

In Support of: House Bill 6045 – Social Workers in Schools

House Finance Committee

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Hello, my name is Idalia Aguilar. I have 14-year-old twin daughters, and I am in favor of bill HB6045 to increase the number of school social workers. When my daughters started 6th grade at Thompson Middle School, they were bullied a lot because they are short and do not look like other girls. This led one of my daughters to develop anxiety, and the other to suffer from depression. We are now receiving treatment through a psychologist, and thankfully the government is helping cover the costs because the school does not have enough staff to handle these kinds of problems.

Just like me, there are many mothers going through similar situations. Sometimes it means sacrificing my time to take my daughters to appointments because of this and other problems they are facing as teenagers. For these reasons, I support this bill to help my daughters and other children in my community.