From:

Carrie Nash <

Sent:

Thursday, March 30, 2023 8:13 PM

To:

House Education

Subject:

HB105

To the House Education Committee:

I strongly oppose HB105. It treats one class of students differently than others. It denies students/kids basic human rights as well as their privacy rights granted under the state constitution. It ranks one set of parental concerns higher than others with no criteria or legitimacy. This bill does nothing to improve any aspect of education in Alaska. Our teachers, students, and school systems are in a mess right now due to funding deficits, outstate migration, and utter disrespect and lack of support for teachers.

The bill will not compensate teachers properly despite the bonus fiasco that has been proposed. Parents have not been denied rights in our state at any time and in any way.

PARENTS DO NOT OWN THEIR CHILDREN, and in fact are supposed to be helping them as they blossom into individual citizens with self-determination.

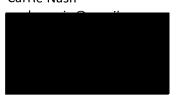
Sexual education must NOT be opt-in, but should remain opt-out so that everyone can hear about what is necessary to understand how bodies work and how to be safe.

I believe this bill is part of Dunleavy and Minnery's Christian Dominionism and must be soundly defeated.

Thank you, Carrie Nash

Fairbanks, Alaska

Carrie Nash



Fairbanks, AK 99709

From: Molly M Miller <

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 8:13 PM

To: House Education Subject: Oppose HB 105

Dear Members of the House Education Committee,

My name is Molly Miller and I live in Kodiak. I am writing on behalf of myself. Please oppose HB 105.

I have listened to many fellow Alaskan's this evening speak eloquently about the harms of this bill and the myriad of ways it would fail both our Alaskan youth and our Alaskan education system. This bill will violate student safety, cause irreparable harm to LGBTQAI+ youth, needlessly increase administrative burden on schools, and deprive all students of age appropriate education on sexual education (something that parents can already easily opt out of, no questions asked). Additionally it would open our public school up to frivolous litigation at a time when Alaska education is woefully under funded.

Please do not vote this bill out of committee.

Thank you,

Molly Miller

From:		on behalf c	of Shoshana	Kun
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Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 8:30 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, Miss Shoshana Kun

From: spideyatwork <

Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 6:22 PM

To: House Education

Subject: Hb 105

Can't believe we are having this discussion about a bill on parental rights but here we are. Please votecin favor.

Sincerely,

Peter Parker Eagle River Alaska

Sent from my Galaxy

From: Elizabeth Vanderzanden <

Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 7:10 PM

To:House EducationSubject:House Bill 105

To all House Education Committee members,

We want to make our voices heard that we are in full favor of House Bill 105 in protecting fundamental parental rights.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joe and Liz Vanderzanden

From:

Alan Davis <

Sent:

Thursday, March 30, 2023 1:12 PM

To:

House Education

Subject:

HB 105

Good afternoon,

My name is Alan Davis. I am the principal of Martin L Olson School in Golovin, AK. Prior to becoming the principal here 3 years ago I taught Science and Math for 25 years. During that time I also raised two children.

Every principal that I ever worked for told me that parent communication was the key to student success. If a student was failing it was my job to reach out to the parent. If a parent had a complaint they brought it to me. If they went to the principal first he/she always sent them to me before conferring with them. When my children had issues at school I expected their teachers to contact me.

Parent/school communication has always been the norm, and has always been expected. It is sad that a governor has to propose a law to make a school communicate with a parent. I support Governor Dunleavy 100% in this bill. There are very few circumstances where a student would be in jeopardy if this law is passed. Those very few exceptions could certainly be spelled out in legislation. There is no way this law should be "Dead on Arrival" as one narrow minded Representative stated when the governor proposed it.

As a parent and an educator I have seen the long term social and emotional damage that can happen to students when there is no communication. Parents care more and have more rights to their children's well being than the school. Schools, school boards and teacher's unions should stop trying to take these rights away from parents. When a student graduates they are no longer the school's concern. Parents are concerned for a life time.

Thank you,

Alan Davis Principal Martin L Olson School Golovin, AK

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From: Ed Zehrung <

Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 4:43 PM

To: House Education **Subject:** Please support HB 105

Please support HB 105.

We must support parents and families!

Thank you!

From: Douglas Brotherton <

Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 4:49 PM

To: House Education Subject: SUPPORT HB 105

House Bill 105 MUST PASS

Doug and Elena Brotherton, Anchorage

From: Joan < Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 5:00 PM

To: House Education

Subject: HB 105

For the sake of our children - support this bill!

My heart aches that we are even needing to legislate these issues - but if we must, then I plead that you do the right thing vs the "PC" thing!

From:

john f mathis sr <

Sent:

Wednesday, March 29, 2023 5:08 PM

To:

House Education

Subject:

H.S.105 Parents Rights Support

Alaska Lawmakers,

My name is John Mathis Sr.

I urge you to support this bill on Parental Rights.

Parental Rights are God Given and Constitutionally Guaranteed.

However, State agencies IGNORE the US Constitution largely.

Schools have NO Inherent Right to a Minor child.

Alaska's laws ARE and have been Far behind in protecting BOTH Minors and Parents.

You are paid to serve the Citizens of Alaska, This is a Fiduciary DUTY.

I fell this bill is a small step, but not enough, There should be more protection for Families and Minors!

I speak from personal experience. 10 yrs ago the SOA Destroyed MY Family and kidnapped MY sons for several years with NO legal basis.

They(SOA) demanded that I and my sons change our Religious beliefs to match what the State and the local school wanted. We refused and were attacked and the boys taken and locked in MENTAL Institutions and foster care for 3 years! Threatened that IF they didn't Denounce their belief in God, they would be sent to API.

Yes, Really, this is all documented, it is Real.

So, Please do your jobs!

John F Mathis Sr. In Exile in Russia by the SOA since 2014.

From: Priscilla Hurley <

Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 5:42 PM

To: House Education

Subject: HB105A and PCHC Sexuality Education flyer

Attachments: CSE Harmful-Effects flyer.pdf

Dear esteemed members of the Alaska State House Education committee,

I am writing in support of the concepts around HB105A. First, I would like to question the use of the word "parent" used many times in HB105. Is there a specific definition of this term? If not, perhaps there should be, for clarification purposes. Some concerned individuals may be Guardians, or Foster Parents, or grandparents who are helping to raise their grandchildren. This is something we do not want to be misunderstood.

as Parents are extremely upset about the corrupt informational content developed often by gender ideology activists, whether it be curricula, books or the teachers themselves. And it is understandable parents are incensed, as they are charged with protecting their children and these messages are harmful!

I also wish to share a flyer with you that will help you understand the specific dangers of CSE (Comprehensive Sex Education) curricula and the messaging it sends. These curricula are being flooded into the public education schools throughout the United States, and in Alaska specifically, at a great rate of speed. It is overwhelming to everyone who is concerned and many feel it must stop. The Harmful Effects analysis that is attached was carefully written by professionals associated with the Protect Child Health Coalition and Family Watch International.

I hope you will find it helpful as you prepare to make decisions about the future of Alaska's children and youth. We must do better as a culture to protect young people from harmful decisions that will cause trauma and negative outcomes. Enough throwing them over a cliff to vend for themselves.

HB105A is a step in the right direction, allowing parents to not only be recognized as the primary educators of their children, but also to have the right to review materials.

Great transparency like this will allow for a cleansing of the really bad ideas that are being pushed on children and youth, as described in the attached CSE-Harmful Effects flyer. Let's work to pass legislation that really means to protect children, and not placate to a woke ideology, that is not founded on reality.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Priscilla A. Hurley Anchorage, AK

From: Randy Moore <

Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 5:45 PM

To: House Education

Subject: HB 105

I am writing to express $\underline{my \ support}$ of the bill. It's sad that we even need to verify this God given identity but it seems to be necessary .

Randy Moore

From:

Sent:

rusty rubeck < Wednesday, March 29, 2023 5:46 PM

To: Subject:

House Education HB105 support

I urge you to support HB 105 this is a common sense bill to protect our children.

From:

Phyllis Jost <

Sent:

Wednesday, March 29, 2023 5:57 PM

To: Subject: House Education parent rights bill

I am writing to voice our support of this bill. We believe most parents desire the best care and education for their children, and we recognize that there are also parents who don't measure up to the ideals of parent hood. We believe this bill supports minimal standards of care; there are always ways to protect children in situations where there is obvious reason for concern that the home may be abusive.

Phyllis and Jerry Jost

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From: Robert Bowe < Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 6:11 PM

To: House Education

Support HB105 and the Governor.

