

Chair Roegner, Vice Chair Cirino, Ranking Member Ingram, and members of the Senate Higher Education Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Alyssa Chrisman I am a full-time visiting assistant professor in Educational Studies at Denison University. I am strongly opposed to SB 1 and its companion bill HB 6.

While I have many problems with this bill, I want to focus right now on the syllabus posting requirements. I believe that publicly posting syllabi will make faculty targets. Syllabi exist in context-- for example, in my classes we read pieces with a diversity of perspectives. Just because something is on my syllabi does not mean that I want my students to "agree" with it. It also does not mean that I agree with it. Rather, it means that I want my students to read it and think about it and discuss it within the context of the learning goals of the class.

Furthermore, I have completed many years of school to make me qualified to design syllabi for college courses. Making these documents publicly accessible means that others could steal my work and copy it for their own use. It could also be used to train AI models, in which I would not get credit or compensation for my work. All students have the opportunity to get the syllabi for the class when they register. If they then find that the class is not the right fit for them, they are able to drop the class.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote NO on this harmful bill.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

Alyssa Chrisman