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LD 233

The bill LD233 should be tabled at this time because it is derived out of emotion and fear—not facts and science.

When women were introduced into military combat, police forces, and fire service numerous studies were conducted to measure ability to perform their duties but also muscle mass, strength, endurance. Decisions were made based on facts and science not emotion and fear.

What is the muscle mass and strength of a transgender girl/women athlete compared to a non-transgender girl/women athlete? How much do hormone therapy reduce testosterone levels for transgender athletes?

If the science and facts indicate that there is a difference then surely we are capable of figuring a way to level the playing field.

We do it all the time. 17-18 year olds don't compete against 12-13 year olds, marathons have multiple categories, this past Saturday at the Kentucky Derby jockeys are weighted to insure fairness. There is a way to address this issue without damaging any child regardless of gender but we first need to have the facts.

I was a paramedic in the fire service for 21 years. A lesson I learned was to never make a decision out of emotion or fear because the results are always damaging and sometimes fatal.

This bill is no different in the damage it will inflict.

Thank you.