

SB255 Proponent Testimony  
Senate Education Committee  
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Chairwoman Baumgardner and Members of the Committee,

As a mother of two girls I understand the need for this bill. My younger daughter traveled with overnight stays while playing volleyball. My older daughter traveled for equestrian competitions, both school and non-school related. Because very little time is spent in your hotel room while at horse shows, to cut costs we would share rooms with other moms, daughters, or trainers. I would never have thought to allow my daughter, or myself, to share a room with a biological male. Truth be told, the thought of it occurring never would have crossed my mind until the last year or so. While I believe it goes against the Bible, what others choose to do with regard to their biological sex doesn't really concern me. That is, until you want to put someone who is a biological male in a room all night with my daughter, or even myself. With multiple people in a hotel room, all getting dressed at the same time, it is quite likely at some point you will be exposed to sexual parts of the other people in the room. I didn't want my daughter to see male genitalia at a young age and I don't think anyone should be put in that situation whether male or female.

Not passing this legislation not only puts students in awkward and uncomfortable positions, but teachers, coaches and administrators as well. Asking those who are overseeing the activities to put aside any beliefs they may have by requiring them to place a biological male in a room with a biological female, or vice versa is not an issue they are trained to address and one they should not be required to address.

I don't know what the answer is to make everyone happy, but allowing those who are biological males at birth to share a room overnight with biological girls is NOT the answer. Likewise, allowing those who are biological females at birth should not be sharing a room overnight with biological males. Please vote to pass SB255 out of committee favorably.

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