

Written testimony

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I am a proponent of Senate Bill 276.

Chairman Hilderbrand and Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee Members:

Blind people are normal persons who happen not to see and are a cross section of society. As a retired teacher of blind adults, in the state of Colorado, I know of several children who have been raised by blind parents and who have instilled positive values with their children. Unfortunately, age old misconceptions regarding blindness have caused children to be taken away from their parents. Parents whether blind or sighted face a learning curve when raising children. It is deplorable when it is assumed that blind people are unable to meet and overcome this learning curve solely on the grounds of blindness resulting in unreasonable and detrimental classification which is a definition of discrimination. I believe that this bill addresses these problems.

Sincerely,
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