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Testimony on [SB26-097](#), “An Act Concerning Decriminalizing Commercial Sexual Activity Among Consenting Adults”  
(Position: *Against*)

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March 11, 2026

My name is Michael Shively, and I am a Senior Advisor to the National Center on Sexual Exploitation and to Street Grace, two organizations committed to opposing sexual exploitation. For more than 35 years I have conducted crime victimization research and evaluations of criminal justice law and policy. Across more than 20 years I had a continuous series of eight grants from the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. State Department to conduct research on exactly the issues addressed by SB26-097, including studies of prostitution and sex trafficking victimization and prevalence, and the motivations and traits of human traffickers and the criminal enterprises they operate.

*Decades of conducting original research and reviewing thousands of studies about the sex trade in the U.S., in addition to recent research we have conducted in Colorado, lead to me to strongly oppose this bill.*

The sponsors and supporters of SB26-097 argue that “consensual sex work” is relatively harmless and that most of its negative impacts are the result of its criminalization, and not from the inherent risks of exchanging money for sex. This is demonstrably false. The record of harm caused by the sex trade right here in Colorado is compelling, and consistent with evidence from throughout the world. This is a dangerous bill that, if passed, would expand the number of victims of sexual exploitation, and undermine efforts to prevent sex trafficking, pursue and punish traffickers, and provide victim support.

- In **Colorado**, the vast majority of anti-prostitution enforcement actions and investigations are driven by complaints and tips from residents and businesses.
  - Men have been arrested on a charge of misdemeanor prostitution for buying sex from adults in at least 46 of the state’s cities and counties (a table is provided below).
  - In **100%** of these communities, local residents and businesses have *complained to police* about prostitution.
  - In **100%** of these communities, there has been documented *sex trafficking of children*.
- In Colorado, men have been arrested for buying access to children for sexual abuse in another 46 cities and counties.
  - When law enforcement posts decoy advertisements for **commercial sex involving minors**, well **over 100 men typically respond** within hours.
  - The average age of the minors they have attempted to purchase for sexual abuse is 13 years.
- **More than 94% of Colorado’s population<sup>1</sup> lives within cities and counties where sex buyers have been arrested**, often in response to public complaints, where the presence and local harms of prostitution and sex trafficking have been well-documented.

Proponents of eliminating laws against prostitution argue that doing so promotes the health and safety of all involved, reduces abuses against those in the trade by destigmatizing it and removing barriers to reporting assaults to police, and frees up scarce police resources to focus on the more serious problem of sex trafficking. It all sounds good when well presented, but none of it is true.

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<sup>1</sup> According to the 2020 U.S. Census, the state’s population is **5,773,714** and **5,475,661** (94.8%) live within a city or county in which at least one demand-reduction tactic (e.g., sex buyer arrests and public disclosure of identities) has ever been used.

How do we know? Because eliminating or ignoring prohibitions has been tried many times, in many places, in many forms, over many decades, and failed every time. One need not accept promises and assertions about what might or should happen. One need only look at what *does* happen. Full decriminalization, *de facto* decriminalization via "tolerance zones" or non-prosecution policies, and legalization all fail to deliver on any of the promised benefits.

When prohibitions are removed, sex trade and trafficking activity skyrocket, as do abuses against those being trafficked. Community-level harms and public outrage increase, while trafficking enforcement and victim assistance are undermined, and the stigma against victims of the sex trade remains intact. New Zealand decriminalized prostitution two decades ago, and found that doing so almost completely undermined its ability to investigate sex trafficking cases, let alone convict or punish anyone for it, and has made it nearly impossible to identify sex trafficking victims. This profound failure led the U.S. State Department in 2021 to downgrade New Zealand from a Tier I to a Tier II nation in its annual global Trafficking in Persons Report rankings.

Prostitution "tolerance zones" have been tried and have failed every time. Boston sought to manage its rampant prostitution problems in the 1960s and 1970s by allowing it within a few square blocks. The area quickly became known as the "combat zone" and became one of the most dangerous areas in the state, while abuses against sex trade survivors flourished.

Prosecutors in several U.S. cities declared policies of *de facto* decriminalization by refusing to prosecute prostitution, along with a number of other crimes. The results have been, predictably, disastrous. In San Francisco, prostitution and other crime skyrocketed, and the district attorney was yanked from office in a recall vote. In Baltimore, prostitution and other crime flourished, and the prosecutor was voted out of office.

Similar situations have unfolded in Philadelphia and Los Angeles. Several suburbs of London have recently experimented with tolerance zones, again to disastrous effect. The voices of residents in these areas echo the "war zone" language used to describe Boston 50 years earlier.