From:

Michael Pettijohn <

Sent:

Wednesday, March 29, 2023 6:17 PM

To: Subject: House Education House Bill 105

I want to express my support for House Bill 105. Parenting is very challenging and also very rewarding. My wife and I were very proactive in raising our children to the best of our ability. We were very appreciative of the support we were given through various institutions. However, when individuals or organizations felt they knew better than us what was best for our children (and they actually had very little invested in the upbringing of our children) we needed to let them know that they were overstepping their bounds. We wanted to raise our children to be an asset to society, but we did not want society to dictate or undermine how we were raising our children. I appreciate schools teaching our children academics. I don't appreciate them overstepping their bounds and undermining how we have chosen to raise our children.

Parents are not the enemy. Teachers and schools are not the enemy. But parents are the ones ordained to raise their children.

From:

Patty Bouton <

Sent:

Thursday, March 30, 2023 12:00 PM

To: Subject: House Education Support of HB 105

House Education Committee:

I am in support of HB 105. By law, the parents, foster parents or guardians have responsibility and authority for minors under the age of 18, unless that minor is emancipated. The schools should not have higher authority than parents and legal guardians, unless that child is in eminent danger at school.

Providing parents the opportunity to authorize their child's participation in sexually related curriculum, be aware of pronoun use at school or school related functions, and assurances of privacy in school bathrooms and locker rooms by biological sex, are all entirely reasonable requirements.

For these reasons I support HB 105 as suggested by Governor Dunleavy.

Thank you,

Patricia Bouton

Kenai, Ak

From: Aileen Cotter <

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 12:23 PM

To: House Education

Subject: HB 105

YES I support parental rights in a child's education!

Ella A Cotter NP, AK 99705

House Education Committee Members,

PLEASE ADD YOUR OWN TEXT

Sincerely, Your Name City

Sent from my iPhone

From: btyndall <

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 12:44 PM

To: House Education

Subject: HB 105

Dear Representative:

I am writing in support of HB 105, Parent's Rights in Education. Parental rights are basic and critically essential. It is disconcerting that this bill is necessary to assert the fact that children are under the care and supervision of their parents. Parents delegate their supervision to caregivers and teachers but they do not give up their authority over those children. No one should be undermining or usurping that authority. Directing or advising students without the knowledge and consent of the child's parent or guardian is a breach of human rights.

Please support HB 105 and support Alaska's parents.

Thank you. Barbara Tyndall

North Pole

Sent with Proton Mail secure email.

From:

ANDREA HANSEN <

Sent:

Wednesday, March 29, 2023 2:31 PM

To:

House Education

Subject:

HB 105

House Education Committee Members,

It is increasingly vital that parents have a voice in what is being shoved down the throats of our youth! The amendments proposed by HB 105 would help to ensure that parents are informed as to what sexual content is being forced upon children of such tender ages as to be unconscionable as to the sensitive subject matter in question. Why educators would feel it is their place to discuss sexual matters

with children of the ages between preschool and fourth grade is beyond all common sense. Only those who are looking to sexually exploit youth and preschoolers would vote to prohibit parents from access

and control of such matters in education. I am asking for this committee to pass HB 105 so that parents may feel more at ease with sending their children to a public facility for educational purposes.

Sincerely, Andrea Hansen Wasilla, AK

From: Patty Wisel < Sent: Patty Wisel < Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 1:19 PM

To: House Education

Subject: HB 105

House Education Committee Members,

Good afternoon Representatives:

My husband and I support HB 105 and urge you to do the same. Every single bit of this bill is in the best interests of our children, grandchildren and families. Among other things, this bill clearly states that schools may not selectively withhold information regarding a child's physical, medical or mental health from a parent, foster parent, or guardian. Please support and pass HB105!

Respectfully, John & Patty Wisel Fairbanks, Ak

From: Ann Pilch < > > Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 3:53 PM

To: House Education

- **Subject:** HB 105

Please support House Bill 105 and secure the rights of parents in their children's education. Parents should be fully informed and kept in the process and content of their children's education. We are not ready to release the next generation into the hands of others who decide what children should be taught and when. Please support HB 105 and do not remove rights from those to whom they belong.

Ann Pilch

Anchorage, Alaska

Sent from my iPhone

From: Diane Richmond <

Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 4:14 PM

To: House Education
Subject: House Bill 105

I support House Bill 105. Parents have the fundamental right to direct the education and care of their children.

Diane Richmond

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Warren Fisher <

Sent:

Wednesday, March 29, 2023 4:15 PM

To: Subject: House Education Parents rights

I support parents rights for the kids. Nothing should be withheld from the parent and approval of what is taught should first be authorized by the parent for thier kids.

From: Robin Ann Marsh <

Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 4:23 PM

To: House Education Subject: Support House Bill 105

Greetings, I am a 59year old life long Alaskan. Please support the the Governor's proposed House Bill 105.

Public education is very important to our cities, states and nation. However the educational system is being weakened by political and radical ideologies. Too much money is being poured into the system and the educational benefit our children are receiving keeps declining.

I believe parental involvement in the schools is critically important. Parents must have input on what is taught and receive accurate and transparent information on curriculum and methods used in schools. It is a parental right to choose how their own children are taught in regards to sexuality. Basic human functions of male and female reproductive biology is science. But teaching transgenderism, promoting deviant sexual behavior and telling kids they can change their biological gender is wrong. A parent has a right to teach this to their own technology child at home if they choose but the public school system is not the place for it to be promoted. Our schools must get back to teaching basics of reading writing math science finance civics history and enrich with appropriate extracurriculars line music, art and sports. The school system needs to stop acting like it has to protect children from their parents.

I believe in our rights to free speech. But rights are not to be used to harm others. Promoting deviant sexuality lessons in schools especially to young children who do not have the maturity to deal with such subject material like transgender changes is harmful and in my opinion it is simply wrong!

Please protect parental rights and children's wellbeing and the strength of public schools by passing HB105.

Thank you

Robin Marsh Anchorage AK Get Outlook for iOS

From: Suzan Bray < Sept: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 4:33 P

Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 4:33 PM **To:** House Education

To: House Education **Subject:** House Bill 105

Dear Legislators,

Please vote for this bill. Strong families make for a strong state, a strong nation. It begins with parents being responsible for their own children, and for their education - which they are taxed to pay for.

Please vote in favor of House Bill 105.

Sincerely, Suzan Bray Mother of 5 Anchorage

From: dawn maness <

Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 10:11 PM

To: House Education **Subject:** Pass HB 105

Pass HB 105 put God given parents rights into law.

From:

kamijo ganus <

Sent:

Thursday, March 30, 2023 3:56 AM

To: Subject: House Education House bill 105

The ability to parent our own children has been under minded and needs to be stopped. Parents should always be informed and have access to their child's records. Any education about sex should NOT be taught until 5 th grade.

I am in support of house bill 105, there should be no question about parental rights in the school system. All information about a child should be relayed to that child's parents.

Thank you,

Kami Jo Ganus

From: Jerel and Kimberly Price <

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 6:38 AM

To: House Education

Subject: In Support of HB 105, Parental Rights

To All House Education Committee members,

We are in support of HB 105; and are in support of the God-given right of parents to direct the upbringing of their children. We encourage you to support HB 105, and support parental rights as well.

Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him. Psalm 127:3

One of the roles and responsibilities of a parent is to direct the upbringing of their children; which includes making decisions that protect, guide and help their children, especially in school settings from preschool thru 12th grade.

The School District, staff and teachers who come alongside parents in their God-given role and responsibility will only help the child, and not harm the child.

Please support HB 105 and parental rights in Alaska. Our children deserve it. Jerel and Kimberly Price Anchorage, AK

From:

Hansens <

Sent:

Thursday, March 30, 2023 7:37 AM

To: Subject: House Education
Parental rights bill

Dear committee -

Please support the authority of families to have the power to manage families. The state does not have the capacity to manage families. Schools cannot manage families - they can't even enforce seatbelts on school buses! How will they have a higher authority over a family?

The responsibility for children is given to families, not to states, and authority comes with responsibility. This authority to Parents should not be compromised. We risk our society and culture if we allow those rights to be taken away.

Thanks for your consideration.

Scott and Valina Hansen

Haines, AK

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 8:19 AM

To: House Education

Subject: HB 105

Please forward HB105. Parents are (or should be) responsible for their children. Please give them the tools to be so.

