

Lindsey Causer

From: Lela Ryterski [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 10:36 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 105

This bill is oppressive and authoritarian. If you want to control your kids to that degree, send them to private school. I don't necessarily agree with sex changes, but that's not my business. People have to deal with their decisions. Everyone deserves respect, no matter how they present themselves. That's not my business. It certainly should not be government's business. Less government. Kids experiment. They're learning about the world and where they fit in. Let them find their own way. School should be guiding them, not stifling them. Parents should be notified if their child is behaving disrespectfully toward others or hurting themselves. More counselors in the schools would help.

Sincerely,
Lilly Ryterski

Lindsey Causer

From: JB [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 10:38 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Fwd: HB 105

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From: JB [REDACTED]
Date: Thu, Apr 13, 2023, 9:50 PM
Subject: HB 105
To: <house.education@ak.gov>

My name is Jeremiah Blankenship, I am a constituent from Juneau, Alaska. I am not responding in affiliation with any other organization, and am firmly against the bill leaving committee. This is yet another destructive, right wing bill that directly violates the state constitution. Please fully fund our BSA and do not forward this harmful bill that discriminates against children already struggling with their own self identity, puts them at risk for harm, and puts additional burdens on our already dismally supported public school systems.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Jeremiah Blankenship

Lindsey Causer

From: Jenny Baker [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 11:20 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Opposition to HB 105

Hello members of the House Education Committee,

I am a long time resident of Alaska, a mother, an advocate for youth, and I work with youth in Alaska. I implore you oppose HB105 and to not further mandate or limit our schools. I ask you to oppose more barriers to sexual health education for youth who live in a state with the highest sexual violence and STI rates in the country.

Please consider this; parents and teachers do not have to be at odds, the more supportive positive adults that a youth can have in their life is essential. I don't know about your teachers, but ours are in constant contact. There are many opportunities for parents to be involved in their child's education.

For youth that have less involved parents, or guardians that may oppose how youth identify, school may be the only place they feel accepted, and use the name, pronouns, and bathrooms they prefer. Let youth be free to potentially live their best most authentic lives. Let youth have free access to health information. Let youth have the same human rights protection of identity that were identified by in the landmark supreme court decision and soon in Alaska when HB 99 passes.

Our statues already include intentional parental rights access to schools, our kids education, to review curricula, and we already are receiving 2-weeks notice in which parents (and youth) can decline to receive sexual health education- a subject which already includes identity.

I firmly believe adding these additional components to the statues will further drive our state apart and impact youth especially. It will also further burden schools by opening more doors to litigation.

Inclusion and connection will reduce rates of young Alaskan suicide, youth living in property, homelessness, and substance misuse. If codified, this law would also threaten our already overworked, underpaid and over- mandated teachers and administrators.

It would further separate youth identifying outside of the binary. Please do not limit teachers more in these realms than they are already limited to.

Please allow teachers to support youth in their development of autonomy and positive self-belief by opposing passage of HB105.

Sincerely,

Jenny Baker
Homer, Alaska

Lindsey Causer

From: Tiffany [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 11:48 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 105

Dear Committee Members,

House Bill 105 is unconstitutional and will result in negative outcomes for Alaska families and schools. I oppose HB105.

Thanks,
Alaska Resident

Lindsey Causer

From: Lydia Lester [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 8:17 AM
To: House Education
Subject: HB105

Answers to the following questions would help us understand the relevant context of this suddenly prominent proposal - HB 105.

Does talking about physical anatomy at an age appropriate level cause homosexuality or transgender orientation?

Is gender related mentality and behavior fall on a continuum or is it a black and white distinction? What do neurobiologists know about this?

What advantage to the greater good is there in legislation that is inherently fear based & politically motivated, such as legislation that serves mainly to stigmatize, blame, and shame?

How relevant is it that teachers are professionally certified to teach while engendering mutual respect for and amongst their students?

Are all parents (bio, foster, guardians) inherently aligned with children's best interest? I have direct and broad knowledge that this is not true.

What are other issues impinging the quality of public education in Alaska and, by extension, the quality of our collective civil and economic future?

Let's address, rather than skirt those.

Thank you for your attention to my text. When it is all said and done, good sense and the best intentions is what makes the world go round.

Sincerely,
Lydia Lester

Lindsey Causer

From: Heather Wilson [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 8:29 AM
To: House Education
Subject: House Bill 105 - Written testimony in opposition of the bill

4/13/23

My name is Dr. Heather Wilson and I live in Anchorage, Alaska.

