



OFFICE OF RESPONDENT
PARENTS' COUNSEL

February 24, 2025

Dear Members of the House Health and Human Services Committee:

I am writing on behalf of the Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel (ORPC) in strong support of House Bill 25-1200: Modifications to Office of Child Protection Ombudsman Fact Sheet. The ORPC provides high-quality interdisciplinary legal representation for parents in crisis who have been separated from their children in dependency and neglect cases. Part of the ORPC's mission includes advocating for family-centered policies, holding the state to its burden, and promoting equity and transparency in the system through data collection and analysis.

The Child Protection Ombudsman is an important partner in ensuring that both county departments of human services and the Colorado Department of Human Services follow federal and state law and regulations. On at least four occasions over the last five years, the ORPC has initiated requests for systemic investigation by the CPO. The systemic concerns raised have included:

- Access to child welfare records by parents, which is guaranteed by both state and federal law;
- Widespread lack of training and knowledge about the requirement for county departments to identify and accommodate both parents and children with disabilities;
- Falsification of child welfare records; and
- Mismanagement and interference in casework decisions by the former Washington County DHS Director leading to lengthy delays in children returning home to their parents and extensive costs to taxpayers.

In some instances, the CPO was able to obtain the necessary records to further investigate. In other circumstances, the CPO took every measure available to them to obtain records but was unable to obtain the necessary records to complete their investigation. In all instances where the CPO has been able to conduct a systemic investigation, it resulted in greater transparency and in recommendations for improvement. HB 25-1200 would provide the CPO greater access to records and clarify its authority to conduct systemic investigations, furthering its impact and ensuring Colorado families have a child welfare system that is accountable and transparent.

We must require the utmost accountability for government systems with the power to separate families, and this bill helps Colorado move in that direction. We ask for your support of HB 25-1200.

Best regards,

Melanie Jordan

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Re:

1 message

Olivia Compton <oliviaanncompton@gmail.com>
To: LCS Committees <committees.lcs.ga@coleg.gov>

Tue, Feb 25, 2025 at 2:07 PM

Thank you Mr. chair and members of the committee. I am Dr. Olivia Compton and I here to testify in favor of the bill as a member/representative of the IOYS policy advocacy committee.

On November 21, 2022, the Colorado Springs Police Department released the names of the 5 victims of the Club Q shooting. They intentionally made sure that the victims were identified based on how they were known to friends and family. Misgendering and deadnaming the victims of this heinous crime would have added insult to injury. In fact deadnaming refers specifically to how trans people have traditionally been buried under their assigned sex and name at birth. According to the Trevor Project, 41% of trans youth contemplated suicide between 2022 and 2023, largely driven by social stigma, issues accessing gender affirming care, and environments that were unaffirming or hostile. Trans youth are also less likely to have updated their documents. It is imperative that the legislature honor these youth in death, especially after we failed to honor them in life.

From the state's perspective, most of the work of a death certificate can be accomplished with the name and SSN alone. The state has proven capable of handling court ordered name changes and amended birth certificates, so it should be able to carry out its functions. Ultimately, this bill will bring us one step closer to honoring the decedent as they were, not as someone else thinks they were or should have been. It will limit further emotional distress to grieving parents, partners, friends, bio families, and found families with limited impacts to the state.

For these reasons, I implore the committee to advance this bill. I am available to answer any questions you may have.

On Tue, Feb 25, 2025, 13:56 LCS Committees <committees.lcs.ga@coleg.gov> wrote:

Hi Olivia -

Yes, you can send the testimony to this email address and I will share it with the committee.

Thanks,
Elizabeth Burger
Legislative Council Staff

On Tue, Feb 25, 2025 at 1:38 PM Olivia Compton <oliviaanncompton@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello,

I am scheduled to provide testimony today, but my teaching schedule got delayed, so I will not be done teaching until 4pm. In the event that the bill is done being read by then, can I submit written testimony?

