

House Health & Human Services

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HB25-1070 Electroconvulsive Treatment for Minors

Typed Text of Testimony Submitted

Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
<p>Jeany Rush Against themselves</p>	<p>TO: Health Care, Health, Insurance Committee, Sponsor: Mary Bradfield</p> <p>Re: HB25-1070 Concerning the Conditions when Electroconvulsive Treatment may be Performed on a Minor!</p> <p>FROM: Jeany Rush, Colorado Springs Constituent 1=28-25</p> <p>VOTE: NO</p> <p>Let me see if I understand a few definitions:</p> <p>"Electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) is a medical treatment most commonly used in patients with severe major depression or bipolar disorder that has not responded to other treatments. ECT involves a brief electrical stimulation of the brain while the patient is under anesthesia."</p> <p>Further I am seeing you are discussing minors, under the age of 15. Further your bill describes who has the right to make these decisions, and in the majority of cases, unless it is a parent, several others can make a decision to override a minor.</p> <p>Further, you are giving a minor also a right to determine a yes or no on this procedure, with the conditions, often, through a whole list of others.</p> <p>Now, from what I am seeing the following is a potential negative view of the procedure, and/or a potential negative impact.</p> <p>"The main disadvantage to PCT, however, is that findings about its effectiveness are mixed. One possibility for this could be that the treatment is primarily based on unspecific treatment factors.</p>

	<p>The most serious potential long-term side effect of ECT is that you might forget events from your past."</p> <p>FURTHER, ONCE AGAIN YOU ARE EMPLOYING A SAFETY CLAUSE, WHICH SPEEDS UP A PROCEDURE, ALREADY RIDDLED WITH CONFUSION, AND SECONDLY CREATES A CLIMATE WHERE THE SAFETY CLAUSE USE TAKES AWAY THE ABILITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO EVEN VOTE ON THIS?!?!?</p> <p>THERE IS AN AWFUL LOT OF OVERRIDE FROM PARENTS, INCLUDING THE ACTUAL CHILD.</p> <p>I QUESTION THE MEDICAL / PROFESSIONAL CAPACITY OF MAKING THIS DECISION, AND CERTAINLY IN SUCH A HURRY.</p> <p>This bill needs a lot more research, consideration, or outright ending this one. NOT ONLY A NO VOTE, BUT NOT SAFE TO INCREASE MORE GOVERNMENT OVER REACH INTO OUR MEDICAL LIVES AS WELL.</p>
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