

HB1253: Youth Health Protection Act:

I'm Lloyd Benes, representing myself, asking for YES on this bill.

Opposition to this bill arises from the belief that minors with gender dysphoria need access to gender-affirming procedures--based on sincerely held assumptions that these interventions prevent suicide -- but science shows this is mistaken.

Evidence1. Studies show suicide rates among gender-distressed youth mirror those of non-gender-distressed youth with similar comorbidities (anxiety, depression, sexual abuse).

Evidence2. Adult transsexuals face a suicide rate 19 times higher than matched controls (data source=tinyurl.com/4r233fju).

Evidence3. Meanwhile, young women are suing doctors over rushed transitions leading to puberty blockers and double mastectomies by age 14 (sources tinyurl.com/3vfdu3k3, tinyurl.com/mvkd23z2). The shock of just these 3 samples may lead you to reconsider the “affirm or suicide” narrative--and cause you to grieve and go through the 5 stages of grief made famous by Elizabeth Kübler-Ross, popularly referred to as DABDA

Denial/Bargaining: Evidence4. Trans advocate Olson-Kennedy withheld publishing a \$10M study after finding no evidence that puberty blockers improve mental health, fearing it could be used in court against their use—data source=tinyurl.com/2nwz9yss.

Anger & Anxiety: Evidence5. Puberty blockers induce high-incidence of brain swelling, inhibited bone development and vision loss (source=tinyurl.com/mrrfjnhd).

Depression and Hostility: Evidence6. The UK government recently announced an “indefinite” ban on subjecting children to puberty blockers, with Sweden & Finland following suit—source=tinyurl.com/36mfjnen.

Acceptance: Evidence7. The *Washington Post* board executed a significant about-face, saying “Congress should fund new research of maximum possible rigor, overseen by scientists who are not gender medicine practitioners.” source=tinyurl.com/36mfjnen

If you championed “affirm or suicide”, please Accept it was wrong & vote YES on HB1253.