***It is clear from a fair assessment of the empirical record of the sex trade that prostitution is inherently harmful for the vast majority of people engaged in it.*** For example:

- ***The majority of those sold in the sex trade either started as minors, or coerced or forced as adults – making the majority, by legal definition, human trafficking victims.*** In prostitution, human trafficking is not the rare exception, but is instead the norm, and the levels of harm are astronomical (more detail is provided below). For example, the average starting point of a "career" in commercial sex is as a minor, most of the rest are trafficked as adults, prostituted women have a life expectancy of 32 years of age, the leading cause of death is homicide, approximately 90% of prostituted persons experience other forms of violence, and rates of PTSD, suicidal ideation, and other forms of distress are astronomical.
- ***Most of the abuse of prostituted persons is committed by sex buyers and pimps,*** and there is no evidence that buyers and traffickers predisposed to abuse when police are watching would suddenly change their behavior for the better when police are pulled away. It is possible that prostituted and sex trafficked persons might be more likely to report abuses to police under full decriminalization, but those gains can also be accomplished by Abolition/Nordic model partial decriminalization (removing penalties for prostituted persons).
- ***Few things have a more profound negative impact on physical and mental health than having people purchase sexual access to one's body.*** Hundreds of peer reviewed studies conducted throughout the world consistently find extreme levels of harm to prostituted persons,<sup>ii</sup> regardless of the legal status of prostitution

where it occurs, whether in indoor or outdoor venues, or any other categorizations of commercial sex markets and populations. Numerous studies find that prostituted women who engage in sex work are at increased risk for depression, suicide, homicide, sexual assault, battery, substance abuse and other harms.<sup>iii</sup> For example,

- A U.S. study found that *prostituted persons have mortality rates almost 200 times greater than those found among other women with similar demographic profiles*. The three most common causes of death were, in order: *homicide, suicide, and health consequences drug and alcohol abuse*.<sup>iv</sup>
- A review of the literature and analysis of nine different data sets concluded that *prostituted women “...have the highest homicide victimization rate of any set of women ever studied.”*<sup>v</sup>
- A survey conducted in London found that *57% of escorts and prostituted women had been assaulted in indoor venues*.<sup>vi</sup>
- Interviews with sexually exploited women in New York city found that *48% said they had been sexually assaulted in indoor prostitution or while working as “escorts.”*<sup>vii</sup>
- Another set of interviews in New York City found that *“escorts” who work indoors “...are beaten twice a year, on average.”*<sup>viii</sup>
- A study of nearly 700 prostituted persons in Canada found *49% had been diagnosed with a mental health issue, with the most common diagnoses being depression (35%)*.<sup>ix</sup>

One need not speculate about what may happen if prostitution laws are repealed, as SB26-097 would require. We've seen this movie many times before, and know it turns out badly every time, for everyone. Allowing an inherently dangerous, illegal trade to expand unabated and without recourse does not reduce harm, particularly to those who are prostituted.

The path to safety and protection of human rights is prevention, achieved by keeping and enforcing laws against facilitating, trafficking, and purchasing sex, while providing support and pathways out for those who are exploited.

## Colorado Cities and Counties in Which Sex Buyers of Adult Prostitution Have Been Arrested

	Adult Prostitution Arrests	Child Sex Trafficking	Community Complaints
Adams County	x	x	x
Arapahoe County	x	x	x
Arvada	x	x	x
Aurora	x	x	x
Black Forest	x	x	x
Boulder	x	x	x
Boulder County	x	x	x
Brighton	x	x	x
Broomfield	x	x	x
Canon City	x	x	x
Castle Rock	x	x	x
Centennial	x	x	x
Colorado Springs	x	x	x
Commerce City	x	x	x
Denver	x	x	x
Dillon	x	x	x
Douglas County	x	x	x
Eagle County	x	x	x
El Paso County	x	x	x
Englewood	x	x	x
Estes Park	x	x	x
Fort Collins	x	x	x
Fremont County	x	x	x
Fruita	x	x	x
Garfield County	x	x	x
Golden	x	x	x
Grand Junction	x	x	x
Greeley	x	x	x
Gypsum	x	x	x
Jefferson County	x	x	x
Lakewood	x	x	x
Lamar	x	x	x
Larimer County	x	x	x
Loveland	x	x	x
Mesa County	x	x	x
Pueblo	x	x	x
Pueblo County	x	x	x
Sedgwick County	x	x	x
Steamboat Springs	x	x	x
Sterling	x	x	x
Summit County	x	x	x
Vail	x	x	x
Weld County	x	x	x
Wellington	x	x	x
Wheat Ridge	x	x	x
Windsor	x	x	x

<sup>i</sup> Goldenberg, S.M., Engstrom, D., Rolon, M.L., Silverman, J.G., Strathdee, S.A. (2013). Sex Workers Perspectives on Strategies to Reduce Sexual Exploitation and HIV Risk: A Qualitative Study in Tijuana, Mexico. PLoS ONE 8(8): e72982. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0072982

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# No on SB 97

## VOTE NO ON SB26-697

I do not want to see the state I've always called home instead become home for organized criminals who would capitalize on the naïveté of our state legislature to industrialize the horrific dehumanization and abuse of trafficked and indentured women and girls. We are seeing enough of that with the situation surrounding Jeffery Epstein

## Stan living in CO

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I am your constituent, and I respectfully ask you to vote NO on SB26-097, the bill to decriminalize adult commercial sexual activity.