As scientist, a parent with children in the Anchorage School District, and someone who has grown up with members of the LGBTQ community, I am vehemently opposed to House Bill 105.

This bill will result in damaging barriers to the already limited sexual education curriculum Alaska students have access to. Forcing parental permission for kids to get this vital information, will not only result in a net loss of basic biological and health education, but for some, could deny the first, and perhaps only, safe environment where they are provided vetted information about sex, consent, abuse, and other critical, life-saving knowledge.

If anything, our state should be working to expand the limited sexual education content and access it currently provides, which barely touches on information beyond basic anatomy, function, and disease.

Given the current system already allows for families to opt-out of sexual education, I see no need to provide a burdensome *opt-IN* requirement. Sexual education in our public schools does not preclude families from talking about sex on their own, but on the contrary, provides a springboard for continued discussion and education in the home environment.

An equal or more damaging component of this bill is the proposed legal requirement for schools to report gender identity and sexual orientation of students. I cannot think of a more harmful set of circumstances (to kids or the adults they trust) in the school setting than putting legal requirements on reporting kids struggling with sexual orientation or gender identity. This not only destroys trust, but further marginalizes these already struggling kids with restrictions on use of preferred pronouns and gender-affirming or gender-neutral bathroom options. Through sitting with friends in my youth who struggled with sexual orientation and gender fluidity, this bill would deprive many of them of the one safe place where they could express their feelings without fear of reprisal, and for many on the fragile edge, would mean the difference between feeling supported and suicidal.

I urge the body to consider not only the rights of the parents, but the rights of the children whom this bill will surely compromise.

Dr. Heather Wilson
[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: Jessica Nicole [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 9:05 AM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 105

My name is Jessica Phillips, I live in Anchorage, AK. I am a mother of three school aged children. I am opposed to house bill 105. This bill will restrict the rights of transgender public-school students and limit access to sex-education classes. That is the opposite of what children need. We need more accommodations toward gender nonconforming students. Passing this bill would be a step backwards, and I strongly oppose it. Thank you.

I would also like to share the below quote:

"Parents' rights," you will have noticed, never seems to involve parents who want schools to be more open and accommodating toward gender-nonconforming students. It's never invoked for parents who want their students to learn more about race, identity and the darker parts of American history. And we never hear about the rights of parents who want schools to offer a wide library of books and materials to their children.

Thank you,
Jessica Phillips

[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99508

Lindsey Causer

From: Romo Marasigan
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 11:55 AM
To: House Education
Cc: LIO Anchorage
Subject: HB 105 Written Testimony - David Carter - Anchorage LIO
Attachments: HB105 Written Testimony - David Carter - LIO Anchorage.pdf

Good morning,

Please see attached written testimony from Mr. David Carter.

Thank you,

Romorenzo Marasigan
Information Assistant
Legislative Affairs Agency
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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: DAVID CARTER / ANCHORAGE

REPRESENTING: SELF / ALASKA

BILL#/ SUBJECT: HB 105
COMMITTEE &

HEARING DATE: April 13, 2023

Per my testimony today, the name
of the book dealing with the
question of whether America was
founded on "Judeo-Christian"
principles. A good resource for
teachers, parents, students, and elected representatives.
"Founding Myth"

Andrew Bidel 2019

Lindsey Causer

From: Mike Warenda
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 11:33 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Citizen Testimony on HB105: John Creed
Attachments: HB 105 Don't Say Gay 4-13-23.docx

Please see attached citizen testimony on HB105, which was emailed to the Anchorage LIO.

Thank you kindly,

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Testimony to Alaska House Education Committee on House Bill 105

My name is John Creed. I live at [REDACTED] in Anchorage. Thank you for the opportunity to testify about this proposed legislation.

My wife and I taught for some 30 years at Chukchi College, the branch campus of the University of Alaska and today are professor emeriti. As an educator and someone with LGBTQ+ friends and family members, I oppose HB 105, which obviously is anti-LGBTQ+ proposed legislation masquerading as a so-called "parental rights" bill. HB 105 has appropriately been called the "Don't Say Gay" because it so closely resembles Florida's "Don't Say Gay" bill.

Why is this committee and the governor in particular distracting Alaskans, including lawmakers, with this bill when the governor and the state House should be focusing on the funding crisis facing Alaska's public education system, from K-12 to the University of Alaska? Why is the House majority attacking LGBTQ+ students and their families who already face ongoing harassment?

