

**Lindsey Causer**

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**From:** GREG KENNEDY <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2023 9:06 AM  
**To:** Rep. Jamie Allard  
**Subject:** Re: HB105 Public Testimony Closing Soon

I support HB 105. It's common sense!  
Greg Kennedy

Sent from my iPhone

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



## Public Testimony HB105 is almost closed.

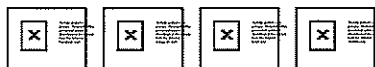
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A BIG thank you to everyone who has called in and written in their testimony!

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2023 4:00 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB 105

To all members of the House Education Committee,

I am writing to express my unreserved support for HB 105, "An Act relating to parental rights in a child's education; relating to access to school records; relating to sex education, human reproduction education, and human sexuality education; relating to school disciplinary and safety programs; and providing for an effective date." While passing this bill should be a no-brainer there has been a lot of disinformation surrounding it, including from outside sources with no legitimate concern for Alaska's affairs, which has resulted in unwarranted controversy.

Contrary to the opinions of some loud voices, this bill would not impose a particular ideology on any public or private school in Alaska. It would not ban age-appropriate sexual education or dictate in any way what subjects may or may not be taught in a sexual education curriculum. It would not ban schools from recognizing the gender identity of a child nor would it ban them from accommodating children whose gender identity does not correspond to their biological sex.

What this bill would do, if passed, is respect the authority that parents have over the upbringing of their children and prevent the state from unduly undermining that authority. Requiring parental permission for a child to participate in controversial lessons or activities should not itself be a controversial issue, nor should prohibiting schools from withholding information from parents about their own children. I'm certain that none of you would want your child's school hiding important information about your child from you.

I hope that you will consider the facts, not the hype, surrounding HB 105 and refer it to the full House for a floor vote.

Respectfully,

Philip R. Bagian  
Anchorage, AK

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**From:** Janice Norman <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2023 10:58 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Cc:** Rep. Andi Story; Rep. CJ McCormick; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Justin Ruffridge; Rep. Mike Prax; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; Rep. Thomas McKay  
**Subject:** Written Testimony for #HB105 Hearing to be held on 4/24/2023

Dear House Education Committee,

I wanted to be able to share my thoughts about #HB105 Sex/Reproduction Education; Schools. I am aware that there has been an extensive amount of participation in the testimony process with a lot being said for and against this bill. Hopefully, what I am going to say is new, but can also be related to this bill.

I am looking at the future generations and where humanity may be headed. The push for rights for transgenders and the LGBT+++ groups is one thing. But, if the majority of the children today are turned into transgenders or an LGBT+++ person, will this be a "fad" that they grow out of and go on to have children of their own and keep the seed of humanity alive into the unknown future? From what I understand, the mRNA gene therapy shots could possibly make children sterile. Additionally, from what I understand, the chemicals given to children interested in becoming transgenders may make them sterile also or the surgeries performed to transform them may make them incapable of producing children. What happens to our future? Who will be left to carry on the seed of humanity? I am a humanity-loving person, so the thought of wiping out the seeds that will carry on humanity is frightening to me. Please take this into consideration as your decisions are made.

I support #HB105.

Regards,

Janice Norman, Community Member  
Wasilla, AK

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**From:** BushFlightAlaska <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2023 10:25 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Public Hearing Comments - Our Parents! Rights

I would like to speak in support of the parental rights bill. For too long, the loud mob minority has tried to speak loudly for and erode the governance of our children. We as parents say, no more! We as parents are and will be the final deciders for the children we love and with that we must have and retain all aspects of our children's lives to make healthy choices. Thank you Mr. Governor.

Thank you,

Charlie Seidl  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Rick Sumner <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2023 10:19 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB 105 Parents Bill of Rights

I support HB 105. Stop wasting class time. Get our schools back to teaching the basics the rest is B.S.