As a Coloradan who cares deeply about the safety and dignity of women, children, and vulnerable people in our state, I am alarmed by the direction this bill would take Colorado.

Extensive international research, along with domestic data from places such as Nevada where prostitution is legal in parts of the state, shows a consistent pattern of increased demand, expanded trafficking, and greater difficulty distinguishing between consensual transactions and coercion. When the commercial sex market grows, exploitation grows with it, especially among vulnerable women and minors.

Colorado should not become the first state in the nation to fully legalize prostitution and risk normalizing the commodification of human beings.

Please stand with women, children, families, and communities across our state by voting NO on SB26-097.

Sincerely,

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Chair Gonzales and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

My name is Rebecca Pescador, and I am a family law attorney from Cortez, Colorado.

**Position:** I oppose this Bill. I respectfully submit this written testimony to express concerns regarding Senate Bill 26-097 and to encourage careful scrutiny of its potential public-safety and exploitation impacts.

### Concerns Regarding Vulnerability and Exploitation

A significant body of research suggests that many individuals involved in prostitution enter the trade while facing substantial vulnerabilities such as poverty, unstable housing, past abuse, or mental health struggles. These conditions can make individuals susceptible to manipulation or exploitation, even when participation is described as consensual.

For example, a widely cited international study of 854 individuals currently or recently involved in prostitution across nine countries reported extremely high levels of violence and trauma:

- **71%** reported physical assault while in prostitution
- **63%** reported rape
- **68%** met the clinical criteria for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
- **89%** reported wanting to exit prostitution but lacked viable alternatives

(Farley et al., *Prostitution and Trafficking in Nine Countries: An Update on Violence and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder*, Journal of Trauma Practice, 2003)

Other research examining prostitution in U.S. cities has similarly documented severe levels of violence and coercion. A study of individuals involved in prostitution in San Francisco found:

- **82%** had been physically assaulted
- **83%** had been threatened with a weapon
- **57%** had experienced childhood sexual assault

(Farley & Barkan, *Prostitution, Violence, and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder*, Women & Health, 1998)

## **Human Trafficking and Enforcement Concerns**

From a policy perspective, I am also concerned about potential implications for human trafficking enforcement. Investigations into trafficking are already complex and resource-intensive, particularly when coercion is psychological or economic rather than overtly violent. Expanding a legal commercial sex market may make it more difficult to identify trafficking victims and distinguish between genuine consent and exploitation.

## **Judicial and Law Enforcement Resources**

This proposal may also create additional demands on law enforcement and the judicial system. Determining whether an encounter was truly consensual or involved coercion can already be difficult to establish in court. Expanding a legal commercial sex market could significantly increase disputes regarding consent, requiring additional investigative resources, expert testimony, and court time to resolve conflicting claims.

These concerns may be particularly relevant in rural Colorado, where communities often have fewer social services, law enforcement resources, and victim-support programs available to address complex exploitation cases.

## **Professional Perspective**

Through my work as a family law attorney serving families in Southwest Colorado, I see firsthand how legal and social policies affect vulnerable individuals and family stability. I regularly work with people struggling to navigate difficult circumstances and seeking support from already overtaxed systems, and I sometimes see the alternatives people turn to when those systems cannot accommodate them. I also see the effects these situations can have on children and families.

## **Conclusion**

For these reasons, I respectfully encourage the committee to carefully examine the potential public-safety, trafficking-enforcement, and judicial-resource implications of SB26-097 as it evaluates this proposal. I believe these substantially outweigh the potential benefits of this Bill.

Thank you for your time and for your service to the people of Colorado.

Respectfully,



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*Submitted in my personal and professional capacity as a family law attorney practicing in Southwest Colorado.  
This testimony is not submitted on behalf of any client.*

# SB 97 Opposition Jake Johnson

Hello,

I am writing to express my complete disgust for this bill that would allow for the decriminalization of prostitution in colorado. My wife has been in the anti-trafficking field for over 10 years, being a director for a safe house in down town denver. We lived with the women coming out of prostitution and abuse. We walked the streets late at night and talked to the women weekly.

Thinking that decriminalizing prostitution will slow trafficking is complete and utter ignorance. The "system" will be used by pimps and traffickers to their benefit and will leave even more victims to a life of trauma.

We need stricter laws against the abusers, and users. If we increase availability we will increase trauma and abuse.