When the governor, Mike Dunleavy, claims to be an expert because he once was a teacher but mostly an educational administrator, the press, to be fair and accurate, should balance the governor's claim with his RECORD as an administrator in Kotzebue. My family and I were living and working in Kotzebue for many years before Mike Dunleavy arrived in Kotzebue and for many years after Mike resigned from his last education job in Kotzebue and left the region.

For anyone, including the press, seeking more information about the governors' years in Kotzebue, just google "Alaska Report.Com Kotzebue Dunleavy" and learn more about his record of how he treated teachers after he became an administrator.

http://alaskareport.com/news39/x71320_mike_dunleavy.htm

Thank you.

Lindsey Causer

From: Jeanne Swartz [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 9:18 AM
To: House Education
Subject: RE: HB 105 is terrible

This bill is a wasteful use of legislative time and should be abandoned immediately. Parents can withdraw their children from public school and homeschool them or send them to private school if they want to shield their dependents from any objectionable material. When I was a high school teacher, many of my students' parents objected to having them exposed to chemistry topics when they found out their children could not achieve a high grade without studying.

Please add my name to the chorus of voices in support of voting down this bill – Jeanne Swartz

Lindsey Causer

From: Valerie Brooks [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 10:00 AM
To: House Education
Subject: hearing on HB105

To the committee,

Thank you for continuing your hearing on HB105 last night until 11:30pm.

Your task is to represent the people of Alaska, all the people. Allowing for testimony until all on the phone lines who could remain until the late hour at which the hearing concluded were able to voice their concerns was the right thing to do.

Both opportunities for testimony on this bill have overwhelmingly demonstrated that the will of the people of Alaska is to scrap this bill.

Please focus on the BSA, support for teachers and schools, and for inclusive policies to govern our schools here in Alaska.

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Valerie Brooks, M.Ed., Ed.Doc.

I gratefully acknowledge that I am living on the ancestral land of the Lingit Taant'a Kwa'an, and Saanya Kwa'an.

Education is freedom...education is transformation - Paulo Freire

Lindsey Causer

From: Alex Baker [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 11:11 AM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 105 - Oppose

Good morning members of the committee,

I am writing to oppose HB 105. This is a harmful and targeted attack on LGBTQ Alaskans masquerading as a "parental rights" bill.

I implore the committee to spend less time on divisive culture war issues and instead focus on the things Alaskans care about, like adequately funding our schools by raising the BSA and improving student outcomes.

Thank you,
Alex Baker

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Eleya Rosenthal
[REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 12:59 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,
Mrs. Eleya Rosenthal
[REDACTED] Sitka, AK 99835-7343
[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: KELLEY NIXON [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 1:14 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Opposition to HB 105

Good Afternoon -

I am writing to express my opposition to House Bill 105. My opposition is based on the following:

- The bill is an attempt to impose religious morals on a public institution. I believe democracy is dependent on maintaining the separation between church and state.
- The bill assumes child guardians always have the best interest of the child in mind. This is a naive assumption and simply untrue.
- The bill requires all students to opt into a school's sex education curriculum, instead of opting out as is the current requirement.
 - This change puts an unnecessary administrative burden on teachers. Teachers' time is taxed enough already.
 - This change is made, I believe, with the understanding that opt-in programs (e.g. 401K) are used less than opt-out programs and would result in fewer students receiving very important education.
- The bill repeals AS 14.03.016(d)(2), thereby, requiring all students to opt-in to "sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention training required under AS 14.30.355" and "dating violence and abuse awareness and prevention training required under AS 14.30.356". This change would reduce the number of students that would receive these very important trainings. I believe we want as many of our children as possible to have tools to keep them safe from predators.

Thank you.

Kelley Nixon

[REDACTED]

Anchorage, AK 99516

Lindsey Causer

From: Alex Cruver [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 1:57 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 105

House Bill 105 is an attempt to dictate rightwing conservative christian nationalist curriculum to Alaskan schools. It is written in a way to obscure this, and is therefore extremely dishonorable. it may be quaint to point this out, but I expect elected officials to be honest. I oppose House Bill 105.

Alex Cruver
Anchorage

Lindsey Causer

From: Toby Ventura [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 3:01 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB105

I am writing on behalf of all parents, grandparents and students in the Anchorage School district, as well as, around the state:

When I first moved to Anchorage in 2002, I was told Anchorage schools were rated as one of the top school districts in the nation. At that time parents of single family and two parent families were equally involved in their students education, in school and afterschool activities, sports, swimming, hockey, etc. Those high scores happened because of a balance between home and school participation, between parents and teachers; and a healthy discourse in the district with the intent of creating the best possible outcome for students graduating and moving onto trades, higher education or the job market. In fact, most of that first decade beginning in 2000 showed a continued population increase with college students returning to Alaska for jobs.

