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Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
Proponent SB 12, web X

Chairman Gossage and Committee Members

This gender identity ideology is being pushed from the federal government down to our Kindergartners.

Gender identity is a feeling not a reality. There are two biological sexes, male and female. This bill would allow for exceptions in certain cases where a person was born with a medically verifiable disorder of sex development.

Scientifically the prefrontal lobe of the brain starts in adolescence and is fully accomplished at the age of 25 years old. The development of the prefrontal cortex is very important for complex behavior performance, as this region of the brain helps accomplish executive brain functions. So the rational part of a teen's brain isn't fully developed and won't be until age 25 or so. Adult and teen brains work differently. Adults think with the prefrontal cortex, the brain's rational part. This is the part of the brain that responds to situations with good judgment and an awareness of long-term consequences. Teens process information with amygdala. This is the emotional part. In teen's brains, the connections between the emotional part of the brain and decision-making center are still developing.

It is imperative we protect all children from the mutilation of gender reassignment service and providing punishment therefor to anyone delivering this service.

Maturity of the brain matters. Please Pass SB 6 out of committee.

Thank you
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