Tom Berg

From:

Betty Dye <

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 8:48 AM

To: House Education

Subject: Parental rights in educational settings in Alaska

To whom it may concern:

I urge you to support House Bill 105. This bill outlines the basic rights every parent expects to have in our country in raising their children. Please do the right and logical thing and support this bill that will protect parents' rights to educate their children the best way possible.

Sincerely, Betty Dye

From: micah6v8 <

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 8:57 AM

To: House Education

Subject: Please support House Bill 105

Parents control their children's education. No one else has this primacy.

Thank-you, Sean Gibson

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From:

Y Sumner <

Sent:

Thursday, March 30, 2023 9:18 AM

To:

House Education

Subject:

HB 105

House Education Committee Members,

I am very concerned that schools are asking teachers to do too many duties, when their sole job should be to educate the next generation. How any teacher could possibly have time to do more than just educate our students, I do not know. The dropping test scores and standards show that teachers are already over taxed with too many other duties. Sex and sexual orientation really has no business in the curriculum. The United States is falling frightening behind other countries in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). Parents surely should know what is in the curriculum at their children's schools. However my hope is that the curriculum in Alaska schools would concentrate on providing the student with a good education in Reading, Writing, Science, and Math. Providing the students with the opportunities of a good education. The more time that is spent on these sex and gender studies, the less focus that is put into Students actual education in core subjects. Neither the teacher's, nor the student's sexual orientation should be matters of curriculum.

HB105 is a good beginning. However truly our nation is losing its focus. For generations excelling in math and the sciences has taken students beyond any bias due to gender, sexual orientation, or race. I could list many who excelled and became top in their fields, despite factors that educators would now tell students will deny them the ability to achieve. Thankfully these leader's education did not focus on sexuality and gender studies; their education provided them the knowledge to excel. Why if we are seeking equality would we want to deny teachers and students a curriculum that affords the ability to achieve greatness? Why spend administrative hours, teaching hours, and study hours navel gazing with gender and sex studies? There are few enough hours in the school day to simply teach students the core subjects.

I support HB 105.

Sincerely, Yvonne Sumner Wasilla, Ak Sent from Mail for Windows

From:

Sent:

Wiley Brooks < Thursday, March 30, 2023 9:31 AM

To:

House Education

Subject:

HB 105

Respectfully request you support the bill.

Wiley Brooks

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 10:04 AM

To: House Education

Subject: HB 105

Dear House Education Committee members,

My name is Jackie Clemens and my husband, and I live in Chugiak, near Eagle River.

We are in favor of HB 105. We ask you to support it, also.

Parents are the best ones to shepherd their children. In today's world parents' rights are under assault. Many in education feel they know better than parents. There is a growing movement to separate children from their parents.

This power struggle needs to stop. To that end, please support HB 105. Support parents' efforts to keep control of their children's education.

Thank you,

Jackie and Al Clemens

From: DuncanAandS <

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 3:16 PM

To: House Education

Subject: HB 105

House Education Committee Members,

Alaska Legislature Testimony – House Bill 105 – Parent Involvement in Child's Education 3.30.2023

Thank you for this opportunity to make my voice heard this evening.

My Name is Sally Duncan, I live in Two Rivers and I represent myself, my family, my friends and any other Alaskans who are in favor of this Bill. This bill is so common sense that I believe it should be immediately instituted. I know there has to be a certain date given, but it is beyond me why these procedures are not and have not been followed for years. We shouldn't have to be talking about this, but we are and that tells me how far down the rabbit hole we have gone as a society. Thank you, Governor Dunleavy, for bringing this to the forefront and uplifting us all. I urge you all to support this bill. It is for the good of our children, their families, their friends, and all Alaskans and ultimately our country.

Many thanks for all you do.

Regards,

Sally Duncan

Sent with Proton Mail secure email.

From: Irene Quednow <

Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 7:32 PM

To:House EducationSubject:HB 105 - Support

Good evening Rep. Allard, Rep. Ruffridge, Rep. Prax, Rep. McCormick, Rep. McKay, Rep. Himschoot, and Rep. Story,

Tomorrow evening you will hear testimony on HB105. I support this bill wholeheartedly. I am not sure how we have gotten to this point in time where the government and the school board (and subsequently teachers) are the authority when it comes to deciding what is best for our children. That is the parent's job. For far too long now an agenda has been pushed in the schools rather than actual education. For the parents to be able to make the final decision which curriculum their children participate in and which one they will not, having transparency about what is being taught, providing parents with any information pertaining to their child in regards to their time at the school etc. should be a no-brainer. The school board and teachers are employed by the parents as they are paid by the parents' tax money. For an employee to withhold information from their employer and make decisions that fall very clearly outside of their purview is unconscionable in a private company. Then why is it acceptable in the schools? How on earth is it ok for a teacher to decide what name a child goes by and keep that a secret from the parents? How on earth is it ok for teacher to decide that a child needs to "transition" and keep it a secret from the parents? That is not part of a teacher's job. Groomers separate kids from their parents, families, communities, and church community, and that is what teachers keeping secrets from the parents are doing to the child - isolating them from their families and support system.

This has to stop and it has to stop now. The parents' rights need to be re-established and protected. Enough of the manipulation of the children and the authoritarian take-over of parental rights by the government and school board and teachers.

Irene Quednow

P.S.: Just for your information: a copy of this email will go to the Governor's office.

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From: Lorel Rockley

Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 7:37 PM

To: House Education

Subject: HB 105

Dear Committee Members,

Thank you for your careful consideration of HB 105. I write to you as a concerned parent, who has seen the onslaught of sexualization of young children in schools across the country. Education is meant to reflect the values of the community schooling its own children by the consent of the parents. Children are ultimately the responsibility of their parents, not the community, and certainly not teachers unions or the government.

I believe this bill will protect children by ensuring that these sensitive topics stay within the realm of the adults that care most for them, their parents. However, I understand that this bill is also a backlash against recently publicized issues, and thus might not be the ideal solution. I look forward to your careful deliberation on the best path forward to protect our children.

Thank you, Lorel Rockley

From: Nicole Carey <

Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 7:54 PM

To: House Education **Subject:** House Bill 105

I'm writing to voice my support for House Bill 105.

The rights of parents to protect their children from culturally controversial teachings that conflict with parental values and teachings must be preserved.

Please support House Bill 105.

Thank you, Nicole Carey

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

From: Drew Hatter < Sent: Drew Hatter < Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 8:12 PM

To: House Education

Subject: HB 105

Please support House Bill 105. It is important legislation that should be moved forward and passed.

Drew Hatter Anchorage, AK

From: renee Saunders <

Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 8:45 PM

To: House Education **Subject:** House Bill 105

As a mom of 6 and grandmother of 19, I very strongly urge you to support and pass HB105. Every one of its tenets are so needed for schools, children, and families.

Thank you, Renee Saunders. (Houston, AK)

Renee Saunders

From: Kendal Pike <

Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 8:55 PM

To: House Education

Cc: mike.t.kruse@gmail.com; Stacey Pike; Brian P.; Steve Kruse; Mark Kruse

Subject: Support HB 105 Invited Testimony: Kendal Kruse

Madame Co-Chair and Representatives of the Education Committee,

Thank you for listening to my testimony this morning and for requesting a transcript.

First, I would like to address a comment made by Representative Story. Respectfully, the statistics the Representative stated on the record about child abuse was far from correct. The United States Department of Justice has published those exact statistics. Of the total number of children who are abused are abused 93% are abused by someone they know to include but not limited to: teachers, coaches, counselors, doctors, friends, friends of their family. 30% of children who are abused are abused by a family to include very distant relatives. I hope that you take the time on the record to correct you inaccurate and disparaging claims. Parents are not by any stretch of the official statistics the majority source of child abuse.

My name is Kendal Kruse. I am a resident of Palmer for the last 5 although I lived in rural Nome, Alaska prior to that. I am a blessed to be a mother of four healthy children ages 8 to 5 months old. I have worked in healthcare for the last 9 years and recently was elected to the Mat Su School Board. I am representing myself and my opinions are my own.

I fully support HB 105. A parent is a child's first and most important teacher. I grew my children in my womb, have birth to them, taught them to walk, talk, and I also taught my oldest children reading, writing and arithmetic. I know each of my children better than anyone else in this world. Parents have the phenomenal responsibility of caring for the needs of their children, not the school district. The school district, or teacher, does not stay up with them when they are ill, make them dinner every night, listen to their scary dreams in the middle of the night, hold them when they are frightened or sad, helps pack their bags for college, or teaches them to drive a car. No school system or individual teacher can replace the importance or the authority of a parent in a child's life. A child will be exposed to at least thirteen teachers if not more during their time in the system. The teachers, the counselors, and the Principals will come and go in their lives but their parents will remain the constant source of love and support throughout their entire life. No system can provide even if it were functioning at its greatest potential because of the simple turn over of adults in the child's life.

