

Testimony Concerning HB 1010
“Health Care Facilities – Discrimination (LGBTQ Senior Bill of Rights)”
Submitted to The House Health and Government Operations Committee
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Position: Support

Dear Health and Government Operations Committee,

My name is Ellie Rasmussen and I am in support of HB 1010. I am writing this testimony as both a nursing student who is advocating for my patients, and as a member of the LGBT community who is advocating for the seniors in my community. Seniors in the LGBT community are particularly vulnerable and face unique discrimination in their communities. Based on the conversations I have had with LGBT seniors, and experiences I have heard from my fellow nursing students and their interactions with LGBT seniors, I believe HB 1010 adequately addresses some concerns that affect this population. I specifically support the sections of HB 1010 that address discrimination on the basis of being trans. LGBT seniors deserve to age comfortably and have the right to receive care that is affirming. LGBT seniors deserve the protection that this bill would help deliver. As a future health care provider, I believe it is critical we do all we can to advocate that everyone ages comfortably, healthy, and happy.

I urge you to support House Bill 1010 to protect LGBTQ seniors from discrimination.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ellie Rasmussen