

## Testimony of Kelly Coffin

### Against LD 227

Senator Bailey, Representative Perry, and members of the HCIFS committee, my name is Kelly Coffin from Clinton. I am against LD 227. Several concerns regarding this proposed legislation are as follows :

A number of young people on the Autism spectrum suddenly seeking transition, people who can be easily influenced positively or negatively. I am concerned about this population being targeted and manipulated. I am personally aware of this because my son is on the spectrum.

Well-established psychology is being ignored here. It is proven that young people's brains are not fully developed and the ability to make well-reasoned and responsible decisions is not complete.

NO OTHER area in medicine can a person of any age decide to have healthy, functioning, necessary body parts removed, inducing a diseased state which in this case affects the pituitary gland. Many permanent dangerous health conditions arise with use of medications, hormones and surgery used in transitioning including osteoporosis, sterility, nerve damage, chronic life threatening infections, worsening mental health, suicide as a result of a lack of improvement after transitioning, wounds that don't heal, increase in prescriptions to manage these conditions.

Legal battles now are being fought on behalf of medically damaged children. One such case is Kaiser Foundation Hospitals and the Permanente Medical Groups and Doctors who work for them are being sued by Layla Jane for "ideological and profit driven medical abuse". They removed her healthy breasts at age 13 without thorough and appropriate mental health assessment. Her parents were told, "Would rather have a live son or a dead daughter"?

Sweden, France, Finland, and Australia are in varying degrees beginning to reverse and even implement restrictions on these experimental practices after review of scientific literature and empirical evidence.

Take time to seek out interviews of detransitioners like Chloe Cole, Kiara Bell, Laura Becker, or Brian Wagner expressing regret, some suffering health conditions which were not explained. It is heart-rending to hear them express sadness as to why no one told them the truth and the adults in their life did not protect them.

Remain focused on the heart of the matter, which is children who need protecting by adults not being turned over to experimental surgeries and off labeled drug use.

My recommendation is to vote ought not to pass LD 227 and I will close with a quote from an ancient historical text, the HOLY BIBLE. Jesus Said in Luke 17: 2" It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck then to cause one of these little ones to stumble.