To argue that any medical, mental, or physical information about a child must be withheld from a parent at the discretion of a school district or teacher is absolutely not supported by any evidence based literature. As Doctor Bishop mentioned, evidence based literature has long demonstrated that in situations where parents who are involved in their child's education the child has greater academic success, mental stability and economic opportunities. These studies demonstrate these outcomes across all demographics.

If the goal of our State Legislature is to increase educational outcomes, you would encourage and support parent involvement. If the State Legislature's goal is to improve the mental health of our youth, you would want parent involvement in education. If you want children to have the maximum economic opportunities and economic equality, you would support and encourage parental involvement.

This legislation is not anti- any group identity. HB does not conflict with Erin's law or Bree's law. It provides for parents to opt in to lessons concerning gender ideology and sexual reproduction education. Parents have the right to be informed

and direct their child's education. If school districts, or state legislatures, are attempting to force all children to have sexually related conversations without parental permission or notification we will see a continued exodus out of the public school system. The education system attempting to hide information about child from their parents is further breaking the trust and confidence of parents in the system. Homeschooling has never been easier, private schools are seeing enrollment increases and families will choose those options.

The protections for a child who are experiencing abuse are still intact. Teachers and counselors are still mandatory reporters, as am I working in health care. I have had the privilege of working with the Sexual Assault Rape and Trauma (SART) nurses in rural Alaska. I have seen some very horrific cases and in my personal experience of 3 years, but I never once saw a parent as the abuser.

I personally would never leave my precious children under the care of another adult who sought to hide or subvert me intentionally. If schools must hide curriculum, content or conversations we must ask ourselves are parents the authority over raising their children or are women merely the vessels the State utilizes to make 'their' children. This legislation ensures that the parents who wish for their children to have instruction on sexual education, reproduction, and gender ideology will be able to opt in to those lessons. The legislation also functions to ensure parents who wish to teach their children themselves in those matters in ways that alligned with their family can also do so. We live in a very diverse State ethnically, religiously, politically, and ideologically. We must respect the differences of our communities with out using subversion or force against one group of families and children or another in the schools.

I have had hundreds of parents in my district ask me to pursue policy at the school board level that mirrors this legislation. I have talked with parents who are pulling their children out of the school district to homeschool because gender and sexual reproduction conversations were being had with their children in k-3rd grade classes. I urge you to consider the damage these conversations can have on a sexually traumatized child. Reliving their trauma or discussing subjects related to their trauma in a large group setting is one of many reasons these conversations must be taken very seriously and in partnership with parents.

I urge you to support HB 105 and help to bring unity through parental rights and choice to all parents not just one group. Please do not attempt unity through forced ideology, unity will not be the result.

I thank you for your time and service.

Kendal Kruse

From: jennifer sampson <

Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 9:02 PM

To: House Education

Subject: Hb 105

Hello,

Vote yes on parental rights! It's not right for the schools to hide things from parents. I work in the FNSBSD and I know what is going on behind closed doors. Let's be transparent and work together.

Kind Regards,

Jennifer Sampson

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From: molly kelly <

Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 9:30 PM

To: House Education **Subject:** House Bill 105

To all the members of the House Education Committee,

We are in favor of House Bill 105 supporting fundamental parental rights.

Sincerely,

Dwayne and Molly Kelly

From: Dave Peck <

Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 10:10 PM

To: House Education

Subject: HB 105

Hello, I understand HB 105 may be coming up for public testimony tomorrow. I may not be able to call in so I'll submit this message.

I support HB 105. We must remember parents are the ones raising their children and bare the ultimate responsibility for their care as well as decisions involved in raising them to adulthood. The schools should not become empowered to take the place of parents or act as a higher authority than parents. Or a substitute parent. The only exception to this should be an immediate emergency arising at school requiring action at that moment.

Providing parents the opportunity to authorize their child's participation in sexually related curriculum, be aware of pronoun issues and use/records by the school and assurances of privacy in locker rooms by biological sex are all entirely reasonable requirements.

Therefore I support HB-105 and urge a do pass.

Thank you, Dave Peck Kenai, Ak

Sent from my iPhone

From: Daniel Jirak <

Sent: Friday, March 31, 2023 11:38 AM

To: House Education Subject: Fwd: HB105

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Daniel Jirak < Page 5 Page 5 Page 5 Page 6 Pa

To: house.education@akleg.com

Subject: HB105

Hi my name Is Dan Jirak and I live in the mat su valley. I have one child enrolled in the mat su school district and one pre schooler. I am calling in to show my support for HB105. I strongly urge you to pass this bill as is. We send our children to school for the teaching of academics not sexual identity, sexual education or the use of what pronouns they feel they most identify with. This bill does not discriminate against any LGBTQ+ people, it puts the parents in control of what they want to expose their children to. If parents want their kids to take sexual Education classes they can opt in for them. If they want their kids to choose to be called a different name and pronouns they can give permission. The choice is all in the parents hands where it should be, not the teacher or schools. Parents know what is best for their individual child. Teachers and schools shouldn't be trying to hide anything from parents unless they have their own personal agenda to push on the kids. Trust in the public school system in my opinion is at a all time low, you can see that with the amount of parents pulling their kids out and finding alternative schooling whether that be home school, private, or a co op. And I am not far from one of those options. This bill will help build back trust and give transparency to matters that are important to parents.

I want to Thank Governor Dunleavy for introducing this bill and again urge you to pass it.

Thank you for your time.

Dan Jirak

From: felicity young <

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 1:29 PM

To: House Education

Subject: HB 105

Please support HB 105.

Parents are the most qualified and invested people to make decisions for students. As a mother I feel now is the time to strengthen our policies in favor of parental rights.

Felicity Young

From: Cindy Glassmaker <

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 1:50 PM

To: House Education

Cc: Rep. Ben Carpenter; Schaefer, Jill C (GOV)

Subject: HB105 | Testimony in Support

Good afternoon. My name is Cindy Glassmaker, I live in Soldotna and I am providing testimony on behalf of myself as a concerned and involved parent. I know the House Education Committee is taking public testimony this evening at 5:15 PM, but due to my family schedule I don't know if I will be able to participate in the teleconference.

I urge you to support House Bill 105, relating to parental rights in my child's education. Two of our daughters graduated in 2020 and 2022, and my husband and I have one more daughter at home, who is currently a Freshman at Soldotna High School.

Parents are bestowed an amazing gift when they have an opportunity to bring a child into this world. My husband and I have not taken this important job lightly and we have always strived to have an open line of communication with our daughters and the teachers and administrators at the public schools they have attended.

I am embarrassed that a bill even needs to be presented to recognize and allow parental control when it comes to accessing their child's school records relating to any type of sex, human reproduction, and human sexuality education.

Although there are some parents who don't deserve their parental role and some kids don't have a good/safe homelife, please don't be swayed to think that this is the norm.

If I am labeled as a domestic terrorist to advocate parental rights over what information is being shared with our daughter, then I am proud to carry that badge and I will never stop fighting over what is my responsibility and right, not the governments.

I respectfully ask that you support House Bill 105 and be a part of the solution to help keep parents engaged, informed and most importantly to keep our rights to advocate for our kids. If you have any questions or need me to follow up on anything, please don't hesitate to contact me at

Respectfully yours,

Cindy Glassmaker

From: amanda faith thompson <

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 1:53 PM

To: House Education

Subject: HB 105 support from an educator

Dear committee members,

I am writing in support of HB 105. I am both a parent and a public school educator. I've seen how important it is for children's well being to have parents in the loop I'm all matters of their education. This bill strengthens that much needed communication. This is needed now more than ever. After COVID our school saw a huge increase in suicide ideation and depression among students when they returned to school. Kids want to be known and loved, and although my teenage students don't always show that, I've learned that circling the wagons around them with adults in their life eventually wins out to show them care. The only way to support these students is by teachers and parents and districts working together, not restricting avenues of communication. Please consider these high stakes.

Best regards, Amanda Thompson, King Tech High School Children Marina and Simon Petumenos



From:

Jake Henshaw <

Sent:

Thursday, March 30, 2023 1:58 PM

To:

House Education

Subject:

Bill 105

To whom it may concern,

Please respect parental authority in your decision on HB 105. May God grant you wisdom.

