

To Honorable Chair Landwehr and Committee,

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I am presenting my written testimony for HB 2793:

The National Institute of Mental Health reports: Although the brain stops growing in size by early adolescence, the teen years are all about fine-tuning how the brain works. The brain finishes developing and maturing in the mid-to-late 20s. The part of the brain behind the forehead, called the prefrontal cortex, is one of the last parts to mature. This area is responsible for skills like planning, prioritizing, and making good decisions.

<https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/the-teen-brain-7-things-to-know#:~:text=1.,mid%2Dto%2Dlate%2020s.>)

Due to research, I support the parent or guardian consent and HB 2793.

Respectfully submitted,

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