

Lindsey Causer

From: David Donley [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 4:58 PM
To: Rep. Jamie Allard
Subject: testimony re HB105 from Dave Donley
Attachments: Testimony re HB105 from Dave Donley.docx

Chair Allard

I submit the attached testimony regarding HB 105.

Dave Donley
[REDACTED]

Dave Donley
[REDACTED] Anchorage, Alaska 99507
Telephone: [REDACTED] / Email: [REDACTED]

TO: Members of the Alaska Legislature
RE: Testimony regarding HB 105 Parental Rights
DATE: April 13, 2023

I support HB105 as introduced as a reasonable but sadly necessary protection of parents' rights in Alaska. In my opinion current Anchorage School District "guidelines" directing the concealment of information regarding their children from parents are a potential violation of constitutional and federal law and I have so advised the Anchorage School District in writing.

In *Treacy v. Municipality of Anchorage*, 91 P.3d 252 (Alaska 2004), the Alaska Supreme Court held, citing *Meyer v. Nebraska*, 262 U.S. 390 (1923), "**that parents have a fundamental right to control the upbringing of their children.**" (at 268) In the recent United States District Court decision in *Ricard v. Geary County School Board* May 9, 2022 the court stated:

"while the policy by its terms would prohibit any disclosure of a child's preferred name and pronouns to parents absent a child's permission, the District admitted at the hearing that if parents requested copies of education records that included information concerning preferred names and preferred pronouns, the District would disclose the information to parents without a child's permission because the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 C.F.R. Part 99, requires it. Thus, the District is willing to make an exception for the secular purpose of complying with federal law, but not religious reasons."

...

"Because it is illegitimate to conceal information from parents for the purpose of frustrating their ability to exercise a fundamental right, there are real questions whether the District's claimed interests in the Communication with Parents Policy-broadly written as it is-would satisfy even the rational basis standard that would govern if the rule were neutral and generally applicable." (emphasis added)

Respectfully
Dave Donley

Speaking for myself as a parent of 15-year-old twins and not for the Anchorage School Board, the District, or any governmental office or commission I hold.

Member Alaska Bar Association since 1979
Admitted to practice law before:
Alaska State Courts, U.S. District Court for Alaska, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and
The Supreme Court of The United States of America
Member of the Alaska State House of Representatives 1987 – 1993
Member of the Alaska State Senate 1993 – 2002
Member Anchorage School Board 2017 - Present

Lindsey Causer

From: Linn McCabe [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 4:44 PM
To: House Education
Cc: Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Kevin McCabe
Subject: HB105 testimony

Dear Education committee members,

Please accept this email as my testimony since I won't be able to call in tonight.

I find it sad that we even need this type of legislation; parents rights and responsibilities for all aspects of their children's welfare have been respected up until the past several years.

As far as I know, as a grandparent, parents must still sign a paper giving permission for their child to enroll in school, go on a field trip, and take something so benign as aspirin at school. They must have permission to get their ears pierced, they cannot get a driver's license until they are old enough, and they cannot vote until they are 18. These are all physical permissions.

How much more critical is it that our children have permissions for emotional and mental considerations, such as those experienced by children both before, during, and after puberty? This is a vulnerable time in a child's development, and a parent is responsible to decide what is best for their child. It is the parent's duty and responsibility to ensure that their child is protected from anything, which in THEIR judgement, may be harmful to THEIR child, physically, emotionally, and otherwise.

It is a parent's role to guide their children and ensure that they are kept safe from what can be a period of poor judgment in a child's life; just because they are growing bigger physically, is not an indication that their mind is mature enough to make important decisions. During what is normally a very confusing and vulnerable time in a child's life, a parent is best suited to determine what is in their child's best interest. There is no substitute for the love of a parent.

There is nobody in any educational setting who should be able to override the role of a parent in a child's life, unless there is evidence of abuse. Anyone who seeks to usurp the will of (most) parents in their children's lives, do not have the children's best interests at heart. Woe to anyone who leads a vulnerable and malleable growing child in a manner which causes harm.