Pastor Jake Henshaw

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Elizabeth Samuel <

Sent:

Thursday, March 30, 2023 2:04 PM

To:

House Education

Subject:

Parental Rights are Essential to quality education

To: Representatives serving on the Education Committee

From: Elizabeth Samuel



As a former teacher, parent and grandparent with family in the public school system, it is essential for parents to have critical participation in the education of their family. This must be true at the board and administrative level as well as at the local school level. We have a diverse society. None of us need decisions being made for us. The school school systems should be able to make certain accommodations, where appropriate for all to learn in a safe, supportive environment. It is necessary to acknowledge the primary role parents and guardians play in the education of their children. I would advocate for the "opt in" rather than "opt out" posture for sensitive curricula. This acknowledges that not all hold the same values, beliefs and priorities in presentation of deeply personal topics. As parents trust the education system, they can bring much power to support of student learning at the local school, as well as support from programs and curricula district wide.

Thank you for noting and considering this very strong vote for Parental Rights!!

From: Terrie Zehrung <

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 2:16 PM

To: House Education

Subject: HB 105 Parental Rights/child safety bill!

Please vote FOR this bill to help protect the children in their care!!

The forces against children and their parents are frightening and you have the power to put a stop to some of it!! PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING AND VOTE FOR HB 105!!

Sincerely,

Terrie Zehrung

Sent from my iPhone

From: Bo Melin < Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 2:31 PM

To: House Education **Subject:** House bill 105

Please add your support to House Bill 105. It is simply common sense to allow parents, the ones who love their children the most, the ones who are ultimately responsible for the conduct of their children, to be kept in the loop on everything pertaining to their minor offspring.

Sent from my iPad

From: Courtney Rigdon <

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 2:35 PM

To: House Education

Subject: HB105

Good Afternoon,

I am writing to you not only as a concerned parent, but as a concerned citizen. I implore you to to support HB105 regarding parental rights in education. In doing so, you will guarantee the rights of parents to help make informed decisions about their children(s) education and the learning materials/information they are presented with. We are watching our nation struggle with confused, anxious and many times angry children and young adults. I believe much of this can be attributed to the information and media they are exposed to on a daily basis. In supporting and hopefully passing HB105, Alaska can provide an example for the rest of our nation in helping to preserve the right of parents as guardians and protectors of their most precious gifts.

Thank you for your time and attention to this very important issue.

Courtney Rigdon

From: Holly Buzby <

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 2:58 PM

To: House Education

Subject: HB 105

Representatives

I'm glad to see the House is realizing that parents are the one's to be in charge of "their" children's Sex Education. Being the mother of seven children I see the need for parental control.

There seems to be organizations; NEA, UNESCO

(https://urldefense.com/v3/__http://CSEtoolkit.unesco.org___;!!LdQKC6s!L1mauKdrmRyIXMVUZd2QXvFxzAkoKGnPk6B4 PnnCdjeTWG0j5RdTixL1me2C2sK07RI_MVQ9gwcXfVIBFDt-dss\$), that feel it's their duty to control Sex Education in the lives of all children.

The Alaska Legislators need to remove Sex Education from the public schools totally.

Holly Buzby

Resident of Fairbanks

From: LDM <

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 8:49 PM

To: House Education **Subject:** House Bill 105 Support

I fully support House Bill 105. Parents should be included in education decisions involving their children!

Best Regards,

L. Dean Marshall, MPA

From:

Sent:	Thursday, March 30, 2023 9:00 PM
To:	House Education
Subject:	WRITTEN TESTIMONY: Support for HB105
Good evening House Education (Committee,
When it comes to talking about s discussions and how and when to setting is morally corrupting an in There is no safe space for this kir	y and have a moral obligation to provide for the education and welfare of their children. sex and gender to young children the parents should be the central point for those to conduct them. Normalizing these conversations from non-related adults in any public nnocent child and subjecting them to lifelong confusion and psychological trauma. Indicate the presence of a parent, especially not one in which the presence and beautiful physical differences between men and women.
	our children. You are staring directly at your very own millstone. Your vote will have oose wisely, for your very soul is at stake along with every child in the state of Alaska.
God bless,	
Todd	
Todd M Lindley	

Todd M Lindley <

From:

Sent:

Lansing Eide < Thursday, March 30, 2023 9:05 PM

To: Subject: House Education I support HB105

I support HB 105

And as a parent this is very important to me.

From: David Nussbaum <

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 9:45 PM

To: House Education

Subject: HB105

I am in support of HB105.

This will not kill the lgbtq community. They are depresses and suicide BECAUSE they are lgbtq. Parents have the ONLY say in regard to their children.

From: Francesca A <

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 10:01 PM

To: House Education

Subject: Hb 105 public testimony SUPPORT

House Education Committee, I support Hb 105.

Parents have natural rights and legal responsibilities for their children. The schools do not supersede these natural rights. Schools hiding, keeping secrets from parents is not only alarming it's disturbing. If the school and or teachers do not respect rights and their beliefs they should be held responsible. Parental consent for sexual education topics is a must. It should not be taught before 4th grade. Pornographic books should not be available schools. To keep children safe parents need to know what is happening in our schools. Predators want children to keep secrets from their parents. Parents have rights to full access to their children's education and school records. Schools should not have a hidden file on students from parents. Listening to testimonies was very disheartening painting parents as abusers. That parents shouldn't have rights and schools should keep secrets. Safe schools don't have secrets to hide from parents and guardians.

Pass HB 105

Thank you, Francesca Allegrezza Anchorage

Sent from my iPhone

From: Kassie Owens <

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 10:22 PM

To: House Education

Subject: Written Testimony - Support for HB 105

House Education Committee,

There is no circumstance where the state should be privy to and subsequently hide information critical to the outcome of a child's life.

Putting schools in the position of hiding life altering thoughts children may experience from parents does not keep children safe, actually quite the contrary and I would hate to see what the liability on that looks like for the state if parents are denied the ability to intervene and seek independent counseling for their children.

Parental rights are being violated on the daily and must be restored through this legislation. Parents have the right to know what their children are learning within the school and this helps to prompt parental involvement, which is the number one predictor in the proficiency and success of our children. We need to get back to basics - the performance in our schools is absolutely dismal, trust in the public school system is at an all time low - this legislation is a step in the right direction.

The reason why transgender suicide is so high is because it is a mental illness that has become a normalized and encouraged. Please do not deny the rights of parents to seek counseling for their child.

Please pass this legislation to restore parental rights and to empower and prompt parental involvement, it is the right thing to do.

Thank you, Kassie Andrews

From: Jessica Vaudreuil <

Sent: Friday, March 31, 2023 8:46 AM

To: House Education

Subject: Please vote YES HB 105

Dear Committee,

Please Vote Yes on HB 105

I am a teacher who witnessed a horrible event at Redington High School in Wasilla when worked there. There are extremely oppressive <u>Gay Straight Alliance</u> (GSN) and <u>Gay Lesbian Strait</u> <u>Education Network</u> (GLSEN) on school campuses who seek to recruit and pressure children into joining their network and clubs during lunchtime. These clubs actively pass out "pride" stickers and seek to pin these on the lapel of kids as young as 6th grade. If a child does not want a sticker, possibly because of his/her religious beliefs as a Christian, that child is then labelled and targeted by the club as a bigot, hater, and trans/homophobe. The same happens to teachers who chose not to hang up a "safe space" rainbow sign at their classroom door.

These are not "victims" but bullies.

Christian children are being actively targeted by the LGBTQ during school hours. Children are actively sought to be recruited by the above mentioned clubs. I urge you to look at the above-mentioned websites and look at their objectives for children and school climate and this is why I support HB 105 and urge you to vote yes. These clubs are unregulated and act as conversion centers with no parental knowledge.

I witnessed a young 6th grade girl being pressured to wear a pride sticker at lunch. She was clearly being bullied by the LGBTQ club (she confided to me in this) about being an "ally" and felt pressured to take a sticker to display her "pride". I went to the administration requesting to call her parents after she came to me, and I was denied the parents phone number and was told that under no circumstances should I call the parent while kids are in these clubs. This forced me to be complicit in something I did not want any part in and I resigned shortly thereafter. I currently homeschool my own children and struggle to remain an educator because of these invasive politics.