Sincerely,

Rick Sumner

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**From:** Kayli Dawn <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2023 9:32 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** please support HB 105

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thank you! ❤️  
Kayli DaMota-Supplee  
Fairbanks

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** shelly phillips <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2023 8:31 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** I support HB105

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**From:** Mary Ellen Wurm <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2023 6:15 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB 105

Dear Committee Member,

Once again I wish to give my strong favor to HB 105. All parents have the right to know what their children are being taught. There should be NO SECRETS kept from parents. The children of Alaska and the United States of America DO NOT belong to the public education system. They belong to their parents who have the right to make decisions appropriate for the child's age. They have the right to protect their children from harm.

Thank you for weighing these things very carefully.

Mary Ellen Wurm

[REDACTED]

Fairbanks, AK 99709



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**From:** Donald Thompson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2023 4:34 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB105

Dear Education Committee Members:

I am writing to support HB 105. Even Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg held in *Granville v Troxel*, "The Fourteenth Amendment Due Process Clause has a substantive component that provides heightened protection against government interference with certain fundamental rights and liberty interests, *Washington v. Glucksberg*, 521 U. S. 702, 720, including parents fundamental right to make decisions concerning the care, custody, and control of their children, see, e. g., *Stanley v. Illinois*, 405 U. S. 645, 651. Pp.63-66.

Sadly, these rights are not being respected by school districts in this state. 25% of the student population in the FNSB now attend publicly funded correspondence schools outside of the local district. The failure of the school district to respect parent rights and to view parents as the enemy is destroying local public education. When parents see a shroud of secrecy and suspicion around the classroom, they will seek other educational avenues.

For example, schools in Fairbanks are not providing the two week notice required by law. Further, it is the explicit policy of the district to withhold information from parents- please see the segment below:

Parents have had no mechanism of redress. What HB 105 does is give parents an avenue to redress problems in the district. The state really needs the enforcement piece of HB 105.

Please support this bill.

Regards,

Don Thompson

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**From:** Curtis Townsend <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2023 2:11 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** I SUPPORT the GOVERNOR'S PARENTAL RIGHTS BILL HB.105

To the House Education Committee:

I want to express my appreciation for this bill. It is one that SHOULD BE passed! It only makes sense.

- Parents DO NOT 'coparent' with the government. Our children are our children!
- Parents should know what is happening in their children's lives, especially at school. Therefore, transparency in all matters should be the norm.
- Parents should be able to opt out or opt in for sex ed classes.
- Parents should know the content of the curriculum BEFORE it is taught.
- Permission slips are a VITAL part of school activities.
- The school should be an extension of the home, to train & educate their children.
- The school should be a safe place for all students, especially in the locker rooms & bathrooms! ONLY biological males should be with biological males & ONLY BIOLOGICAL females with biological females.

PLEASE pass this bill! I strongly urge you to do something to benefit the family. Protecting our children is of the utmost importance!

Sincerely,  
Curtis Townsend

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**From:** Hannah Thomas <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2023 8:40 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Yes to HB105

Dear members of the House Education Committee,

The protection of children needs to be front and center in our country, both physically and mentally. I am a resident of Haines Alaska, and I support the bill HB105.

- Hannah Clark

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**From:** Kevin Pitchford <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2023 8:00 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB105

To all it may concern,

Why are parental rights constantly being attacked. Is it the sole purpose of this current and discussing Biden Democrat Administration to wipe-out any parental rights. The policies of this government goes beyond Over-reach. If this government can they will have total control of your children. Parents Zero! This sets up the Communist State.  
STOP Destroying Parental Rights Kevin Pitchford  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2023 9:46 AM  
**To:** Rep. Jamie Allard  
**Subject:** Re: HB105 Public Testimony Closing Soon

Jamie,

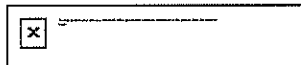
I **strongly** support HB105. Thank you for your efforts to support parental (and grandparental!) rights.

