

Senator Carney, Representative Mooney, and honorable members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Alex Fair, I live in Lincoln, I am a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, and I am testifying in opposition to LD 1735.

Although the bill itself is concerning, I believe the most concerning aspect of this bill is Sec. 6, which would allow the courts to literally take a child away from his or her parents if said parents refuse to provide “gender-affirming care” to said child. The only other circumstances that a judge can do this is if the child is being abused, abandoned or is endangered.

This would be the biggest government overreach into families in this state that I’ve ever seen. A parent should have the authority of their children to prevent them from mutilating themselves. Let me ask you this, shouldn’t it be the right of the parent to parent his or her child? Plus, this bill places no restrictions on the age of the child. Because of the vagueness of the wording of this bill, a 5 year old could hypothetically be taken away from his parents because they refuse to make him into a girl.

Even if this bill passes I cannot see how it would pass the court. But let’s set a precedent today: that the government supports the parents’ right to parent their children. Even if this bill passes this government and is stopped at the courts, a terrible precedent would be set that this government supports overreach. Therefore I ask that you vote Ought Not to Pass to LD 1735.