I began noticing school ratings drop with the advent of the 'No Child Left Behind' program which, in my opinion, began dumbing down students and tying the hands of educators. This program and others implemented after continued the downward trend of student and school outcomes, and have not seen a SINGLE program implemented to cause scores to rise.

It is incomprehensible to me that in a mere twenty 20 years, Anchorage and across the state, has experienced such a huge decline-from the pinnacle to the dregs of scores/ratings, in educated students.

And now, you, want to remove all rights from parents where, in fact, you should be implementing programs designed to bring parents, teachers and stakeholders together with truly listening and truly implementing programs for a mutual outcome. I know of no parent who wants to carte blanche hand over the reigns of their children's formative years to purported interested parties continue to implement failing protocol.

Kill this bill HB105 and instead create a program that truly brings all-parent, teacher and educator to the table, and change outcomes for the a bright, promising future for all.

Toby Ventura

Lindsey Causer

From: Matthew Pacillo [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 3:20 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB105 Written Testimony

Dear Alaska House Education Committee Members,

I am strongly opposed to HB105.

The dilemma with being repeatedly dehumanized and told that you have no right to personhood is that it becomes significantly harder to imagine a future for yourself. I made it to the age of 26 - which is a considerable achievement for a transgender person given the high rate of attempted suicide in the community. But it's getting increasingly more difficult to keep going, despite everything, and that's coming from someone who has already transitioned and made it through the most difficult aspects of young adulthood.

I cannot imagine what it's like to be a transgender youth right now, especially when it feels like your future is being foreclosed on before it even started. These are the most vulnerable youngsters in our community, and HB105 is actively pushing them towards suicide. It flagrantly seeks to dehumanize transgender and gender non-conforming youth. It infringes on their constitutional right to privacy by forcibly outing them to their parents, and it strips them of their personhood and right to belong in school. I strongly oppose this bill, and every single Alaskan should too.

Sincerely,

Matthew Pacillo
Anchorage, Alaska

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Tammy Anderson
[REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 3:22 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 Tammy Anderson

[REDACTED] Homer, AK 99603-7653 [REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Maureen Knutsen
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 3:40 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.

I strongly believe that all people, including 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. Maureen Knutsen
[REDACTED] Naknek, AK 99633-0134
[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: Kathleen Raymond [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 3:46 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Fwd: Testimony for tonight

Sent from my iPhone

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Date: April 14, 2023 at 3:20:29 PM AKDT
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Testimony for tonight

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Date: April 13, 2023 at 4:28:24 PM AKDT
To: Jim Raymond [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Testimony for tonight

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From: Kathleen Raymond [REDACTED]
Date: April 13, 2023 at 4:>
Date: April 13, 2023 at 2:37:11 PM AKDT
To: Kathleen Raymond
[REDACTED]
Subject: Testimony for tonight

Good evening and thank you to the committee
for hearing my testimony tonight. My name is
Kathleen Raymond and I am a 40 plus year
resident of the Abbott Loop neighborhood in

Anchorage. My husband and I raised our two children, both adults now, in this town. I am calling in tonight in strong opposition to House Bill 105.

The first point I want to address comes from Governor Dunleavy's sponsor statement on this bill: "The bill recognizes every child's right to privacy by requiring school districts to adopt procedures addressing the physical safety and privacy of students in lockers and restrooms in public schools." I have two issues with this sentiment. As the grandmother of a middle schooler and high schooler, they definitely have complaints about the public school bathrooms, but they are NOT related to privacy. Instead, my grandkids constantly report that bathrooms are full of kids vaping, to the point that sometimes schools are temporarily forced to lock the bathrooms to discourage this behavior. Sounds like a much bigger problem than the manufactured issue related to transgender students using the bathroom of their choice. Secondly, it appears that the only time this bill is concerned with the right to privacy for our students is when a

transgender student wants to use a bathroom and not when a student shares information related to their gender identity with a teacher. This bill violates the child's right to privacy in this realm.

Another statement from Governor Dunleavy about this bill states, "A parent's right to information about a student's physical, medical, and mental health is absolutely critical to ensure the safety and privacy of students." I agree with this statement, but I fail to see how a student disclosing gender identity to a teacher falls into any of those three categories. It certainly is not protecting the privacy of our students, if a teacher is required to disclose gender identity to a parent without their consent. And protecting their safety? Safety from whom, I must ask? In reality, the teacher is protecting the safety and privacy by NOT providing that information to the parent in many cases. Sure, that's a sad statement but it's unfortunately true.

