

**House Education**

**05/01/2024 Upon Adjournment**

**SB24-162 Best Practices to Prevent Discrimination in Sch**

**Typed Text of Testimony Submitted**

<b>Name, Position, Representing</b>	<b>Typed Text of Testimony</b>
Jeany Rush Against themselves	<p>TO: SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE, HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE, SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE 5-1-24</p> <p>RE: SB24-162 BEST PRACTICES TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION IN SCHOOLS</p> <p>FROM: JEANY RUSH, COLORADO SPRINGS CONSTITUENT</p> <p>VOTE: NO TO THE BILL AND APPROPRIATIONS OF IT</p> <p>Did we wake up in a Gulag? Do we no longer live in these United States of America?</p> <p>The only discrimination coming into our schools, into our society currently, is that brought by the false agendas of Critical Race Theory, Diversity Equity and Inclusion. Inclusion we give in schools to all, already. Equity should be equality, not some ginned up false rhetoric for past sins of past living people. Diversity we already have in our cultures. As for the Sick SEL and Racist CRT, we have either lost our collective minds, or we need to rethink the garbage we are including in K to 12, and colleges. Our children were learning real academics until these sick, treasonous, criminal programs were included in our schools, military, and society. I believe in proper treatment of all Americans. I believe in what Martin Luther King Jr. Said about character not color. It appears all of you need some lessons in those realities. I am so so furious and disgusted in these Marxist techniques being promoted by our education and legislatures. And we do not need your commie re-education camps theories either. Please reread the constitution, and maybe even a Bible. But lets stop this waste of money, and horrible transformation into insanity for our children. Grouchy Grandmother here. Most of us have more diversity in our own families, than most of the supposed puppet maker administrators trying to dictate to us!</p>



April 2024

To: House Education Committee

Re: SB24-162—Best Practices to Prevent Discrimination in Schools

Dear House Education Committee Members:

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is one of the oldest women's organizations in the country, empowering women since 1881. The mission of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy. More than 700 community leaders are members of AAUW branches around Colorado.

AAUW has led the fight on women's health and safety issues, and we have made progress over the years. Yet there is still work to do. Recent controversy around the varying treatment of harassment and discrimination incidents in our public schools has shown an urgent need to develop best practices and training.

Senate Bill 162 will create a training program for schools that will standardize procedures in four important areas: Informing students and parents of harassment or discrimination policies; how employees respond to reports of harassment or discrimination; implementing trauma-informed responses to students, and training about distinguishing between bullying and harassment or discrimination. Myriad voices will be included in developing the program, including those of victims, who are often left out of the process.

For these reasons, AAUW of Colorado strongly supports Senate Bill 162 and requests your YES vote in committee and throughout the process of becoming law.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Su Ryden". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed in a light blue rectangular border.

**Su Ryden**  
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