Committee Name: House Health & Human Services
Date Time: 02/25/2025 Upon Adjournment
Hearing Item: HB25-1109
Position on the Hearing Item: For

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Thanks, Olivia

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HB25-1109 Gender Identity Certificate of Death

Typed Text of Testimony Submitted

Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
<p>Amy Diamond For herself</p>	<p>Thank you, Mr. Chair and members of the House Health and Human Services Committee. My name is Amy Diamond, and I am a psychiatric nurse practitioner urging passage of HB25-1109.</p> <p>When I was in nursing school, I worked as what back then, 20 yrs ago, was called a hospice "sitter," which means a companion for hospice patients showing signs and symptoms of being within a few days of dying. They may have family who are going home for some rest or who couldn't be there at all, but most of my assignments had no family in contact. My job was to quite literally sit with them and comfort them so they wouldn't have to be alone as they were slipping away.</p> <p>I recall one time I was sitting with one such elderly man as he mostly slept, reassuring him that I'm there when he'd wake up confused or afraid occasionally. As I was looking around the assisted living converted hospital room he would die in, it struck me how nothing about it so much as acknowledged the significance of his imminent passing, whereas we come into the world and are celebrated just for that. He had lived a whole life, whatever it was, and here he was unceremoniously slipping away; no balloons, flowers, smiling stuffed bears, cards - nothing to recognize his achievement of, at least, existing for decades. But then death ultimately leaves no tokens or trinkets anyway that could do justice to who we become by time we die, if we're lucky.</p> <p>I believe HB25-1109 serves to dignify, as best we can as a society, what death leaves of who we are, and to humbly honor the most compassionate and judicious way to refer to those who have departed: according to their own chosen terms.</p>

	<p>Thank you, and please vote yes on this common-sense bill.</p> <p>Sincerely, Amy Diamond, MA, MSN, APRN, PMHNP-BC</p>
<p>Nancy Fredricks Against themselves</p>	<p>Please do not erase biological sex from our laws by adopting the concept of "gender identity." I've studied gender ideology extensively and have concluded that the concept of "gender identity" is regressive, unscientific, homophobic, and misogynistic. Gender ideology is harmful and should not serve as the basis of public policy. The government should not be forcing people to accept this irrational and destructive belief system. Please respect our right to freedom of thought and speech. It's wrong to fine and punish someone for upholding biological reality. Many well-meaning legislators have not thought through all the implications of enshrining the concept of "gender identity" into law. As a researcher, I hate to see our date being falsified for the sake of a political agenda. Please vote against HB25-1109 and all legislature that recognizes "gender identity" as a given fact. And please remove your stupid pronoun choices from your form. Gender ideology is being discredited for all to see. Please take the time to some of the wonderful books written by compassionate thinkers like Helen Joyce's "Trans" or Abigail Shrier's "Irreversible Damage" or Kara Dansky's "The Betrayal" and you will understand why you should not be replacing biological sex with "gender identity."</p>
<p>JEANY RUSH Against themselves</p>	<p>TO: House Health & Human Services Committee RE: HB25-1109 Gender Identity Certificate of Death Sponsors: McCormick, Brown, Weissman 2-25-25 FROM: Jeany Rush, Colorado Springs, Constituent VOTE: NO</p> <p>Today, for us to be addressing this sensitive a subject, when so much is changing in the landscape of liberty in America, blows my mind. First and foremost, I totally object to your bill, your finding the need to legislate someones possible Gender, based on the now known non-scientific ideological disparity on this issue is insane. Further, with the new executive orders, I am not even sure this would cut the mustard. But first I object because you, as legislators, working for all of us, should not be interfering into the families, who have often cherished these folks their whole lives. If anyone dies, their families, heirs, or other designated relatives should have these options, not</p>

	<p>complete strangers who want to literally push their ideologies, rather than legislate. While I realize this is a sensitive issue, it is actually not your wheel house or your right to keep interfering in families issues. There are laws for these situations. Otherwise, the individuals who are involved, which is not the majority of the populace, would have options to make whatever arrangements they choose. It is not your GULAG right to bring this into your bucket list. There are actually sensitive ways a family can handle this honoring before/after if such would be the case. But it is absolutely none of your business. This is still up to the family or others related. If absolutely no one exists, then the existing laws would prevail. After all, we are all born a certain way, and that does not change, with the false damaging physical changes that may have transpired. This state has trampled too far into the weeds, and I feel it is even insulting for you to even think you have this right. I may sound harsh, but my heart is breaking! In Outrage! Gammy</p>
<p>Sven Scharpen Against themselves</p>	<p>My name is Sven Scharpen and I am from Douglas County. This is my first testimony so bear with me. I am testifying against HB-25 1109 because it is an infringement on our first amendment rights. This bill is intended to incarcerate people for twelve days if they "misgender" death certificates. Trans-identified people, while having increased exponentially and disproportionately affecting vulnerable people such as autistics, are still only about one percent of the population. Why should ninety-nine percent of the population have to sacrifice their freedom of speech to adhere to unreasonable demands from radical activists? The legislators pushing HB25-1109 are sending a message to the non-trans-identified basically saying that they don't care about the rights of people who accept their natal selves, and that we should bow down to the whims of the trans-identified. There are more pressing issues than the trans rights that have existed for the better part of a decade. Thank you very much for reading this testimony.</p>

My name is Mark Tenney, I live in Monument Colorado in House District 20. Please accept this comment as testimony on HB25-1109. I am testifying against the bill. I am testifying based on scientific papers published in scientific and medical journals that model parts of the endocrine system, usually called an axis, using systems of ordinary differential equations or stochastic differential equations.