In short, the Governor's statement about this bill is full of double speak and really highlights an unfortunate belief among the minority of

Alaskans that there is something bad about
being a member of the LGBTQ community. It's
not true of course and that's why myself and
many others are speaking out against HB 105.
Do not move this bill out of the House
Education Committee. Thank you.

Kathleen Raymond

Dena'inaq elnen'aq' gheshtnu ch'q'u yeshdu. (Dena'ina)

I live and work on the land of the Dena'ina. (English)

Translation by Sondra Shaginoff-Stuart and Joel Isaak

Lindsey Causer

From: Dave Mayo-Kiely [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 3:58 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 105

House Education Committee Members

I am writing to voice my opposition to HB 105.

As a parent of three children who have attended or are attending AK Public Schools, I am provided ample opportunity to opt my children out of any classes that teach sex ed. If I choose so, my children do not attend these classes. The choice is already mine.

I also have the opportunity to review other curriculum materials if I choose to do so, again the choice is already mine.

Asking parents to opt into classes will likely result in a large number of students not learning important information about sex education simply because a parent forgot or never knew they had to opt in. As a parent, I know there have numerous permission slips, field trip flyers and countless other items I have missed because I either didn't unpack their backpacks or missed an email.

Asking someone to opt in rather than opt out is a sure way to ensure fewer students are learning about sex education as well as appropriate touch.

My full name is David, if I chose to be called Dave rather than David, would that require parental consent?

I could go on and on about the problems I have with HB 105 but to me the simplest reason is that I already have the right to review curriculum, I have the right to prevent my children from attending lessons I don't agree with. This bill is not needed.

I urge you to not pass this piece of legislation.

Dave Mayo-Kiely (he/him)

[REDACTED]

Anchorage, AK 99507

Lindsey Causer

From: Rep. Cathy Tilton
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 1:37 PM
To: Rep. Jamie Allard
Cc: Lindsey Causer
Subject: FW: House Bill 105

FYI. Dawn is my constituent.

Thanks,
Cathy

Rep. Cathy Tilton, Speaker of the House
District 26 - Fairview Loop | Gateway | Knik-Fairview | Settler's Bay Alaska House Majority

Captiol: 907.465.2199 (Jan. – May)
Wasilla: 907.373.6298 (May – Dec.)

-----Original Message-----

From: Dawn Coyne [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 10:24 AM
To: Rep. Cathy Tilton <Rep.Cathy.Tilton@akleg.gov>
Subject: House Bill 105

Ms. Tilton,

I am writing you in support of the parents rights bill. As a parent AND an educator I believe it is in the best interest of children, families, and our community to support this issue. I work in the largest school in the Mat-Su district, and a large part of our growing success is recognizing parents as the primary experts on their children. Please help us as educators continue to support parents and families by passing this bill.

Thank you,
Dawn

Lindsey Causer

From: Rep. Cathy Tilton
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 1:43 PM
To: Rep. Jamie Allard
Subject: FW: HB 105 Please support



Rep. Cathy Tilton, Speaker of the House
District 26 - Fairview Loop | Gateway | Knik-Fairview | Settler's Bay
Alaska House Majority



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From: K [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 5:23 PM
To: Rep. Cathy Tilton <Rep.Cathy.Tilton@akleg.gov>
Cc: Rep. Dan Saddler <Rep.Dan.Saddler@akleg.gov>; Rep. Laddie Shaw <Rep.Laddie.Shaw@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB 105 Please support

To the House Education Committee,

I want to encourage the passage of HB 105.

As a parent who is responsible for my children, physically, mentally, morally and financially, there should be 100% transparency of what goes on at school when our children are there to be educated. Parents are responsible for educating their children and most of us send our children to the public schools to get educated, assuming teachers are cooperating with parents not actively working against parents. Teachers are not co-parents, they are cooperating in the education of our children.

As parents, we should know the curriculum that will be taught to our children. That is just a basic right. We pay for our child's schooling and choose to send them to a public school, by both those criteria it should be transparent what the curriculum is.

Parents should be able to opt in or opt out of sex ed. Parents should be notified if their child shows gender confusion at school. Gender is a scientific term, even if these days the definition is changing. If a child is having some issues, a parent needs to know what to keep an eye out for to help their child grow into a healthy adult. Hiding anything from a parent should go against the grain for a publicly paid adult in the ASD, unless of course they are coming to school with bruises and welts, physical abuse is suspected. On all issues a parent should have the authority to make decisions that affect the well being of their child. Children often say things and do things that they say

make them feel good but is demonstrably not good for them. That is the nature of a child and part of what makes them a child, not an adult.

