

Testimony on SB 233
Public Health and Welfare

It is with a heavy heart that I write this testimony. It seems unbelievable we have set limits on when a child is mature enough to buy certain games, drink alcohol, and gamble, yet in the area of sexual activity there appears to be little limitation.

We now have a national movement to actually change children's sexual identity through surgery before they discover who they really are.

I was just speaking with a young woman who is a great mother to her children yet she said her daughter feels insecure about her attractiveness, her ability to have close friends. This is not a case of a need to change her body so she will feel more acceptable. This is about giving her time to discover her abilities and to assure her every young person today goes through some type of identity crisis.

God made us all unique. Please let Him be in charge of the gender issue. If people want to have their body carved on after they reach adulthood, they can live with the consequences, but if adults encourage this action on a child, the adult should have to live with the consequences. Please make this procedure a crime with penalties.

Respectfully,

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