Sincerely,

Steve Templeton  
Eagle River, AK 99577  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** "Representative Jamie D. Allard" <rep.jamie.allard@akleg.gov>  
**To:** "STEVE TEMPLETON" <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2023 1:05:35 PM  
**Subject:** HB105 Public Testimony Closing Soon



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**From:** Crystal Kennedy <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2023 10:08 AM  
**To:** Rep. Jamie Allard  
**Subject:** Re: HB105 Public Testimony Closing Soon

Rep. Allard,  
As a mother, a grandmother and as a former member of the Anchorage School Board, I support passage of HB105.  
Kindest regards,  
Crystal Kennedy  
Eagle River

Sent from my iPhone  
Crystal Kennedy  
[REDACTED]

On Apr 20, 2023, at 1:57 PM, Representative Jamie D. Allard <rep.jamie.allard@akleg.gov> wrote:



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**From:** Randy Moore <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2023 11:51 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB 105 — Vote For

Do not fall for the lie that kids make wise experienced based decisions at school age ... Did You ?  
I am grateful I had parents who were involved in my decisions and were aware of my choices and needs.  
As the principal in Alaska who recently had the courage to stand and go against the mainstream liberal "flow". Vote a  
Biblical Value vote ... vote for HB 105  
— teachers are involved with their students but only for a time. Parents are in their lives for a lifetime !!!

Randy Moore  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Carmen Durham <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2023 11:43 AM  
**To:** Jon and Ruth Ewig  
**Cc:** J C; [REDACTED] House Education; Doug Duffett  
**Subject:** Re: Please support Governor Dunleavy's Parental Rights HB105

Love the Webster quote. The parental issue has never been questioned in American life that I have seen or been taught. What is really baffling is how they don't want the parents to have the authority but they want the parents to spend all the money, and will the teacher take responsibility if the sex hormones that the child has had unbeknownst to the parents ends up harming the child? I bet not.

I just found out that if a child takes a class at UAF as young as 13 the professor will not talk with the parent unless the child gives permission. I don't understand how they have the audacity to do this especially if the parent is the one paying for it.

Carmen Durham

On Apr 20, 2023, at 10:18 PM, Jon and Ruth Ewig <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Quote from Noah Webster "Parents are the natural guardians of their children. It is their duty to feed, clothe, protect and educate them; and for these purposes it is proper and necessary that parents should have authority to direct their actions."

Jon and Ruth Ewig  
[REDACTED]



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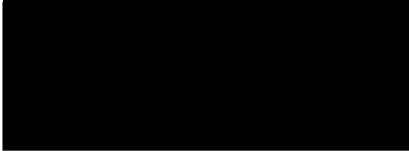
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**From:** Doug Duffett <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2023 1:48 PM  
**To:** Rep. Jamie Allard  
**Subject:** HB 105 - SUPPORT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I HEREBY EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR HB 105 and strongly encourage passage.

Douglas B. Duffett



**Lindsey Causer**

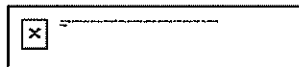
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**From:** DJC <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2023 3:23 PM  
**To:** Rep. Jamie Allard  
**Subject:** Re: HB105 Public Testimony Closing Soon

I support parental rights and HB105.

Diana Carlson  
Anchorage

On Thu, Apr 20, 2023, 1:05 PM Representative Jamie D. Allard <[rep.jamie.allard@akleg.gov](mailto:rep.jamie.allard@akleg.gov)> wrote:



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**From:** Dianne Graham <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2023 3:18 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB 105

As a grandmother of 3 students in Alaska schools and the mother of 7 graduates of Alaska schools I want to express support for HB 105 in support of the parents responsibility to advocate for their child as a student. The parent is the one held responsible by law for the conduct of their child. The family is the bedrock of society, if the family is weakened so will the society be weakened. There are already channels for a child to be protected from an abusive parent if that occurs. Educators and anyone in that system is required to report abuse if so observed.

Over the years my children attended Bethel schools I attended meetings of the local school board and all other activities , attended parent teacher conferences, and all the activities my children participated in. Replacing the parent in the family to give guidance and protection with anyone else will destroy the family unit and not serve the purpose of education creating an active and informed citizenry.

I sincerely ask that this be shared with those making the decision about HB 105.

Dianne Graham  
[REDACTED]  
Bethel, Ak 99559

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**From:** James S. <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 22, 2023 11:38 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** testimony on HB 105

Hello, my name is James Selvog, I live in Kodiak and am sending this message on behalf of myself. I've already called in to testify but I was told that I could also send an email so I'm going to go ahead and do this.

