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LD 1002

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing this in opposition to LD 1002, “An Act to Protect Children's Identification by Requiring Public Schools to Use the Name and Gender Specified on a Child's Birth Certificate.”

As a former public-school teacher (34 years teaching middle and high school science), I know that kids need to feel welcome and comfortable in the classroom. That means calling kids by names that they prefer whether that be a nick name or a name they have adopted. As a teacher you always do your best to remember this. It is an easy way to respect kids and their wishes.

LD 1002 is unnecessary and seems like just a cruel persecution of a vulnerable group of people.

Please oppose LD 1002.