It is for these reasons that I support the proposed changes to AS14.03.016(a) through AS14.18.040, as outlined in HB105. Please pass this bill and protect the rights of parents.

Thank you!

Linn McCabe (grandmother)
Big Lake

Lindsey Causer

From: Ted-Elsie [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 2:09 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB105 a Bill to Protect Parent Rights Alaska

Letter in support of HB105 a Bill to Protect Parental Rights

"The children must, at last, play in the open veld, no longer tortured by the pangs of hunger or ravaged by the disease or threatened with the scourge of **ignorance, molestation and abuse, and no longer required to engage in deeds whose gravity exceeds the demands of their tender years**"-Nelson Mandela (December 10, 1993)

Nelson Mandela had the best interests of children at heart. He said we should protect them from ignorance, molestation, and abuse. Webster's dictionary defines **abuse** as; a corrupt practice or custom; improper or excessive use or treatment i.e., misuse.

When a system, as in this case a school district, inserts itself in between a parent and their child. That in my estimation constitutes SYSTEMIC ABUSE. Science has shown that a youth's brain isn't fully developed until they reach 25 years of age. We were all young once. Who didn't want to be a fireman, a teacher, or a pirate? We changed our minds about what we wanted to be when we grew up almost as many times as we changed our minds about our favorite color or what activity we wanted to involve ourselves with. Children must be guided and nurtured during their tender years. Allowed to experience age-appropriate natural consequences for their mistakes. Then lean on their parents for support. That is what healthy support is supposed to look like. Not a system plagued with flaws should be deciding what is right or wrong for our future generations.

Children require the love and understanding of their parents. Parents will raise and love their child(ren) their whole lives. Only a parent has the sacred right to decide "what is right or what is wrong" for their child. This bill re-affirms parental rights, and it's unfortunate that it even must be stated again and again, that children are ***the responsibility of their parents or guardians***, and they alone are the ultimate authority to decide their child's best interests. It is my understanding that the LGBTQ and Left have spoken against HB105.

I just want to offer some perspective. Every year the State of Alaska, Department of Education takes a 20-day snapshot of Alaska children's school enrollment. During this current year, 2022-2023 District enrollment by grade from pre-K to 12th reports that there were 131,212 children enrolled in Alaskan schools. Downloaded from the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development [Data Center - Education and Early Development \(alaska.gov\)](https://data.alaska.gov/data-center-education-and-early-development) Here is the link to the spreadsheet [1- Enrollment by District by Grade 2022-23.xlsx \(live.com\)](https://live.com) On the other hand, the UCLA School of Law, Williams Institute conducted a survey of LBGT youth, dated September 2020. [LGBT-Youth-US-Pop-Sep-2020.pdf \(ucla.edu\)](https://ucla.edu) Kerith J. Conron

All 50 states were counted. For Alaska, there was 5,000 youth surveyed, between the ages of 13-17 that self-identified as LGBT. This means 3.81% of youth that self-identify as LGBT. Will killing HB105 then leave schools deciding how the other 96.19% of youth (and their parents) will have to navigate their school lives? What about these youth's rights?

Stop trying to interfere with God's most sacred plan, the family. He has warned in Matthew 18:6

"But whoso shall cause one of these little ones who believe in Me to fall, it were better for him that a millstone were hung about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea."

Concerned for Our Children,

Elsie L Crossmon

Lindsey Causer

From: shari larson [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 1:58 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 105

I fully support this Bill & ask ALL of those intending to VOTE on it, ask yourself this:
Would I WANT to KNOW what educators are teaching MY Child?
Please search your Heart.
Please PRAY about this BEFORE voting.
It IS the Parents RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES to educate THEIR Children in matters of reproduction.
SEX & want Kids 'identify' as...
is REALLY the Parents job!!!
Support HB 105 Today!!!

This IS the Day The Lord HAS made...