HB 105 doesn't provide parents with any rights they didn't already have. It's just another of many authoritarian cookie cutter bills across the US that aims to spread fear about queer people, trans folks in particular, and undermine the ability of public school teachers to do their jobs. As far back as fifteen years ago, I remember teacher in my high school providing a safe place for students with unsupportive parents to be able to talk about their anxiety about possibly being gay, for example. Teachers being there to support their students is absolutely nothing new, and this is part of their job. If a student feels like they can't tell their parents what's going on, that is 100% because they know how they will be treated if they do and should be a wake up call for parents to re-evaluate their treatment of their kids. As much as our society seems to absolutely revile kids, they are human beings and not pets or livestock to do with whatever you please, or program like robots.

I also wanted to bring attention to the way that the testimony in favor of this bill has been based almost entirely (if not entirely) on hypothetical fears. Not even hypothetical fears of anything serious - simply things like their kids 'feeling uncomfortable' being around trans kids in a bathroom, or 'bullied' for \*being bullies\*. Meanwhile, testimony against this bill has dealt overwhelmingly with personal experiences, very real physical and emotional trauma and even death. It would be laughable if it weren't so horrifying just how unwilling this bill's supporters are to have any humanity. A bill like this will kill children, and they will have blood on their hands because they thought an entire demographic of people was 'yucky'. Shame.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 22, 2023 11:34 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Cc:** Rep. Louise Stutes  
**Subject:** Objection to SB 105

Good Afternoon.

SB 105 is reprehensible (and that's being kind).

How many times do we (the people of Alaska) have to object to this malignancy before you get the not so subtle hint?

Every time I hear about this monstrosity I get chills.

What this bill is about is what name a person chooses to respond to not so much what they are called. After all I can't control what you call me, right? But I sure as heck and decide what name(s) I will respond to.

And the only way to get someone to respond to a name they don't want to respond to is through violence or threat of violence.

Bullies force people to respond to names they don't want to be called.

And bullies force other people to use those names.

SB 105 is about parents rights to bully their children and to bully teachers to participate.

Have a good day.

Don Roberts  
Kodiak, Alaska

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 22, 2023 9:41 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Regarding HB 105

Representative Allard and Members of the House Education Committee,

I am writing to disagree with HB 105. I work in a Title 1 High School. Placing the burden of obtaining signatures from parents for permission to participate in sex-ed classes is not right. More mandates that are not financially supported are not needed. Parents are informed of sex education and human growth and development education already. There is no need for this added burden.

Furthermore, as a former elementary health teacher, I was required to send out notification when child sexual abuse lessons were taking place. In addition, when parents register students for school, they have the option to opt out of human growth and development lessons. In elementary school there is no "sex" education. Students learn about body development and changes occurring with puberty.

As every teacher knows, obtaining permission slips is labor intensive requiring multiple contacts by email and phone call, and multiple copies being sent home as well as the time to keep track of permission slips. Many times, all of this effort results in no returned permission slip and students missing out.

Additionally, requiring students to use a certain restroom is a violation of their privacy. Many times you cannot tell what gender a student is, so how are we to police that in a large high school? The security staff is already busy dealing with the everyday discipline issues occurring. We cannot ask them to verify the birth gender of students, not to mention how demeaning such a practice would be. On top of that, obtaining permission to call students different names is ridiculous. Many students want to be called a different name, and there is no way to call home about that every time, as we are all ready contacting many parents for other more important issues. It is unrealistic and unduly burdensome. Home situations may not allow for constant parent notification and/or approval for nick names or different pronouns. At the high school level knowing if a student is in an abusive home may not be obvious or known. Students have learned to keep things quiet for various safety reasons. We strive to be a safe place for all students. What we really need are more mental health services at all levels.

We really need to focus on lack of funding, large class sizes, teacher shortages, and providing more mental health services for students and staff. Our students should feel that we support them by giving them well maintained and fully staffed schools. Unsupported mandates, such as these, only acerbate problems.

