

House Committee on Education Testimony for  
H5842 AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FAIRNESS IN WOMEN'S SPORTS ACT {LC1934/1}

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Bill Number: H5842

Viewpoint: AGAINST

My name is Eloise Narrigan. I am a constituent in Providence, Rhode Island.

I am testifying against this bill; it is transparently transphobic and would result in discrimination against LGBTQIA+ students in Rhode Island.

Trans, nonbinary, and gender fluid students in Rhode Island deserve to have full access to the programs in their schools, including school sports. They deserve to participate in programs that match their gender identity allows these students, to fully participate in their community, and to gain the many benefits of organized sports. Cis students deserve to get to know these students outside of the classroom.

All students have physiological differences, but this bill would discriminate against students based on their gender identity. It would also subject all students, including students who are not trans, to increased scrutiny of their bodies and gender expressions.

I am whole-heartedly against H5842 and ask that you not entertain this bill.