There were many testimonies last night. How could so many testifiers call parental rights 'dangerous"? This is a clear threat to the family unit. I highly suggest looking at Section 4. This section (the amendment) looks as if it could undermine the bill. The word "unless" should be struck out in my opinion because this gives the state full power to make up any excuse and make up any psychological ploy to withhold information from parents.

Thank you

Jessica Vaudreuil Buckland, Alaska 99727

From: Sent: To: Subject:	Friday, March 31, 2023 10:03 AM House Education HB105 Testimony	
Honorable House Education Com	nittee members;	
I support HB105, however I could strange world these days and tha	n't help but think that parents should inherently have these rights already. It is a is why voting yes is critical.	
example is the effort to refer to st	nstitution insert themselves and separate children from their parents. One glaring udents by a certain name/pronoun/ whatever and "keep it a secret from parents" is a ideology that contradicts family values must be stopped. School is a place to become	
• •	ndy pulled their children from public school, so those who are left are at the mercy of a y, those students should also be protected.	
	ir kids as they believe is right. School isn't the venue to address gender identity, or me, in private. All of these topics rob precious teaching time on fundamentals.	
I appreciate that testing would be materials.	deferring parents to "opt in" rather than "opt out" of testing and have full access to all	
No information should be withheld from parents at anytime. I'm still concerned with what I believe emerged during COVID, the telehealth mental services offered to children prior to parental consent, is that still happening? If it is it truly mental health support, parents absolutely should be present and notified in advance. I think this needs to be researched and addressed.		
We must pass HB105 to ensure paattack.	rents have 100% rights to raise their children until they are 18 without being under	
Parental rights must be sustained, the freedom to raise their children how they see fit, based on their values, beliefs, and cultures. Any effort to dismantle and erode trust and authority of parents must be addressed, thank you for your advocacy to preserve the family and protect the innocence of our children. We must get back to focusing on the basics in school, look at our test scores, it begins at home, parents are their children's first teachers and their rights must be preserved.		
Sincerely,		
Kelli Toth Chugiak		

From: Mike Coons <

Sent: Friday, March 31, 2023 11:11 AM

To: House Education

Subject: My transcript of my verbal testimony for HB 105

My name is Mike Coons, President, Concerned Conservatives of Alaska, speaking for myself and CCAK We support HB 105

I have sent in a more detailed written testimony to the committee, however I would like to speak to some issues that were brought up yesterday in committee.

The State of Alaska has the strongest privacy Constitution in the nation, Article I, Section 22 which is clear and concise. SCOTUS has ruled: "Washington v. Glucksberg, 521 U.S. 702 (1997), that the Constitution, and specifically the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, protects the fundamental right of parents to direct the care, upbringing, and

education of their children. Thus withholding information from the parents out of "privacy concerns" like in Anchorage, does not apply, since the child is a minor and under the jurisdiction and control of the parents.

As to Section 4, reporting. I have dealt personally with OCS as a Paramedic. I have seen up close and personal how OCS sadly in two cases I was involved in totally disregarded our report, but yet any report of a broken arm from a fall off a swing, the parents were put through the wringer! False reporting by a child, I know of law enforcement who were called by the child wrongfully. Teachers with a bias like shown here today, reporting against parents, especially those teachers that are for unfettered decision making of the child in gender identity can and is being used as a weapon against those parents. All of those and many others happen in Alaska and nationwide.

I'm not sure how that can be addressed in a law, either this or a separate law or if it is to be within regulations by the School District. We have those districts, like Anchorage, that would a be weak, if at all, and would allow wrongful and malicious reporting by biased teachers. We need to know that this reporting isn't just from one person, but that the reporter has others within the school system to talk to the child in a fair and non biased way, the ability to talk to the parents, as appropriate, before a call is made, which then the parents have to defend themselves and be treated as guilty until proven innocent.

As to no LGBQ not being a danger, Loudon County Virginia, boy in a skirt raped two girls. Woman that thought she was a man kill 6 this week. Just two of many examples.

Please pass with those proposed amendments I have given to Chair Allurd, HB 105.

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From: Emily Tulip <

Sent: Friday, March 31, 2023 11:26 AM

To: House Education

Subject: HB105

Good morning! I am writing to voice my support of house bill 105. I see this as a common sense bill that establishes the fact that parents (or guardians or foster parents, legal guardians etc) are the decision-making overseeing authorities in a child's life until they are adults. As a parent of four kids I think it is so important the parents know what's going on with their kids at school. Parents need to be informed about what their kids are taught in ALL subjects! I am always interested in what my kids are learning in school. It's important! But especially the more sensitive and controversial subjects. Every family is different and has a right to raise & teach their kids in the way they see is best. Especially nowadays with sex education, things that used to be straightforward and black-and-white are all over the place and it is important to know what our kids are being taught so we can discuss with them at home or withdraw them from a class that we think could cause more harm than good.

Trust and transparency are so vital in the parent/educator relationship. Parents need to trust that their kids are being taught things that are good for them and beneficial for their future. We deserve the right to know what our kids are learning and to discern if it is good or bad for them and decide whether to take them out of a class that we think would be bad for them. This is so basic! I am 41 years old and grew up in Alaska. I remember bringing home a permission slip for my parents to sign when we were going to be taught sex education in elementary school. Why would this be controversial today? Why would anyone question informing parents about what their kids are learning in school? If an educator or school chose not to tell parents about a sensitive or controversial topic, it would break trust in the educational system. I would not trust to send my kids somewhere where I felt the staff were hiding something from us or didn't want us to know because they think they know better than parents.

This is of course speaking of general good parents who have their kids best interest and well-being in mind. I do understand there are exceptions. There are parents that are malicious and abusive to their children. These are the exceptions and those kids need to talk to counselors and I believe there are situations where there would be exceptions to this rule and there should be provisions for that. But I am speaking for the general loving families with loving parents who care about their kids and their futures. I think it is so important that we teach kids what is good and beneficial for their future. I personally believe that teaching kids gender confusion is not good and beneficial for their future. I believe it is damaging and can derail their futures. I'm against it and I would want to know if this is being taught to my kids in school. I would want to know if my kids were being taught to question their gender and being taught that they can be whatever gender they want to be and to change their bodies and take harmful drugs to change their gender. This could set them up for a future dependent on medical care, causing irreparable damage to their bodies & lives!! This is not good and beneficial education for their life. This is becoming a predominant idea and parents are justified in their concern for this being taught in schools and it is important to know if it will be taught so that we can address it and/or opt out of it.

I saw on the news a representative's concern about this bill eliminating any sort of "good touch a bad touch conversation" in grades lower than 4th grade. I am pretty confident that that is ridiculous. I am very pro education. I think it is so important for kids to learn the difference between good and bad touch and how to recognize a predator. I remember learning this in kindergarten and I think this is very important. It's a very basic concept that does not need to go into a comprehensive sexual education to teach. I'm pretty sure the bill is not trying to eliminate that conversation. but even then parents should be informed that they're teaching their kids good touch and bad touch! I remember my parents knowing about that and it also spurs parents on to continue that conversation at home. That's another important reason why parents need to be informed about the topics their kids are learning at school so they can discuss further at home! I am very pro education, but I am very pro age-appropriate education. I am very open and conversational with my kids about things and I understand that not all parents are like that. I do think it's important for kids to learn about their bodies learn about the facts puberty and reproduction at an age appropriate time, in an age

appropriate way, but this is where families can differ greatly on what age-appropriate means to them. This is why it's so important the parents be informed, be able to access the educational materials to know what is being taught to their children so they can choose to discuss with their children or to opt out of something that they think is harmful instead of helpful for their child. Or is even taught in a way they disagree with, or if they think it is still too mature for their child at that time in their life. This is what parents do. This is what parents are for. They get to direct their child's education and upbringing. When children become adults they can do whatever they want. They can make whatever life altering damaging decisions they want. But until then they have parents for a reason. This is a given and has been going on for generations in education. I'm pretty sure schools are still informing parents when they are going to talk about sexual reproduction or good touch bad touch. I don't know why this is such a controversial bill, but I wholeheartedly support any efforts to establish and reestablish the fact that parents are the primary decision making authorities in their children's lives and education and they should absolutely be informed about what their kids are learning in school. Or another topic in the bill, if a child is choosing to change their gender identity at school. Again parents are the primary guide of their children's lives and need to know if their kids are doing things like that so they can talk with them at home. So they can have those important conversations. So they can check on what is going on in the kids lives they would cause them to do this, so they can understand their child more. Parents need to be involved and informed. I'm sorry this is so long I did not intend it to be this long! Thank you for listening!!

