

Chair Lipps, Vice-Chair Stewart, Ranking Member Liston & members of the Public Health Policy Committee;

Please vote in OPPOSITION TO HB 68.

Insulin is a hormone. Some children are born without the ability to produce enough insulin, but insulin's availability to children is not regulated by a law because a child's health and survival require it.

Gender affirming care is the same – some children's bodies do not produce enough of the hormones testosterone, estrogen, and progesterone. A child's health and survival require them and the child's family and medical specialists should be making the decision to supplement these hormones.

Gender affirming care is extremely complex, and parents, patients, guardians, and professionals should be making these healthcare decisions – not lawmakers, not out of state lobbyists, and not individuals who do not know the complexities of my family or this decision.

Sincerely,

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