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HB 2260

Testimony in Opposition

Chairperson and Members of the Committee:

I oppose HB 2260 as it undermines the role and responsibility of our public school educators and medical providers. The general undertone of this bill is that as parents we do not and should not trust our healthcare providers and educators to do their due diligence in involving parents in the care of their children as well as providing the best care and education to our students. Why are we so suspicious of our public servants? As a parent, I am fully satisfied with the involvement I already have from my children's teachers and medical providers. And practically, I do not want to be bothered for written consent every time my child attends an event, special speaker, or watches an educational film. As parents, we are already overwhelmed by getting our kids to school, getting to work on time, picking kids up, and getting homework finished in the evening. I do not want to have to drive into the school every other day to sign consent papers. This bill is just simply impractical.

Imagine enforcing this bill on your own job. Do you have your work done and prepared for review seven days before it's due? I certainly do not. The added workload that this puts on our educators to be available to meet with parents to review every item of curriculum, have it prepared way ahead of time, run around collecting consent from parents- it's absurd. If parents are so distrustful of their child's school staff members, maybe they should home school or look at alternative educational options.

Again, I am grateful for my children's teachers and medical providers. I am already adequately involved in their education and medical care. I already receive frequent updates from teachers about the topics covered in school. Any caring and involved parent already has access to their students' teachers and medical providers. We do not need to burden our community with the unnecessary busy work of this bill.

Please provide a DO NOT PASS on HB 2260.

Thank you for your time,

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