Parents are responsible for the safety of their children. When we send our children to public school there is the assumption that they will be safe. My daughter should feel safe when she goes into a locker room to change for sports and know that only biological females will be in the locker room. Girls should not be exposed to male genitalia and certainly not exposed at school.

Unfortunately, throughout time, some biological females have been raped by biological males. We know this can happen, so as females, we are careful with whom we are around when being vulnerable (taking our clothes off, go potty in the bathroom). We are telling girls that they should throw that caution, that basic sense of preservation, to the wind when around a biological male who FEELS they are a female/or wants to be a female. When I was in high school there was a rash of rapes in public restrooms by biological males towards biological females. To this day, I will not place myself in a position to undress around biological males, other than my family.

All children need boundaries. Boundaries help them feel safe so they can put their efforts into growing up....

Let me be clear, every child needs to feel safe in bathrooms and locker rooms. Kids that have gender issues should have a safe space too, but not at the expense of biological female safety. It should never be an either/or. Should be an AND They all deserve a safe place. The start of this process should not be to take away the security of biological females.

Please support this commonsense bill.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Katie Novcaski

Lindsey Causer

From: Marsha [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 4:22 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 105 in favor of parent rights

Concerning house bill HB 105

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

We the people demand the following:

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

Marsha Oberlender

Lindsey Causer

From: Stefan and Lauren Bentz [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 4:36 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 105

To my fellow Alaskan elected officials:

My name is Lauren Bentz. I am a resident of the Chugiak/ Eagle River area. I have lived here since 1995. I am a military transplant and have called this home ever since. My spouse is 2nd generation Alaskan, our children third. We attended Anchorage School district through 12th grade and attended UAA, receiving our Bachelor degrees. As parents with young children, we were excited to see our three daughters attend local schools as we did. Our oldest was in 3rd grade and twins in Kindergarten when, like many families during Covid, God shined a light on the many dark and hidden agendas our schools possessed. With prayer and discernment, we could not in good faith continue to allow our children to attend public school. We homeschooled for 2 years and currently have them enrolled in a private Christian school.

"Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him." Psalm 127:3", and we as their parents have been commanded to lead and guide our children. "Train up a child in the way they should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6. And "All your children shall be taught by the Lord and great shall be the peace of your children." Isaiah 54:13. The Lord has "no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." 3 John 1:4. Our principles, morals, and foundation the United States was built on, was the Bible. Gods word was on the hearts and minds of our founders. And I know many of you continue to walk with the Lord as you fulfill the calling he has placed on your life. It is no coincidence you are sitting where you are today, whether you know the Lord or not.

As leaders in our state, I expect you to have discernment of how our children are to be lead. We want them to thrive and grow in education that will enable our state to continue to grow. Our children are receiving more social emotional learning that has nothing to do with basic education like reading, writing, and arithmetic. Our test scores reflect this dramatically. Across the country our students are being taught that it's ok to dishonor their parents, keep secrets, and withhold information shared with them from public school staff, and perpetuating confusion over their identity. No one has put more love, time, effort, energy into raising their children than their very own parents. No authority has been gifted nor granted to public school staff, to conduct themselves in a manor that goes against a parents right to be informed of every aspect of their children's life.

I completely support this bill that keeps sex education, topics related to gender identity at the parents discretion to make informed decisions for their children and family. And maintaining biological sexes to their assigned bathrooms. Having three daughters, it is beyond unfathomable that we would think for a moment, boys and girls can use the same bathrooms without regard to ones safety. The weight of your decision, will play a significant role in whether the public schools will have the privilege of our daughters attending school their again. As Jesus said: "Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. So watch yourselves." Luke 17:1-3.

Sincerely,

Lauren Bentz

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Lindsey Causer

From: Shauna Bushnell [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 3:40 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Support HB 105

I SUPPORT HB105 and parental rights.

Shauna Bushnell

Lindsey Causer

From: Heather Bennett [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 3:45 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Support for HB105

Hello,

I support HB105 and parental rights. Please move this bill forward.

Thank you!

-Heather Bennett
Juneau

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: Lisa fenn [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 3:46 PM
To: House Education
Subject: SUPPORT HB105 and Parental Rights

I support HB105 and parental rights. I absolutely want a say in both my sons education.
Thank You,
Lisa Fenn
Registered voter
Sent from my iPhone

Lindsey Causer

From: Kate Johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 3:48 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Please PASS HB 105

House Education Committee,

Please consider passing HB105.