Sincerely;

Shari C Larson
Age: 65
Lived in Alaska since 1965
Mom
Grandma
Great-Grandma

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Lindsey Causer

From: Nicole Thomas [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 1:47 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB105

Hello,

I am writing to please protect the rights of parents in the sex education in schools. I remember watching these sex education videos in schools and honestly I don't even think my mom knew what we were be subjected to. I do not feel as a young teenager I needed to be watching a baby being born or learn about different types of sexual interaction. I felt as though I was much to young for this and nothing was provided to let my mom know what we were watching. As a parent now myself I would be appalled to hear and see what children are learning in sex education today. Some of the things that I have seen have been about bondage, gender identity, and things far to inappropriate and unnecessary for young eyes. Please leave these decisions up to the parents to be able to protect the purity of their children.

Thank you
Nicole Thomas

Lindsey Causer

From: Dawn Mallette [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 1:37 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB105

I am an Alaska residence and reside in Soldotna, where I raised my two children in the public schools. My three granddaughters are currently attending public schools and my special needs grandson is in the homeschool program provided through the state.

I am urgently asking that HB105 be passed. It is the schools responsibility to teach our children academics, how to read, how to write, math and such. It is not the schools responsibility to teach our children sex education, or educate them on the social ills of our current culture that is so prevalent against many households. It's not the schools or educators responsibility or right to indoctrinate our children with morals and beliefs that may contradict the way parents choose to raise their children. It is not ok to place children in compromising positions that only promote confusion about their own identity. The biological birth is the God given gender identity and while I do not judge the individual person for the free will to choose for themselves, it is a gross wrong to allow biological males to be put in a locker room or bathrooms with biological females. If this Bill is passed you are endangering all girls and women who are born as females.

It should also be all parents rights to fully know what is being taught before it is taught and to be notified prior to their child being exposed to sex education.

Parents rights should be protected. There should be transparency in all school records especially considering pronouns.

I urge again that HB105 be passed to protect the families.

Sincerely and urgently,

Dawn Mallette

[REDACTED]

Soldotna, AK 99669

Lindsey Causer

From: Theresa O'Connell [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 1:14 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Re: HB105 Testimony

I would also like to add a story of my experience with not having security in the locker room.

When I was in my senior year of high school, I went into the locker room between classes to change. At that time there was a biological boy laying on the bench next to my locker. There was no one else in the locker room. I said "Are you supposed to be in here?" He didn't say anything and just got up and left. Then a minute later, after I changed he came back to where I was and sat down on the bench right behind me. It was a very uncomfortable because I thought he had left, but he hadn't. He was in the room while I was undressed. It was so creepy that he came back to where I was when the whole locker room was empty. Additionally the only indicator that he was "female" was that he wore leggings. He still looked and acted like a boy/man. It was a very alarming and discomfoting situation, and I never again changed in that locker room again. I never want to even give an opportunity for a young lady to feel uncomfortable or have the possibility of being violated by an imposter. Not distinguishing between biological male and female restrooms and locker rooms is a dangerous gray area for the children in our care.

Thank you for hearing and considering my position.

On Fri, Apr 14, 2023 at 12:47 PM Theresa O'Connell [REDACTED] wrote:

Hello,

As a mother I would like to testify that I am in support of parental rights to the fullest extent. I am in favor of protecting parental rights in schools, requirements for parental consent for students to receive sex Ed classes, transparency with records including students and teachers pronouns. I am in favor of keeping bathrooms & locker rooms restricted to biological genders spaces.

Thank you.

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 1:05 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Hb 105

I tried to call in to testify but your phone lines were busy from 5pm to 5:45 pm

I support hb 105

I am a parent

I am also a lesbian

I want to make clear that when people say lgbtq this is forced teaming. They are mostly talking about the TQ and it's religious like ideology based on subjective and ever changing identities.

It is not the same as homosexuality

Which is clearly defined , and sex based

Gender ideology is radicalizing people. the proponents grow ever more violent , in just the last two weeks angry mobs of gender ideologues have attack 2 women on two separate occasions for-speaking out for sex based rights . They attacked a man for his belief that children's body's are perfect the way they are.

Gender ideology is conversion therapy for many young homosexuals. I have watched more and more young lesbians cut off their breasts and claim to be a men in the last ten years then I ever have in my entire adult life.

This religious ideology doesn't belong in schools. Just like religion doesn't belong in schools.

