

Testimony Opposing HB 8

Chairman Adam Bird and members of the 135th General Assembly,

My name is Bethany Hickman and I am asking you to oppose HB 8 because it will lead to extremely dangerous & harmful outcomes.

HB 8's primary sponsor, Swearington, has so far refused to define what the bill means by "sexually explicit content" leaving it purposefully ambiguous. Will this be used to forbid LGBTQ topics from instructional material? Will it be used to tell young people that they are wrong & perverted for being who they are? This bill will lead to some extremely harmful outcomes if passed. Please don't be complicit in this.

Thank you for reading my testimony and putting in the time and energy to understand the devastating impact this bill will cause.

Sincerely,
Bethany Hickman