Please do the right thing for our students by not supporting HB105 and focus on the real issues in education. Just ask a teacher.

Sincerely,  
Becky Forsyth

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**From:** Rebecca Dunne <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 22, 2023 9:26 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB 105

Dear Members of the House Education Committee,

I STRONGLY oppose HB 105. Please vote NO on this discriminatory bill.

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Dunne  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Jill Allen  
<[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2023 9:33 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Anti-trans legislation like this harms trans people & the people who love them

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

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

This legislation doesn't help anyone. More importantly, it harms a very tiny marginalized community, especially the youngest & most vulnerable who have few resources.

Nobody chooses to be trans. There is no movement recruiting people to become trans. Feeling you are born in the wrong gender is a personal issue that trans people struggle with. It's not some radical 'woke' agenda. This is personal. There is no trans recruitment movement.

Also, this bill isn't local. I'm pretty sure Dunleavy didn't write it or feel passionate about it. It was boilerplate -- handed to him, already written, as part of the national GOP culture wars agenda. Dunleavy is expected to enact it, & is pushing it forward cuz this is what Republican governors are expected to do these days. As such, it is a waste of time & AK taxpayer money. AK legislators should be independent & better than promoting a national partisan agenda.

Please reject HB 105. Let the tiny minority of trans people in AK who are our friends & neighbors continue their lives without government interference. That's what we all want. The right to self-determination.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Jill Allen



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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Thomas Allen  
<[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2023 7:36 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 105/SB 96, an attack on LGBTQ+ youth and sex ed

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

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

Governor Dunleavy's HB 105/SB 96 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,  
Mr Thomas Allen

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Claire Pywell  
<[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2023 6:56 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 105/SB 96, an attack on LGBTQ+ youth and sex ed

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

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

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

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Ms Claire Pywell

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**From:** Claire Holland LeClair <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2023 9:19 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB 105

To Members of the House Education Committee:

Our family does not support changes to AS 14 as outlined in House Bill 105 which would require schools to notify parents if their student wishes to go by a different name or gender identification, require parents to opt in to sex education and limits student's use of bathroom facilities to their 'biological sex'. None of these changes are productive or necessary.

The 17 year old member of our family, who is a junior in high school, remarked that "it's like only adults are concerned about transgender kids, what are they scared about?"

Alaskan families hold very diverse values and beliefs. We believe this proposed legislation caters to a minority of Alaskan families by forcing their specific values and beliefs on the rest of us.

We urge you to table this bill and to focus your work on improving the quality of Alaska's public education system.

Thank you for your service to Alaska.

Respectfully,

John, Claire and Krista LeClair  
Anchorage, Alaska

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**From:** Rose Hart <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2023 10:22 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Cc:** Rep. Justin Ruffridge; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Mike Prax; Rep. CJ McCormick; Rep. Thomas McKay; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Alyse Galvin; Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 105

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To the House Education Committee and my district delegation,

I am writing in opposition of House Bill 105.

I have been a resident of Alaska for three years, currently residing in House District 14 / Senate District G, but I grew up in a small suburb of Los Angeles. When I was in 7th grade, a classmate and friend of mine, Robyn Milton, died by suicide. I remember the weeks leading up to her death, bullies at school spread rumors about whether or not Robyn liked girls. She was only 12 years old.

While we will never fully understand the extent of why this tragedy happened, or if Robyn, *a child*, was forcibly outed by other kids who weren't taught better, I have no doubt it is in part because our society, with its generational and institutionalized stigma and debate over identity and pronouns and comprehensive sex education (sex ed), failed Robyn, her family, and her classmates.

Robyn was pure light. She had the most beautiful, soulful voice in our choir, a contagious smile and laugh, she was funny, she gave the biggest, warmest hugs that would always crack your back. We should have grown up together and our community should have seen her grow up into an adult and witness the capacity of her spirit and love.