But if the school is going to have it as part of the curriculum then parents should have the right to know about it, and consent to it.

This bill is reasonable, it is common sense.

Parents should know what's going on with their child at school. Schools should not be keeping secrets from parents. Our kids sex based rights should be protected. Meaning boys should not be in girls bathrooms or locker rooms an vice versus. This bill allows for a single use space and that is a proper compromise.

This bill is just outlining the parental rights and child safeguarding most of us thought we already had in place until just recently.

Kids Under fourth grade should not be learning about sex at school. I do not believe there is anything in the actual bill that would limit consent classes, especially since age appropriate curriculum does not mention sex.

Lindsey Causer

From: James Strutz [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 1:03 PM
To: House Education
Subject: In support of HB105

I'll keep this short.

I strongly support parental rights over school preferences. These children belong to their parents, not the state. Please vote yes on HB105.

James P Strutz
[REDACTED] Anchorage, AK 99507
[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: Theresa O'Connell [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 12:47 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB105 Testimony

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Thank you.

Lindsey Causer

From: Barb Melland [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 12:25 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 105

I suport HB105

HOW DARE YOU TRY TO TAKE AWAY PARENTAL RIGHTS !!!

ALASKA IS TRULY BROKEN IF PARENTS HAVE NO RIGHTS. SHAME ON THE LOT OF YOU.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Lindsey Causer

From: Rep. Sarah Vance
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 12:17 PM
To: House Education; House Judiciary
Subject: FW: HB 105- Vote YES

From: Donald Trometter [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 9:21 AM
To: Rep. Ben Carpenter <Rep.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov>; Rep. Jamie Allard <Rep.Jamie.Allard@akleg.gov>; Rep. Jennie Armstrong <Rep.Jennie.Armstrong@akleg.gov>; Rep. Ashley Carrick <Rep.Ashley.Carrick@akleg.gov>; Rep. Julie Coulombe <Rep.Julie.Coulombe@akleg.gov>; Rep. Mike Cronk <Rep.Mike.Cronk@akleg.gov>; Rep. Maxine Dibert <Rep.Maxine.Dibert@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Eastman <Rep.David.Eastman@akleg.gov>; Rep. Bryce Edgmon <Rep.Bryce.Edgmon@akleg.gov>; Rep. Zack Fields <Rep.Zack.Fields@akleg.gov>; Rep. Neal Foster <Rep.Neal.Foster@akleg.gov>; Rep. Alyse Galvin <Rep.Alyse.Galvin@akleg.gov>; Rep. Andrew Gray <Rep.Andrew.Gray@akleg.gov>; Rep. Cliff Groh <Rep.Cliff.Groh@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sara Hannan <Rep.Sara.Hannan@akleg.gov>; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot <Rep.Rebecca.Himschoot@akleg.gov>; Rep. Craig Johnson <Rep.Craig.Johnson@akleg.gov>; Rep. DeLena Johnson <Rep.DeLena.Johnson@akleg.gov>; Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>; Rep. Kevin McCabe <Rep.Kevin.McCabe@akleg.gov>; Rep. CJ McCormick <Rep.CJ.McCormick@akleg.gov>; Rep. Thomas McKay <Rep.Thomas.McKay@akleg.gov>; Rep. Donna Mears <Rep.Donna.Mears@akleg.gov>; Rep. Genevieve Mina <Rep.Genevieve.Mina@akleg.gov>; Rep. Daniel Ortiz <Rep.Daniel.Ortiz@akleg.gov>; Rep. Josiah Patkotak <Rep.Josiah.Patkotak@akleg.gov>; Rep. Mike Prax <Rep.Mike.Prax@akleg.gov>; Rep. George Rauscher <Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov>; Rep. Justin Ruffridge <Rep.Justin.Ruffridge@akleg.gov>; Rep. Dan Saddler <Rep.Dan.Saddler@akleg.gov>; Rep. Calvin Schrage <Rep.Calvin.Schrage@akleg.gov>; Rep. Laddie Shaw <Rep.Laddie.Shaw@akleg.gov>; Rep. Will Stapp <Rep.Will.Stapp@akleg.gov>; Rep. Andi Story <Rep.Andi.Story@akleg.gov>; Rep. Louise Stutes <Rep.Louise.Stutes@akleg.gov>; Rep. Jesse Sumner <Rep.Jesse.Sumner@akleg.gov>; Rep. Cathy Tilton <Rep.Cathy.Tilton@akleg.gov>; Rep. Frank Tomaszewski <Rep.Frank.Tomaszewski@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>; Rep. Stanley Wright <Rep.Stanley.Wright@akleg.gov>
Cc: Sen. Robert Myers <Senator.Robert.Myers@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB 105- Vote YES