Emily Tulip Mother of four children Resident of Anchorage Alaska

From: Rachelle Griffitts <

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 6:58 PM

To: House Education

Subject: Public Testimony HB105 3.30.2023 I Support Bill Rachelle Griffitts

Hello House Education Committee,

Public Testimony to be included for March 30, 2023 Testimony 5:00PM Session:

Rachelle Griffitts Anchorage Resident I am Yup'ik from Bristol Bay Alaska Civil Engineering Graduate of UAA and Alaska Native Science Engineering Program (ANSEP) Alumni I have children in public school

I am in Support of Governor's Bill HB105 to ensure Parent's Rights are respected for their children's educational needs.

In January of 2023, I was made aware of a book assignment given to my child in an Alaska Public School. The book is named The Handmaid's Tale. My 9th grader got almost halfway through the book before my child brought to my attention it's disturbing contents.

I found out that this book is on the list of approved books for the public school curriculum.

However, I learned that the book spoke about sex in an inappropriate manner, spoke about women getting raped, and used the 'F' word 96 times to refer to sexual intercourse.

I, as a parent, was not informed in writing or verbally of the sexually graphic nature of the book to decide if the content was appropriate for my impressionable, young child to be exposed to.

Books such as this one are inappropriate and made my child extremely uncomfortable and disturbed.

The book content caused my child to be distracted in other classes and disrupted her learning.

We, as parents, must know what is being taught to our children so that we may make informed decisions to protect our children and best support that their learning is uninterrupted by disturbing sexual content that is not appropriate for their developing minds.

This bill will reduce kids being exposed to content that promotes sexual abuse, desensitizing them to abuse, because parents will have the opportunity to be informed prior to sexual content being distributed to the students.

I support HB105 so that parents like me can be notified of graphic sexual content before it is taught and we may opt out of the assignment before the assignment is underway. Please vote yes for HB105.

Thank you for hearing my testimony.

Rachelle Griffitts

Rachelle Griffitts

From: Paula Colescott <

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 7:03 PM

To: House Education

Subject: Parental Rights and HB 105

Dear Committee members,

As a physician for over 30 years, there is no question in my mind that parents should have the rights described in HB 105:

Allowing parental access to school records

- Requiring written consent prior to instruction on human reproduction and sexuality
- Preventing schools from teaching sex education prior to fourth grade
- Ensuring that parents maintain the right to determine the names their children will use at school
- Preventing schools from refusing to release sensitive, personal student records to parents
- Requiring school districts to adopt physical safety concerns for student restrooms & locker rooms

I find it not only unconscionable, but ludicrous for any school district supported by taxpayers (that would be the parents) to dictate to parents not only what information they can access regarding their children, but to allow a teacher to refer to a child by any other 'name' other than what the parent has assigned. Any teacher, rather than concealing a concern they might have regarding a student, should be immediately contacting the parent to discuss the matter, rather than presuming they know what course of action should be taken, rather than a parent. I consider it the height of arrogance for a teacher or institution to believe they have developed such moral superiority, as to take over a basic right of

parents to be intimately involved in any decision involving sexuality!

There are physical and emotional safety concerns for students using a bathroom in the current divisive political environment, in which individuals can assign their own sex despite their birth sex. Taking steps to protect all involved makes good sense!

Please seriously consider approving HB 105.

Your fellow citizen, Paula J. Colescott M.D.

From:

Lesli Swanson <

Sent:

Thursday, March 30, 2023 7:31 PM

To:

House Education Rep. DeLena Johnson

Cc: Subject:

HB105 Parental Rights

Representative Johnson,

My name is Lesli Swanson, I am a resident in House District 25.

I am writing to express my full support for HB105.

I find it unsettling that the recognition of parental authority in all matters of our childrens' education, health, and safety requires any additional legislation - however, it is apparent that it now does. Please ensure this bill passes.

Thank you, Lesli Swanson

From: Eric Koan <

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 7:23 PM

To: House Education

Subject: Testimony

House Education Committee Members,

I support HB 105. I agree with Gov Dunleavy and I'm grateful he is supporting this.

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Sincerely, Eric Koan Wasilla

Sent from Mail for Windows

From:

Eleilia Preston <

Sent:

Thursday, March 30, 2023 7:22 PM

To:

Eleilia Preston; House Education

Subject:

HB105

Hi, my name is Eleilia and I am a mom and a middle school science teacher. I love my students immensely, but I know that my place is to always keep open conversations with my parents about the content in my classroom. Children do not belong to the government. They belong to God, and a He put parents in charge of them. They should always be informed of what is being taught to their children especially when it comes to sensitive, controversial topics. I support the governors bill.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

From: Sent: To: Subject:	Linda Boyle David Boyle < Thursday, March 30, 2023 7:59 PM House Education Support of HB105
Chairwoman Allard, committee n	nembers. I am David Boyle and I am testifying for myself.
I strongly support HB105.	
Usually when I testify on K12 edu	cation, which I have done multiple times in the past, I cite research and data.
But today is very different.	
I ask you, why are we even quest rights of parents? I ask, what is ha	ioning the parents rights to educate their kids? I ask, why are we even questioning the appening today to our children?
I finally ask which of you parents you see fit?	or grandparents on this committee would surrender your rights to raise YOUR child as
Why are we even having this disc	ussion? It is truly unbelievable.
This is NOT about the privacy of s	tudents.
This IS about the rights of parents	
What about the privacy rights of t students who self-identity as a ge	chose students to protect themselves in bathrooms and locker rooms from other nder other than their birth gender? Don't they have privacy rights too?
Why should school personnel hav from the parents?	e the ability to see a student's records while those same records are withheld
	s of parents as proscribed in the federal FERPA law. This law proscribes that parents ld's educational and medical records.
This bill also implements the Hatc	h Amendment to the Pupil Protection Law.
It is against the FERPA law for a sc	shool to withhold/change a student's records without notifying the parents.
Finally, if this bill is not passed, ma and the funding will decrease sub	any parents who love their children will pull their children from the public K12 system stantially.
Thank you for the opportunity to	support the rights of all parents to be responsible for their children's education.
Please pass this bill out of commit	tee for ALL the children of Alaska.
Respectfully,	
David Boyle	

From:

Sent:

laurenlee06 < Thursday, March 30, 2023 7:53 PM

To:

House Education

Subject:

HB 105

Please support this bill. Parental rights need to be protected and valued.

Lauren Lee

From:

Phil DeLand <pmdeland@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, March 30, 2023 7:45 PM

To: Subject: House Education HB 105 testimony

I support HB 105 and its proposed changes

Parental rights are absolutely essential in education.

The LGBT community wants to remove parental rights because they want unrestricted access to indoctrinate and convert vulnerable children to their community.

Many have thrown up a straw man of abusive parents, but what about abusive teachers?

Keeping parents out of the loop exposes innocent children to possible abusers and creates victims.

Concerned Voter

Phil DeLand

From: Molly DeKruif <

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 7:57 PM

To: House Education

Subject: HB 105

I urge you to support HB 105. Please represent parents, families, and children by getting behind a bill that allows parents to be parents, to advocate for their children's hearts and minds.

This matters profoundly.

Thank you.

Molly DeKruif

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 8:41 PM

To:

House Education

Subject:

HB 105 public testimony

Dear Legislators,

My. name is Allen Hippler, I am an Anchorage resident and have had 7 children go through public schools. I strongly support parental rights, and suggest that it is key that parents have all information necessary to protect their children. Unfortunately, with the proliferation of the idea that human sexuality may be assumed or discarded at will, the quality of sex education has deteriorated. Further, a few outlier teachers seem to believe that sexuality ought to be discussed and championed for underage children. Let's protect our children.

sincerely,

Allen Hippler

From: Kim B <

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 4:41 PM

To: House Education **Subject:** HB105 in support of

Dear Co-Chairs Representative Allard and Representative Ruffridge,

I am writing in support of HB105. As co-chair of the KPEA Conservative Caucus, issues surrounding gender identity have been a subject of concern in some of our discussions. HB105 would clear up any confusion. Parent involvement and communication about these subjects is necessary. I'm am also absolutely for the opt-in language.

Thank you , Kim Bates Soldotna, AK

Sent from my iPhone

From: Taunnie Boothby <

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 4:42 PM

To: House Education; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Justin Ruffridge; Rep. Mike Prax; Rep. CJ

McCormick; Rep. Thomas McKay; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Kevin

McCabe; Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Gary Stevens; Rep. Cathy Tilton;

michael.dunleavy@alaska.gov

Cc:boothby@mtaonline.netSubject:In support of HB 105

Madam and Mr. Co-Chairs and Members of the House Education Committee.