I am an expert in these types of equations. If you search on Tenney QTSM, Green's Function, stochastic process, etc. you will see references to my name. My formulas are in textbooks and formulas, models, and methods I developed are used to analyze over one trillion dollars in financial instruments each year. Stochastic models of interest rates carry over to anything that has a rate of growth or decay or a birth rate or death rate. This includes molecules in the endocrine system.

The mathematical models of the endocrine system prove that transgender does not exist in the body. The mathematical models imply that treatments of the body as if transgender existed in it will harm the person. If carried far enough, such treatments can cause death as a contributing factor or as the main factor.

An easy way to see this is as follows. Take the case of hormone treatment only. Consider all the hormones and related chemicals as part of a vector of data. Pre-treatment the hormone vector is stable and is in the safe zone for the hormones. The treatment takes the vector to a treatment point in the

harmful zone. Harm accumulates in the body. If the treatment is stopped, the vector drifts back towards the pre-treatment point.

Suppose the pre-treatment point is the safe point for males and the treatment point partly corresponds to a female, but part to a male and part is in the danger zone for both. After the hormone treatment stops, the vector drifts back towards the pre-treatment point. Because of damage from the treatment, it may not get all the way back to the safe zone. Thus when the treatment stops, the person doesn't stay near the partly female point. This proves the treatment point was not their intrinsic identity. We know there is no bistable reality because people don't spontaneously switch genders without treatment.

Because of this null result, transgender does not exist in the body. So treatments based on telling a patient it does are insurance fraud and patient fraud. So when a person is killed by the treatment, it is a second degree homicide. They are killed while committing the crimes of insurance and patient fraud. When the State of Colorado does this to a person in UC Health or at Anschutz Medical Campus this is second degree homicide committed by the State of Colorado. Because of its overall actions, the State of Colorado is also part of this crime at other locations.

The job of medical examiners and coroners in cases of persons receiving such treatments and who died is to determine if those were part of the cause of death or the main cause and indicate it on the death certificate.

Mislabeled people's gender makes it harder to use the death certificates to document these crimes and bring them to an end. This is a violation of the 14th Amendment of the US Constitution. It is witness tampering and obstruction of justice. These are business, legal and medical records part of the documentation of a person killed by the State of Colorado at its facilities at UC Health and Anschutz Medical campus.

The State of Colorado uses gender affirming care to kill people at UC Health and Anschutz Medical Campus. Those are second degree homicide. Killing people for the fictional reason of transgender is a violation of the 14th Amendment.

President Trump's order that for all federal purposes, there is only male and female applies to enforcement of the 14th Amendment against the State of Colorado for murder in the second degree at its facilities of UC Health and Anschutz Medical Campus. Falsifying and confusing the death certificates and witness tampering with medical examiners, coroners and others is obstruction of justice of president Trump's order carrying out legislation passed by Congress to enforce the 14th Amendment prohibition against the State of Colorado killing people for fictional categories.

This law and similar laws make the State of Colorado financially liable for all the damages and harms done to every person in the state receiving gender affirming care. This includes whether they are alive still or already dead from the treatment. Damages per person include at least 1 million dollars in lost wages

in typical cases and 1 million dollars or more in medical care. For 10,000 people this is 20 billion dollars. This is money the State of Colorado is liable for and is due already but even more so upon passage of this statute. Additional fines may apply.

The US Attorney appointed by President Trump for the State of Colorado has authority to collect this money in full acting as agent for the people harmed by the State of Colorado in violation of the 14th Amendment for these fictional medical categories.

Note that the mathematical models support a finding of first degree homicide for those killed by the treatment. This is because it is an essential element of the crime to damage the person to the point that their eventual death from it is sufficiently likely.

The bill passed by the legislature is witness tampering and obstruction of justice. It therefore is proof of harmful and criminal intent by the State of Colorado. The bill by covering up the crime and tampering with medical examiners and coroners shows consciousness of guilt of the crime of murder in the second degree by the State of Colorado in its UC Health

and Anschutz campuses as well as by others at other locations.

