. I am speaking for myself.

I agree parents have rights to engage about their child's education. As a public school teacher in Alaska for 22 years there were many times I wished for that opportunity, that all parents came to conferences or reached out in some way. But I admit to being baffled by an outcry against and new pressures on public schools and teachers, often by people who have spent very little time in a school. I have hope for positive collaboration. I have hope for positive collaboration.

HB 105 is of particular interest to me. I was a middle school science teacher most of my career. I believe it is of utmost importance that the science of the human body systems begin to be taught before early adolescence. Separating the reproductive system from all the rest and requiring written permission is unnecessarily burdensome, and disregards full understanding of human mental and physical health. There is an associated social context, a need to include what consent means and strategies for communicating boundaries. Sexual assault is far too prevalent in our state and in the nation. Notifying parents about the topic is a good thing and is already done in most schools. Follow-up questions at home are likely. Opting out could happen and in my experience rarely did. As a classroom activity with peers sharing giggles, practice in maintaining a respectful climate, with a teacher presenting facts with grace, sensitivity, and humor creates a bond and a point of trust. I have been told the experience even made the family conversations easier.

The issue of use of gender pronouns perhaps is more delicate. I believe that a conversation between family and any staff person the child trusts and the children themselves could be helpful in some cases. I don't, however, think it is ever respectful to children to override their wishes in this regard. Identity, particularly in early adolescence, is a big deal. I have seen that bullying in elementary school often centers around damaging nicknames. Being called a non-preferred pronoun hurts just as much.

A state law requiring a certain penalty to punish teachers and schools who honor a child's request against the will of a parent is far too heavy-handed. This is a community issue, including recognition that the school itself is a community for children. Maybe middle and high schools student councils should write the policy.

Notification in advance of planned conversations at school about gender identity and sexual orientation for a class or peer group is fine. Sadly, students prevented from participating would be at a huge disadvantage. Parents could be invited, perhaps by teleconference, so they, too, could learn. It is not always easy to understand the spectrum of gender and sexual orientation evidenced by science today. There is a lot of mean-spirited and erroneous talk out there. The variations across gender have always been there. They are not going away, and the value of every person should be celebrated.

Many teachable moments on this topic are spontaneous. Kids of any age bring up words and misinformation they hear outside the classroom. Teachers must have the right to answer unscripted questions and troubleshoot disparagement around LGBTQ issues thoughtfully and sensitively without being afraid of being fired.

Having a safe place to talk about these topics is essential to saving the lives of our children and young adults.

Lindsey Causer

From: Charlotte Miller <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 8:02 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Opposing House Bill 105

My name is Charlotte Senungetuk Miller. I come from the Inupiaq peoples of Northwest Alaska. I am calling to oppose House Bill 105. It is dangerous for the safety and health of queer and trans youth. We need to support our LGBTQ youth. I have two children who are queer and I support and love them, as well as all queer and trans youth and people. Therefore, I oppose House Bill 105. Thank you.

Lindsey Causer

From: Annette Heckart <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 8:11 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Opposition to HB 105

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 105. The supposed "parental rights" bill is nothing more than an anti-LGBTQ+ hate bill. It would put our most vulnerable Alaskans at even more risk and has absolutely nothing to do with student safety. It is merely motivated by ignorance, misinformation and fear. Our state and our youth deserve better than this!

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