Emerging into adulthood, many friends of mine have come out at queer, trans, bi, gay, and gender fluid. These are people who I also grew up with and cannot imagine my life without. Many of them did not come out until college or later because they did not feel safe or represented in the community we grew up in. How could they feel safe when the kids who did not conform to socially constructed gender roles or presented differently were relentlessly bullied by their peers or disowned by their parents? There was no education about sexuality or gender identity to help my friends understand who they were and that it was okay for them to question and discover their identities. There was no education to normalize the expansiveness and intersectionality of the human experience. There was no early education or celebration of LGBTQ+ leaders or queer joy. The same is true for previous generations who were not prepared to support and protect their kids when they came out. We can and must do better.

In Alaska, Governor Dunleavy has said he wants our state to be the most pro-life state. However, bills like HB 105, that would forcibly out children without any kind of LGBTQ+ inclusive comprehensive sex-ed, are antithetical to that goal.

Requiring a parent to opt-in two weeks in advance of a lesson regarding human reproduction, sexuality, or gender studies is a disservice to our students and our educators, who are responsible for preparing our children for their future in a rapidly diversifying world. It is also harmful and emotionally distressing to require written permission from a parent before public schools can honor and use either a student's pronouns or new name, or risk legal action. These policies outlined in HB 105 are discriminatory and abusive towards children, especially queer youth and families. All children should have access to early, prolonged, LGBTQ+ inclusive comprehensive sex ed, and should not need their parents

permission to be educated on the facts of human biology or to validate their identities. The more we gatekeep and stigmatize sex and gender, the more likely we are to cause harm and even loss of life to our youth. It doesn't have to be this way, though.

Recent research by Goldfarb and Lieberman (2020) analyzed 3 decades of comprehensive sex ed programs nation-wide and concluded that these programs have led to an appreciation of sexual diversity, dating and intimate partner violence prevention, development of healthy relationships, prevention of child sex abuse, improved social/emotional learning, and increased media literacy. Results of this research provide evidence for the effectiveness of approaches that take positive, affirming, inclusive approaches to human sexuality. Thus, if we care about child life and want to encourage safe and supportive parental involvement in their child's life, we must shift our attention to comprehensive sex-ed that is multi-tiered, LGBTQ+ inclusive, and begins in early education.

We have a responsibility to properly educate our children and protect queer youth and queer families. I am asking you in honor of my friend Robyn's life, and all of the other young people who didn't survive and who are fighting to survive, please do not support HB 105 and instead choose to protect and support the LGBTQ+ community by passing HB 99 / SB 108.

With gratitude,  
Rose Hart

## Lindsey Causer

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**From:** Laura Buchheit <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2023 9:17 AM  
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representative.andi.stori@akleg.gov; governor@gov.state.ak.us  
**Subject:** support equity - oppose House Bill 105

To Alaska State House Education Committee,

I am writing to express my opposition to Senate Bill 96, Governor Dunleavy's proposals to suppress the rights of LGBTQ+ youth. These bills promote misunderstanding, fear, and prejudice towards people who have already been marginalized by our system. These measures limit the rights of trans youth, suppress the voices of LGBTQ+ youth, and discriminate against people in expressing their gender identity. These measures put prejudice into state power. The conversations should be different. The state's time and energy should be directed towards supporting schools, advancing understanding and care, and honoring individuals. Conversations honoring and upholding diversity would serve to greatly diminish the struggles for power, the occurrence of bullying and the high suicide rate of marginalized youth.

As a parent, I want as many places safe for my children as possible, especially in the school system. To some, that may mean excluding those who are different. For me, that means supporting diverse views and perspectives, including supporting trans youth in sharing their gender identity with teachers and peers, trans youth choosing the facilities and sports that align with their gender identity. It takes courage to express one's true self, especially in a historically repressive system. I urge you, as representatives of our state, to have the courage to support youth in discovering and expressing themselves, to be inclusive instead of exclusive, to stand up for human rights.

Trans rights are human rights. While I'm appalled by the anti-trans sentiment expressed in our state, I hope that the conversations will shine light on unwarranted discrimination and serve to uphold the humanness of our trans neighbors and family.

Thank you for hearing me, and for your work to advance equality in our state.

Please contact me with any clarifications or questions.

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