Dear Representatives,

As a parent, we are committed to raising our children to the age of 18, as per federal government dictates. We are responsible for feeding, clothing, sheltering, providing health care, educating and more to the age of 18. With that being noted... The education system falls under the states that help provide teaching. It does not give the state control over how education is completed. Teaching our children non-educational curriculum is not the responsibility of the state or the local school district. It is the parents right to know what the child is being taught and the health care the child is given. Parents have the right to know what is happening in an individual classroom through curriculum and teaching. A parent has the right to ask questions and receive honest answers about their child until the age of 18.

Remember years ago? The parent was responsible for the child until the age of 21... then they lowered it to age 18. And we all know, especially males are unable to make good logical thought out decisions before the age of 24 due to frontal lobe development is not complete until age 24. There are reasons car insurance companies have a different pricing scale for younger males under the age of 24.

I'm sure everyone of you that are reading this email can go back in your younger years and know that you have made some poor decisions in your youth not knowing all of the future consequences until it was much too late. Allowing young children and teens to make decisions without a parent's knowledge is going to be major consequences to society in years to come.

Please vote YES to HB 105 allowing parents to have rights in knowing what their child/children are being taught and decisions that they make through their educational system till the age of 18.

Kindly,

Rita Trometter

North Pole

Sent from Mail for Windows



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Lindsey Causer

From: Debi Lowery [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 12:12 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB105

I live in Fairbanks and I support HB105!!
We need to leave the children alone!!
I SUPPORT HB105
Thank you
Debi Lowery

Lindsey Causer

From: Michelle Jones [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 12:06 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Support for HB105

I'm writing to show my support of this legislation to keep bathrooms & locker rooms separated by biological gender at birth as well as to show my support for parental rights.

Thank you
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Sent from Michelle's iPhone.

Lindsey Causer

From: David Sunday [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 12:05 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB105

This bill would not be necessary if parents maintained the responsibility and authority for their children. HOWEVER, with school boards, administrators and teacher usurping this authority this HB105 should be approved,

Sent from my iPhone

Lindsey Causer

From: HARRY HOLT [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 11:41 AM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 105

Dear Chairwoman Allard and Committee Members, This is Harry and Jean Holt from Palmer, AK.
We are not affiliated with any group except as concerned parents, grandparents and Great grandparents.
We are in total support of HB 105.

This is a double sword and is not right. How can the law state that parents are responsible for their children til eighteen years of age but deny the parents to be aware of what is going on with their children while they are in school.

This bill must pass to restore parents rights that never should have been taken away.

I, myself, Jean was conflicted to support this bill but weighted the consequences of not passing this bill. I personally was concern about sexual abuse within a family, the individual can still reach out to resources that are available.

It is not for schools to govern our children.

Thank you for opportunity to comment.

Lindsey Causer

From: Joni [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 11:03 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Parents' rights HB105

Good afternoon

I would like to address HB105. Parents have the right to say no to the education system and what has been taught to children with regards to inappropriate material in Sex education. Taking parental voices is wrong and 100% not okay! We live in a democracy where parents' opinions and voices Matter!!! You do not own our children and you have no right to teach them whatever you think is appropriate!!

Joni

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(...)who through Faith & Patience inherit the Promises. Hebrews 6:12

Lindsey Causer

From: Guillory, Desiree E (DOT) <desiree.guillory@alaska.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 10:38 AM
To: House Education
Subject: regarding HB105

To whom it may concern,

We want to have protective parental rights in the schools. Parents need to have the right to know what is being taught in schools (for example; to have written permission for sex education and what is the curriculum is being taught in that class). Parents have a right to know the transparency in records which including pronouns. Also every bathroom and locker rooms and safe single occupancy spaces need to be designed for biological gender. It is not the schools job to dictate what the child needs and wants, that is the parents job. The parent has every right to question what is being taught.