As a parent of 3 children in the public school system (and another heading there soon), I support the passage of HB105.

There are so many elements of children's lives that must be approved by their parents, it is essential that parents are always informed when it comes to our children.

I have to sign a permission slip for my child to go on a field trip. I have to give permission for my children to use the internet at school. Children under 17 cannot see an R rated movie without a parent. Children under 18 cannot get a tattoo or piercing without parental consent. Schools do not have the right to decide what is best for Alaskan's children- their parents do!

Parents are the greatest stakeholder in their children's lives. We must, as Alaskans, protect that right.

In keeping with parental rights and protecting children, those with opposing body parts have NO RIGHT to use a locker room or restroom dedicated to one gender. Boys and girls are genetically and biologically different. This cannot be changed on how one 'feels' one day or with how the wind blows. We need to protect our children's privacy, safety, and their modesty.

Protect our children. Protect parental rights. Keep our bathrooms separate and safe.

Please do the right thing and pass HB 105.

Kate Johnson
Palmer, Alaska
[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: Carmen John Croas [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 3:53 PM
To: House Education
Cc: Rep. Jamie Allard
Subject: 2023-2024 Alaska House Bill 105 support

Dear Alaska Representatives of the House Education Committee:

As a resident of District 16 I encourage all members of the House Education Committee to vote yes and support the 2023-2024 House Bill 105.

Please be sure my email reaches all on the House Education Committee.

Respectfully yours,

Carmen Croas
Anchorage, Alaska

P.S. Congratulations Representative Jamie Allard to your new assignment on the Alaska House!

Lindsey Causer

From: jbpapenbrock [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 3:57 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Public response

I SUPPORT HB 105 and parental rights

Lindsey Causer

From: Jessica Warmbrodt [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 3:58 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Support HB105

Hello,

I support HB105 and parental rights, and I urge you to do the same.

Thank you,
Jessica Warmbrodt
Juneau, AK

Sent from Proton Mail mobile

Lindsey Causer

From: Nate Davis [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 3:58 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 105, for the record

Dear House Education Committee Chair and Members:

My name is Nate Davis. I am a 35-year educator in Alaska. I have been a teacher, coach, principal, and superintendent and am currently a principal in the Lake and Peninsula School District. I represent myself.

I am in support of HB 105 for the following reasons.

Check all the research. Check out special education law. Check out the parent-related values on the Department of Education website. Check out the mandates from Title 1, below, on Family Engagement. Check one of the most popular evaluation rubrics in the nation, the Danielson Framework, below. Check out what nearly every teacher trainer in America is saying- something in their own way similar to: "To optimize student learning, you must build trust and rapport with the parents of your students."

The bedrock foundation for successful schooling is mutual trust between parents and teachers. We, as public educators, exist to support parents in training their children. If we neglect to make laws like HB 105 to include parents in crucial discussions (or if, as some districts have done, we make laws barring teachers from telling parents about certain things about their own children), we will see a mass exodus from public schools. Each parent deserves to know whenever a school deviates from adopted core curriculum to include other areas of education, especially sensitive ones.

I can't take students on field trips without parent permission. I can't send students on athletic trips without parent permission. I don't let healthcare workers see students without parent permission. Why would it be "best for kids" to hide sensitive issues from their parents?

If we breach parent trust, as the opponents of this bill are campaigning for, the public school exodus will come in two ways.

First, hundreds of parents who ARE interested in what we are teaching their children will vote with their feet and go to homeschool or private school where the parent-teacher relationship is highly valued.

Second, many teachers will leave earlier than anyone expected because they are getting in trouble for building the parent-teacher relationships. Many of the teachers will still have jobs because the homeschool networks and private schools will need these extra teachers to take care of the extra students they enroll. This exodus of teachers will only add to the teaching shortage crisis, dare I say "teaching shortage statewide disaster." Have we declared it a "disaster," yet?

Interview questions for our prospective teachers usually include something along the lines: "Describe how you will communicate with families." "How important do you think it is to have good parent relationships?"

Our earliest training of new hires (and the training education students receive in college) includes veterans the importance of the teacher-parent partnership.

HB 105 gives parents their natural right to understand what is happening at school with their child. Schools should not hide anything from parents!

