

Members of the Health and Government Operations Committee,

I wanted to write and let you know I support HB53 which prohibits a health care provider from inserting or implanting a contraceptive device into the body of a minor unless the minor's parent or guardian provides written authorization.

A minor may not know or understand their medical history and all decisions about pharmaceutical products need parental oversight. On the package insert of Nexplanon it states do not use if you have blot clots, liver disease, abnormal vaginal bleeding, or are allergic to anything in Nexplanon. A minor child may not know all their allergies or family history of liver issues.

Also listed on the package insert are side effects that I wouldn't want for my daughter: mood swings, weight gain, headache, acne, breast pain, sore throat, stomach pain, painful periods, depression, back pain, nausea, dizziness, pain, and pain at the site of injection.

A minor child may not understand the consequences or financial impact if the implant fails or is implanted incorrectly. The package insert states that location and removal of the implant may be difficult or impossible because the implant is not where it should be. A MAJOR risk as well is that implants have been found in the pulmonary artery.

I believe that birth control for a minor child is a family decision. Children should not be able to have access to birth control implants at school or at a doctors office without parental consent.

Thank you!

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