Desiree Guillory
Office Assistant 2
DOT&PF, Right of Way
(907) 269-0696



Lindsey Causer

From: William Supplee [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 10:22 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Please support HB105

Please support HB105.

William Supplee
Fairbanks

Lindsey Causer

From: Tiffany Damota [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 10:20 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Support HB105

I support HB 105 please pass this bill and support it as well. Parents need to have all knowledge and say in their children's well being. It is vital that parents be in charge of their families as they will always have the best interest of their children over strangers. In the rare case they are not, you would not be able to get a child proper care without first talking with parents and discovering what help that family needs to bring them closer not farther apart. Once it was known a parents needed more help a journey of family care could start but wouldn't even be possible if secrets were kept. And any time you ever present a child keeping a secret with another adult that is not their parent you put that child at HUGE risk to being in the hands of a groomer. Currently in Alaska there is a principal on leave due to inappropriate behavior, a Teachers assistant, both in anchorage areas and a teacher and a sub in the Fairbanks area all on leave from inappropriate behavior. Please do your part in ensuring a right that has already been rightfully determined that a parent has a right to be the one determining their family's well being and route of education. I currently have to homeschool because I have no trust in our public schools and I would love to be able to regain trust and allow my kids back into public schools. This would be a first step into ensuring trust. We also need protection at schools for our kids and more focus on reading writing and math but hopefully that will come next as a separate issue. NO SECRETS EVER, Please pass HB 105.

Tiffany DaMota Supplee
Fairbanks
Sent from my iPhone

Lindsey Causer

From: Linda Waggoner [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 10:05 AM
To: House Education
Cc: ONeil, Lorraine
Subject: Testimony In Support of HB105

Dear Legislators,

I urge you to support HB105 protecting parental rights in schools. Parents know their children best, have God given authority over them and have the right to know what is going on in their lives. There should be written permission for Sex Education classes as these classes have changed drastically in the last few years and many of them violate parents values. There should be transparency in records including Pronouns. Common sense things like Bathrooms and Locker rooms should be designated by biological gender and safe single occupancy spaces.

Thank you for considering my position. Linda Waggoner

Lindsey Causer

From: jason ballek [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 9:59 AM
To: House Education
Subject: I support HB 105

A school should never hide anything from a parent. Parents are responsible for their kids and some of these things can have life long ramifications and parents should know about them.

Lindsey Causer

From: Donna Blaine [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 9:58 AM
To: House Education
Subject: HB105

I am in favor of HB105, protecting the rights of parents for the children.

Sent from my iPhone

Lindsey Causer

From: k thomas [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 9:09 AM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 105

GOOD BILL; protects and promotes parental involvement in nurture and education of children.

Sincerely, Kevin Thomas
Grandparent and AK resident since 1986.

Lindsey Causer

From: Mary Amber [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 4:04 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 105

Concerning house bill HB 105

In standing for the protection of our children in the state of Alaska:

We the people require the following:

1. Written permission from parents for sex ed. classes of any kind,
2. transparency in all student records (no redaction) (pronouns included), and
3. single occupancy bathroom cubicles, each bathroom being designated by biological gender.

Urgently,
Mary Amber

Lindsey Causer

From: Linda Peters [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 2:23 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB105 Testimony

I support the empowerment of parents as custodians of their own children's education and ANY MEASURE that undermines the full and unhindered rights of parents to any and all information that bears on, or effects the development and education of their children is over reaching, unconstitutional, and morally wrong!

Linda Peters
[REDACTED]
Talkeetna AK 99676
Cell: [REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: Louise Rowe [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 4:16 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 105

Concerning house bill HB 105

We stand for the protection of our children in the state of Alaska:

Adults can do what they choose but in all matters that vary radically our children are not "Experiments" in cutting edge views. When they reach adulthood they will have be able to choose for themselves.

