

Senate Education Committee
March 23rd, 2025 HB 1181
Testimony in Opposition

Dear Chair Beard and the members of the Senate Education Committee,

I urge a “Do Not Pass” on HB 1181.

I submitted testimony during the House [reading of this bill here](#). This is all still relevant:

1. This bill compels speech
2. There is no identified harm this is fixing
3. We already vetoed a bill like this because of unintended consequences.

Further testimony I’d like to add about this bill is that after it has been amended to its current version, I legitimately don’t understand it. I get the outline that suggests gender isn’t real and the intention to prevent trans individuals from identifying other than their sex assigned at birth. But in application I do not know what this means. It could impact every single area of life for trans people or do relatively nothing. If anything the unintended consequences of this bill seem even larger than before.

I would like to make a further point, that is every area of life and society that we have policies around transgender populations, they were made with careful deliberation over decades. The Prison Rape Elimination Act that protects transgender prisoners was created because of the intense abuse and harm, often trans women, experienced in male prisons.

The change of identification documents and the acknowledgment of sex across every state at different times, reflected the practical reality of the trans people living there. Trans people who were anatomically the sex they identified as, endocrinologically the sex they identified as, treated by all people in their life as that sex, it stops making sense to treat them as their sex assigned at birth.

We have sex specific risk factors for things like cancer, heart conditions, blood tests, or mortality. And to our best guess it isn’t someone’s sex assigned at birth that determines this, but rather their endocrinology across their life. A trans man’s lab work being run under female ranges can show abnormal outcomes.

The fact is trans existence is complex. A thousand different systems, communities, and organizations over decades made careful deliberation on how to keep everyone safe. This bill sets fire to all of that work and doesn’t clarify or improve our systems. It is for these reasons I ask that we give it a “Do Not Pass.”

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our state,
Faye Seidler