

Opponent Testimony of HB2238  
For the Senate Education Committee  
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Parent

Chair Baumgardner and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide opponent written testimony on House Bill 2238.

I appreciate the opportunity to testify today against this extremely harmful bill. As the mother of two high school children, I've struggled to explain proposed laws like this to my kids. They don't understand why the Kansas Legislature feels compelled to worry about private parts of children and frankly- I don't understand it either.

My children and I see these laws as fear based & lacking in some basic scientific knowledge. Additionally, these laws would prey on children who are most vulnerable. Transgender & intersex children already have high suicide rates. Would you go so far as to check under their pants to see their parts? In a time when Kansans are facing serious challenges, such as affording and accessing quality healthcare, inflation, rising costs of college, etc., why are you fixated on the private parts of children? It's sick.

Instead of this hyper focusing on the genitalia of children, please leave medical determinations to doctors and stay out of it. Thank you.

Please oppose this harmful legislation. Thank you.