From the DEED website:

Title I, Part A provides for parent and family engagement at every level of the program. Section 1116 contains the primary Title I, Part A requirements for districts and schools related to involving parents in their children's education. These provisions reflect good practice in engaging families in helping to educate their children, because students do better when parents are actively involved in the education process, both at home and at school.

Parent and Family Engagement is an ongoing process that increases active participation, communication, and collaboration between parents, schools, and communities with the goal of educating the whole child to ensure student achievement and success.

From Danielson Framework for Certified Teacher Evaluations

Domain 4: Professional Responsibilities

C: Communicating with Families

Proficient: Teacher communicates frequently with families and successfully engages them in the instructional program. Information to families about individual students is conveyed in a culturally appropriate manner.

Please, please, please support HB 105. If the silent majority is not going to show up to testify, like last week, then as our elected leaders, do what is right, anyway. Parents must have rights to information about their children.

If you take away the right of the parent to know about their child, thereby destroying teacher-parent-district trust, then you have shot a well-aimed cannonball at the waterline of the public school ship.

Nate Davis

Thanks,

Nate Davis,

Educating servant leaders who empower their families and communities!

Principal @ Tanalian & Lake View Schools [REDACTED]

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READ PLENTY. MAKE A WAY. READ 20. EVERY DAY.

Let kindness and truth never leave you. Make it a grrreat day!

Lindsey Causer

From: sharon toman [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 4:00 PM
To: House Education
Subject: SUPPORT HB105

SUPPORT HB105!!

Lindsey Causer

From: Tracy Gunkel [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 4:03 PM
To: House Education
Subject: SUPPORT HB 105

Please make note of my support of HB105 .

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Tracy Gunkel

Lindsey Causer

From: Randy Le [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 4:03 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB105

I am a parent. I support HB105.

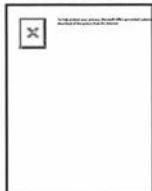
Randy

Sent from my iPhone

Lindsey Causer

From: Mark Gunkel [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 4:04 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Support HB105

Please note I am in support of HB105.



Lindsey Causer

From: Vincent Fell [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 4:07 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB105

To whom it may concern,

I, and my girlfriend, are in full support of allowing parental rights as it pertains to the education of their children. This bill will allow parents to remain involved in their child's educational progress which is how we believe this should be for parents. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Vincent

Sent from my iPhone

Lindsey Causer

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 4:08 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Support HB105

Please accept this email as my support for this bill. Thank you.

Keith Greene
Pastor
Glacier Valley Church of God
Juneau, AK 99801

Lindsey Causer

From: Rachelle Grossardt [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 4:10 PM
To: House Education
Subject: SUPPORT FOR HB105

Dear members of the House Education Committee,

As a resident of Juneau, Alaska, I personally am in full support of HB105. I would like to see this bill passed for the protection of our state's children and for the protection of parental authority.

Rachelle Grossardt

Rachelle Grossardt
[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: Greg Jacobs [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 4:12 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB105

I have been made aware that there is a bill about children's education coming up for consideration.

I'm very concerned about this big push with our nation's future population to confuse them. Aside from the moral issues surrounding the ideology, the scientific evidence for the success of this indoctrination is very sketchy. I don't think making children into guinea pigs is ethical.

There is much more than could be expressed about this topic, but times grows short.

Please do what is best for the defenseless ones in our society and the rest of humanity and support HB105.

Sincerely,
Ruth Jacobs

Sent from my iPhone

Lindsey Causer

From: Darcy Lorentzen [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 4:13 PM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 105

To the House Education Committee:

I wholly support HB 105. It SHOULD be passed. Thank you to our Governor!

Parents are responsible for their own children and need to be made aware of what is happening in their children's lives and in their school. Parents and educators need to be working together. Educators serve the parents as well as the children and I as a parent want to trust my children's teachers.

There needs to be transparency in all matters and that should be normal!!

I want the right to opt my child into a sex ed class and look over the curriculum before it is taught. I have experienced classes being taught to my children and me being unaware until they come home and talk with me about it. That should never happen. I want to be made aware before and decide.

Permission slips for my child to participate in any activity is vital.

School should be a safe place. Only biological males should be with biological males in a restroom/locker room. Only biological females with biological females in a restroom/locker room. There is no need to announce pronouns....it is obvious at birth.

Let us be careful we don't turn our eyes from the truth and keep our mouths closed. If the emperor is not wearing clothes, let us be in the front row declaring it.

Sincerely,
Darcy Lorentzen

Lindsey Causer

From: Deenie [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 4:14 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Parental rights

HB105 I support this
Carol Rose
Sent from my iPhone