The overall activity of the State of Colorado including this bill shows that the State of Colorado is part of these crimes in every case in the State of Colorado.

The State of Colorado is liable for the damages in all cases, just as this bill covers all cases.

Published peer-reviewed papers with mathematical models of parts of the

endocrine system can be found by searches such as the following: ordinary differential equations GnRH testosterone or stochastic differential equations GnRH estrogen, and so on. Even to the least

mathematical person, it is obvious that changing these equations and their parameters by large amounts without measuring the treatment in full at each stage will damage the person and eventually kill them.

February 25, 2025

To: Senator Mike Weissman, Rep. Kyle Brown, and Rep. Karen McCormick

Re: Testimony Against CO HB 25-1109

Dear Senator Weissman and Representatives Brown and McCormick,

My name is Lisa Shultz. I reside in Colorado. This is my written testimony in opposition to HB 1109.

Many businesses, medical professionals, government officials of various kinds, and segments of the public need to rely on the truthfulness of official documents. States are entrusted with the responsibility to make and protect reliable historical records, including by recording the objective facts surrounding the death of an individual.

A death certificate is a statement of fact issued by an official authority attesting to the truthfulness of a death. A death certificate is not the property of the individual whose death is documented. It is a factual record that belongs to the public.

It is with good cause that many US and Colorado citizens are gravely concerned when historical/medical/birth/death/vital records have been altered based on wishes and feelings, not the truth.

It is not possible to change one's sex, only to modify the exterior appearance of sex traits with drugs and surgeries. One may exercise personal agency to request that others call one by a different name and opposite-sex language and to dress and style oneself as the opposite sex. And one may legally change one's name for marriage, divorce, and other reasons, and these name changes may occur on driver's licenses and other forms of identification. It is quite a different matter to demand the erasure of facts on the historical record of a death certificate.

As a nation and state by state, we must focus on death certificates as well as birth certificates and maintain them as accurate death records by our state vital records departments. The integrity of these records matters for medical, identity-establishment, and genealogical purposes. If death certificates, or birth certificates, are modified for preferences of an identity, a history of all versions must be included and visible within the document.

It is an affront to the sanctity of reliable public information to alter or falsify death certificates. Due to the lack of common sense and respect for truthful and factual vital records in the US, and the apparent inclination of some public servants to pander to the interests of those who favor untruthful public records, the time is now to advocate for truthful and factual death certificates.

Sincerely, Lisa Shultz

Nathalie Breland
Colorado HOUSE BILL 25-1109
Testimony
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Position: Against certificate of death reflecting gender of choice rather than biological sex

Under no circumstance in a medical mental healthcare situation would it be appropriate to tell a person with schizophrenic delusions that the government is after them when this is not true. Nor, should we be telling persons with gender dysphoric delusions, that they are a woman when they are in fact a man, or telling a delusional individuals that they are a man when they are in fact a woman. This is patient abuse as defined as intentional actions that cause harm or distress to a patient. This is also societal abuse as defined as intentional actions that cause harm or distress to society as a whole.

There is not biological medical screening occurring, such as factual data that an individual is missing the SRY gene, or other definitive verification that an individual is in fact transgender. Currently, medical assessment is based largely on opinion and emotion. It is wildly inappropriate to be updating identification, medical records, and DEATH RECORDS regarding biological sex to be reflective of delusional thinking without definitive screening.

To update death records not based on medical and scientific fact, but on delusions, is a disservice to our record system. This can alter our census data to be completely inaccurate and opens the door for more and more records to be legally falsified.

If a transgender individual arrives at an Emergency Room and says they are a woman, without disclosing they are actually a man who is taking estrogen pills, their treatments, labs, and medication dosages could be life-threatening rather than life-saving. To say a man on drugs is the same thing as woman, is simply false. To have a death record that says a man on drugs who cross-dresses is the same thing as a woman, is false. If a coroner was not given a piece of paper that gave them false information, and they were asked to examine the body, the bones and primary sexual organs would identify the individual according to their biological sex, which would be true to reality and not true to delusional thinking.

If the state of Colorado believes it is appropriate to enter false, and misinformation into the death records than proceed. However, I stand firmly that our medical and death records should be reflective of scientific truth. **I am against Colorado HOUSE BILL 25-1109 as it will enter false information into our record system.**

I urge you to make decisions based on scientific truth, and not based on delusional and emotional thinking of an unhappy minority. **Please uphold and maintain the integrity of our record keeping.**