

Chairman Thomas, Vice Chair Swearingen, and members of the House Judiciary Committee, thank you for hearing my support testimony for HB 249.

I think it is good to be reminded of the natural God given conscience. In a free society conscience, shame, and the basic knowledge of right and wrong are very necessary for survival. The best way to detour a child from shooting up a school or other violent crimes is to cultivate the conscience. Nothing works better than self-control. All children raised in a healthy environment are acquainted with a healthy respect for shame. They inherently know to turn their head during a nude scene during a Rated R movie that is restricted to 17 and older. Seeing "drag" and other explicit materials, especially live enactments, sear and harden their conscience to their own detriment. I urge the committee to vote yes on HB 249.

-Pastor Jeff Tauring