

Senate Education

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SB25-073 Military-Connected Children with Disabilities

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Jeany Rush For themselves	<p>TO: SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE</p> <p>RE: SB25-073 MILITARY-CONNECTED CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES</p> <p>SPONSORS: LISTON, MARCHMAN, KELTIE, MARTINEZ</p> <p>FROM: JEANY RUSH, COLORADO SPRINGS CONSTITUENT</p> <p>VOTE: YES</p> <p>As I witnessed someone in my family spend years working with IEP's and assessment of our precious cargo with Down Syndrome, and so much difficulty with transfers, schools, and rights, which should have been afforded, I am struck by the gravity of this bill.</p> <p>Military families are the hardest struck with adjustment, benefits, education, challenges with every move, and accommodating their childrens' needs in the education systems nationwide, and worldwide. There are literally nations where families cannot go due to the lack of necessary accomodations in the schools, etc.</p> <p>While I support this effort, I would inject a caution of anytime we create another administrative arm, we need to keep in mind to not over reach into personal rights afforded all of our families by the Constitution. The idea of another state-run entity, in this state, shakes me to my core.</p> <p>Further, I would ask that all committees, adhere, respect the newest executive orders of this President, to protect children with or without disabilities from improper mental or physical care, basically robbing them of their rights as humans. Many of the children with disabilities, not all, are in positions of not being able to consent to things, and parents must stay involved, and respected accordingly.</p> <p>We need to change from DEI Diversity Equity Inclusion, to what we were before, which is Honor all of us in our diverse ways. Equity is not equality, so make that change to we are all equal. Inclusion we have worked for for decades, and should also already be in the landscape of our nation. I believe the ADA and many other programs IDEA etc. already address many of these concerns.</p>