My name is Taunnie Boothby, and I live in Willow with My Husband, Richard Boothby. We are in support of Governor Dunleavy's HB 105.

I find it a sad day when the family unit is subverted and torn down at every turn. The fact that the governor even needed to introduce this bill is troubling for our society.

When people have lost the art, skill, and respect of discourse and debate without personal attacks, and the disrespect is based on viewpoint bias is appalling. I am comforted that the governor believes in the structure of the family enough to introduce this bill.

I would like you to understand that as a veteran of the US Navy & US Naval Reserves for 23 years, and a Mother and Grandmother, the idea that <u>any</u> entity believes they should have rights to my child above me is staggering.

As Americans, we are endowed by our creator with free will, but what we do with that free will is up to each person, and only they will be held accountable for their decisions.

Nobody has the right to impose their views and actions on others and assert that they must accept those views or actions. What an individual does in the privacy of their lives, so long as they do not infringe on the life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness of others, is up to them.

<u>After</u> reaching the legal age of adulthood, they have the right to do all kinds of things, and not all of those items will be in their best interest. We all have gone through things where we wished we had made a different decision. Still, until they are an adult, the parents have the right and responsibility to remain the agent of any underage children.

We are all equal. We all have equal standing as to our beliefs and behaviors. Yet, we do not have the right to dictate to others and expect others to turn a blind eye to what those people believe to be amoral and a violation of their civil liberties.

HB 105 confirms the rights of all people.

It does not, however, confirm that children are adults. It does not allow parents to give up their rights as parents as to who their children are, on the say-so of a teacher, school administrator, School Board, or any level of government.

Please pass HB 105 out of the committee as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

Taunnie Boothby

Willow, AK

From: Brad Slama < Section > Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 4:57 PM

To: House Education **Subject:** House Bill 105

I'm writing in support of parental rights as contained in HB 105. It seems like a very short time ago that parents felt confident that public schools would teach their children the basics to prepare them for a productive transition into adulthood. Today, even using the word 'transition' could have a significantly different meaning as fringe groups have attempted to - and in some cases done so successfully - co-opt what is being taught in the classroom and passing it off as education. Whether it be CRT, LGBTQ or whatever else is in the works that will be foisted on the children, education appears to be leaning closer and closer to indoctrination. At times, parents have no clue their kids are being exposed to this and, some school boards across the country, withhold information about said curricula or flat out deny that it's even being taught in their child's classrooms.

One could assume that the parents who support CRT, LGBTQ and/or Drag Queen exposure to their children within the confines of a public school, comprise a small fraction of the parents and children that make up the Anchorage School District or anything other district within the state of Alaska. If that indeed is the case, I suggest having that particular demographic meet at a location off campus to discuss their specific educational agenda for THEIR children and not expose the rest of the public school students and their parents to these other-worldly teachings.

In closing, I implore you to support HB 105 so that our children - our future - can be protected as well as their rights and the rights of their tax paying parents.

Sincerely...

Brad Slama

Brad Slama

From: Luke and Elisha Wegner <

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 5:16 PM

To: House Education

Subject: HB 105

My name is Luke Wegner and I am an Alaskan resident and I live in Port Alsworth. I am in support of bill HB 105. I value my role in my children's sex education and desire protection from any belief that is outside of our family's value system, as do many in our community. Please vote 'YES' on HB 105.

Sincerely, Luke Wegner

From:

Elisha Wegner <

Sent:

Thursday, March 30, 2023 5:17 PM

To:

House Education

Subject:

Parent of 3 elementary students

As a parent of 3 elementary students in an Alaska public school, my family is in favor of this bill (prohibiting any sex education below 4th grade and requiring written permission for any other students before they can participate in these classes). This is the responsibility of the parents/guardians of the children, not the state. I am very thankful that we are able to share our testimony on the subject.

Sincerely, Elisha Wegner

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Sent:

Thursday, March 30, 2023 5:34 PM

To:

House Education

Subject:

House Bill 105 - letter of support

Co-Chair Allard, Co-Chair Ruffridge, and the House Education standing committee:

My name is Amy Rodman and I'm submitting this written support of House BIll 105 on behalf of myself, a lifelong Alaskan and mother of a public school student.

Parents/primary caregivers have the right to know the content of their child's education curriculum, as the child's legal guardian, protector, and moral compass. Regardless of this concept being a law or not. The well-being and future success of a child requires honest and open communication between the public school and the parents/primary caregivers. This includes the topics of physical, mental, emotional, psychological issues with the child.

One child's safety is not less important than another child's safety. No child exists to serve the purpose of being another child's safe space. Inclusion is not achieved by selectively demanding and intruding. The solution for the fearful child's bathroom or locker room needs should not invalidate or ignore other childrens' rights to privacy and physical safety. We, as adults, fail our children in the public school system by placing one child's privacy and physical safety over another. All of our children deserve to feel safe in public school and mature into adulthood experiencing equal physical consideration.

I fully support the separation of bathroom and locker room use by biological sex identified at birth to ensure privacy and physical safety for all children. All children. Bathrooms exist for urinating and defecating, which is done with one of two different human body types. Neither of these bodily functions are done with feelings and thoughts. All of our children deserve to feel safe in public school and mature into adulthood experiencing equal physical consideration.

Locker rooms are especially vulnerable spaces for biological boys and biological girls. Combined with the awkward adolescent years, all of our children should be provided privacy and physical safety in spaces separated by biological sex. Additional single-person changing spaces should be constructed in each school for the fearful children. This additional space would ensure that biological girls and biological boys can have their right to privacy and physical safety in single-sex spaces. All of our children deserve to feel safe in public school and mature into adulthood experiencing equal physical consideration.

Thank you for your time.

From:

Linda Breiner <

Sent:

Thursday, March 30, 2023 6:00 PM

To:

House Education

Subject:

HB 105

I would like you to know that I approve of this bill.

This isn't about what someone identifies as, it's about our rights as parents and it is not the responsibility of the school to overturn parent's rights. In this time, the schools are not doing their core jobs which is to teach the fundamentals.

If children are in unsafe homes, their neighbors, relatives and the children need to speak up! These folks should hold community meetings to teach about the people that are different.

Because of social media, I believe these children are being brainwashed and would not have ever thought of these many genders if not told.

Children are not adults that can make their own decisions on lifelong changes they think they want. Don't keep parents out of the loop. There are too many people indoctrinating our children.

Thank you,

Línda Breiner : } Talkeetna

From: Laurie Vandenberg

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 6:18 PM

To: House Education

Subject: HB 105

House Education Committee Members,

First, thank you for your service. This was very hard to watch this. I SUPPORT HB 105. As a parent of 5, it is my God given right and responsibility to guide and oversee my children, not a teacher or school. It is not the right of teachers to keep this from me, as a parent. It is not the right of teachers to think they know better about my children. Frankly, listening to these teachers, my concern is what are they doing in the classroom and thinking this is okay to disregard parental rights and not work with families, but hide information from parents? My children come from a Christian home and pushing this on them in school is wrong and not the right of the school. This is not what school is about. What happened to reading, writing and math? Please support HB105. I will not allow my children in public schools with adults that want to push this agenda.

Using opposition for HB105 for sexual assault is also not ok. This is something totally different and we do need to address that in a different avenue.

God made man and woman. I am directed by God and the bible to love the person but hate the sin. I may not approve of what LBGTQ community does, but it is their right as long as it is not pushed on my children, pushed on my rights as a parent and using school to do this.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely, Laurie Vandenberg Wasilla

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S22 Ultra 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone Get <u>Outlook for Android</u>

From: cah Gci <

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 6:42 PM

To: House Education

Subject: HB105

SUPPORT this bill and the parental natural rights to know what is happening with their children;

The first hour of testimony today 3/30 would lead me to believe the lbthbq people make up 75% of the school members and justify turning school over to controlling teachers and administrators

The constitution of Alaska. Incorporating the us constitution, states there are inherent, natural rights the vote of this committee should be supporting and defending, according to the oath of office!!

Please vote DP on this bill for the parents that make up the public and pay (part?) of the bills. Let's pay these people testifying more money and get less involvement by parents and more socialist indoctrination!

Vote to pass!!

Christjne Hutchison

From: CJ Koan <

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 6:45 PM

To: House Education

Subject: HB 105

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