

Testimony SB 2099 House Education Committee March 1, 2023; 2:30 P.M. Education Standards and Practice Board Mari Riehl

Good afternoon, Chairman Heinert, and members of the House Education Committee. My name is Mari Riehl, and I am the Assistant Director of the Education Standards and Practices Board. I am here today to represent our board in support of SB 2099, a bill which protects the identity of minor children. ESPB receives complaints against educator licenses, and some include the names of minor children. Following the completion of a case, individuals can file an open record request and ESPB must supply the information from the case. A non-negotiable of ESPB is to do what is best for students and releasing information that may identify a minor child including name, date of birth, address, parent name and an image of the child do not protect the child. This bill is for the protection of children, and we request you consider a do pass on this important bill. This concludes my testimony, and I will respond to any questions.