

Senator, Lam,

I highly oppose SB199 and HB119 Primary and Secondary Education- Comprehensive Health Education Framework.

Parents have the fundamental right to know how and what their children are being taught in public schools. This bill seeks to remove control from the local school districts and boards of education.

Parents are tax-paying citizens and have the right to observe and participate in determining the content and implementation of public school programs and curricula.

Parents have the fundamental right to insist that content of public school curricula is factually sound and inclusion of new content based on new ideology and/or methodology is evidence based and demonstrably leads to positive outcomes.

Inclusion of gender ideology in public school curricula based on recent changes in public guidelines is linked to negative mental and physiological health outcomes for students.

SB199 includes open-ended language which does not adequately safeguard parents' vital and fundamental right to protect their children from exposure to curricula including content of ideology which is not evidence-based and demonstrably causes negative outcomes.

In conclusion,

Our children are already exposed to enough hyper sexualized stimulus through media, social media, books and other sources. SB199 furthers the agenda to hyper-sexualizing children against the standards of common decency, not to mention parental consent. Plainly put, parents are being forced to pay for the moral, spiritual, and psychological destruction of their own children. This is despicable legislation!! Senator Lam, please oppose SB199.

A concerned parent,

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