Written permission from parents for sex ed. classes, transparency in the students records (pronouns included), and single occupancy space bathrooms, designated by biological gender.

Louise Rowe

Lindsey Causer

From: Lillian Reid [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 4:11 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Regarding HB105

Hello,

My husband and I were unable to reach the office recording votes regarding HB105 yesterday and would like to urge our votes to be collected or that an additional vote period be allotted for the bill, as this bill directly affects every child in every household and every parent wanting to weigh in on this issue should have the chance to have their vote recorded.

Christopher McBride and Lillian McBride both vote to keep parental rights regarding HB105.

My husband and I believe firmly that every individual has a right to do with their body as they choose, but only once they reach legal adult age or are regarded as a legal independent by the state due to reviewed and lawfully judged conditions. We adults can't trust the majority of persons under 18 years of age to make responsible decisions regarding having sex, voting, getting a tattoo, smoking tobacco, and many other things. We should not expect them to make the right decision in transitioning into the opposite sex without parental consent.

I would like to point out that there is a large spectrum of identities effeminate males and masculine females could fall into. These identities could change as the individual lives their life. It is a drop in the bucket for those who truly wish to transition and wish they could have changed their sex as a child instead of fully developing their unfavorable gender's body. Some are simply homosexual, some are heterosexual but enjoy being "tomboys" or "graceful men," and the list of labels continues but they find joy in their gender bodies they were born with.

In school, kids are heavily pressured to find a label to describe themselves quickly. They are also pressured by their peers to fit into labels they might not fully embrace. As they grow, they learn new terms they feel they fit into, and they change their labels and identity. Some children know what they are immediately, but others change multiple times -each with conviction. However, as it is now in schools, none of these labels are permanent, life-long decisions. Hormone treatments change brain chemistry and therefore have life-long effects that cannot be undone, even if the treatment is reversed. This is proven in transition case studies.

Taking away parental rights to know about and deny the medical procedure of puberty treatments from their kids is not the correct approach to make sure no trans is denied their optimal opportunity for happiness by transitioning before puberty. Instead, group counseling between the parents, the child, the school, and the state should determine if the child's argument is strong enough to override the parent's authority over their child's optional medical procedures that have life-long effects -including infertility.

To explain my point, here is my personal experience below:

When my sister and I (born females) hit puberty and "Aunt Flow" came to town, my parents would take us out for ice cream for the first few times to answer questions and generally take the displeasure out of the situation. Then we got to go shopping for special items as we developed, and we enjoyed these trips very much.

My brother (born male), youngest of us 3 siblings, would get jealous of these special times he would be left out of. He wouldn't hit puberty for a few years. He would constantly say with conviction that he was jealous of our periods and wished he was a girl. However, my parents would try to explain he would get special treatment too once he hit puberty and he would like it more than ice cream and clothes shopping.

Then his puberty hit and my parents did as promised. He had "manly" adventures and found great joy in strength competitions with his dad. He enjoyed competition sports, started working out, and grew into a happy man with a wife and a child on the way.

My parents knew he didn't actually want to be a girl, and that he was only impatient and jealous of his sisters getting something before he did. He didn't comprehend the full scope of the situation. He was one of those who would be smart enough to convince someone he really wanted to be a woman, but dumb enough not to know the coincidences of pursuing it (if it was a choice he could make).

Before around the age of 16, brains have literally not developed physically enough to comprehend complex situations of cause and effect past around 1 month. That is why the legal age of adulthood has been placed at 18 -that part of the brain should be activated at around that age that provides a more complex comprehension. Before this time, it is up to the parents to make judgment calls for their children's future based on what the parent knows about their children they have raised and share genetic traits with.

If my brother had the option to go to a school authority and change his sex, he would have. And he would have regretted it because he did not actually want to be a woman. He enjoys being a man. And he would have irreversible damage to his puberty and brain that would not have made him happy. He had no idea what he was talking about, but my parents knew what was best.

Therefore, it is important to reserve parental rights in life-long effects regarding their children.

Please count our votes as parents.
Thank you for your time.