

To Chairman Lipps and Members of the House Health Committee:

My name is Lydia Bishara and I am writing this testimony urging you all to support HB248.

I have been an x-ray tech for 24 years. I worked for 15 years in the field without a flu shot and never got the flu. Then, in the past several years, flu shots became mandatory for medical personnel. At first, we were told they were not mandatory. Then, of course, that changed, and they are now required annually.

I am extremely concerned that the very same thing will happen with the COVID vaccine, only this time it is an experimental vaccine with no long term data having been done to test for safety or efficacy.

It is one thing for my employer to tell me what is expected of me in order to perform my job, but a line is crossed when government or corporations can dictate what I can or cannot do with my health. That is not their business and leaves me very concerned for my privacy. If these corporations are allowed to cross that line, where does it stop? What will keep them from continuing dictating how we run our lives? If we do not have bodily autonomy, are we really free?

I do not want to be forced between the choice of an experimental vaccine and feeding my family or paying my bills. To put it simply- IT IS JUST NOT RIGHT!

So please- make the right decision and VOTE YES on HB248!

Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

Lydia Bishara