This is flat out the polar opposite of what women and men involved in illegal sexual activities need.

Thank you for your consideration. Please kill this bill and reprimand all in favor.

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Dear Members of the Colorado General Assembly,

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen of Colorado, residing in Aurora, to vehemently oppose Senate Bill 26-097, which seeks to decriminalize adult commercial sexual activity among consenting adults. This legislation represents a profound moral failing and a dangerous step backward for our society, particularly in its dehumanizing impact on women, the evident lack of ethical grounding among its proponents, and its blatant disregard for the foundational Christian values upon which this nation was built.

First and foremost, decriminalizing prostitution would have a deeply dehumanizing effect on women. Far from empowering them, this bill would normalize the commodification of the human body, treating women as objects to be bought and sold rather than as individuals with inherent dignity and worth. In a world already plagued by exploitation, trafficking, and gender inequality, removing legal barriers to commercial sex would only exacerbate these issues, making it easier for vulnerable women to be drawn into cycles of abuse and dependency. It sends a message that women's bodies are mere merchandise, stripping away the respect and protection they deserve and perpetuating a culture where human intimacy is reduced to a transaction. This is not progress; it is a regression to a dehumanized view of humanity that history has repeatedly shown leads to societal decay.

Moreover, the introduction of SB26-097 reflects a disturbing lack of morals and values on the part of those who proposed it. By prioritizing so-called "consensual" commercial activities over the well-being of families, communities, and the vulnerable, the bill's sponsors demonstrate a willingness to erode the ethical fabric of our state. True leadership should uphold principles of integrity, compassion, and justice—not pave the way for industries rife with exploitation. This proposal ignores the broader societal harms, including increased risks of violence, disease, and family breakdown, all in the name of misguided notions of freedom. It is a clear indication that some in our government have lost sight of right and wrong, favoring fleeting trends over timeless truths.

Finally, this bill flies in the face of the will of the people, who yearn for a return to a government that represents the solid majority of Christians and the values this country was founded upon. America was established on Judeo-Christian principles that emphasize the sanctity of life, the importance of moral absolutes, and the protection of the weak. From the Declaration of Independence's acknowledgment of rights endowed by our Creator to the countless historical references to faith in our founding documents, our nation's bedrock is one of godly virtue. The majority of Coloradans, rooted in these traditions, do not support turning our state into a haven for moral relativism. We demand representatives who honor this heritage, not those who seek to dismantle it. Passing SB26-097 would betray the trust of the people and alienate the faithful core that has long sustained our communities.

I urge you to reject Senate Bill 26-097 in its entirety. Let us instead focus on policies that uplift women, strengthen families, and reaffirm the moral compass that has guided Colorado and America for generations. Thank you for considering my views and for standing up for what is right.

Sincerely,

Mike Mihalcin

# SB26-097 Vectors of Reality

The Colorado General Assembly, Senate Judiciary Committee

Regarding: **Formal Opposition to Senate Bill 26-097**  
**(Decriminalization of Commercial Sexual Activity)**

## Introduction

As a constituent and a father, I urge the Committee to reject **SB26-097**. While proponents frame this as a matter of "freedom," this bill effectively codifies the destruction of the family unit. By legalizing both the buying and selling of sex, the state is not merely "decriminalizing" a choice—it is **incentivizing a market** that commodifies human bodies and undermines the legal standing of fathers in the home.

## The "33 Secrets" Baseline: Hypergamy and the Decay of Marital Accountability

Drawing on the principles found in

### **33 Secrets**

regarding the nature of hypergamy and attraction, this bill creates a "dark reality" for modern families.

- **Monetizing Hypergamy:** Legalization allows "elites" to use their status and wealth to bypass the traditional marriage contract, directly targeting mothers and daughters through a state-sanctioned marketplace.
- **The Transactional Trap:** When the state redefines sex as a "service," it validates a mindset where commitment is "insufficient." It encourages the pursuit of short-term financial gain over long-term family stability.
- **Accountability Deficit:** Historically, "unseemly behavior" or **marital misconduct** could be cited in court as evidence of instability. If sex work becomes a legal "career," the state strips fathers of their primary legal tool to hold a promiscuous or neglectful partner accountable in a courtroom.

## Systemic Failure of the Family Courts

Passing this bill will "burn down" the family courts within five years

by creating the following "draconian" outcomes:

1. **Custody Erosion:** Judges currently view sex work as a sign of [instability or poor judgment](#). Under SB26-097, a father could be forced to send his children into an environment where "commercial sexual activity" is legally occurring, as judges would be barred from "discriminating" against a "legal business".
2. **Fraud and Money Laundering:** The cash-heavy nature of this industry—preempting local bans in towns like [Fountain and Monument](#)—will make it effortless for a spouse to hide marital assets under the guise of "legal services".
3. **State-Sanctioned Pimping:** By repealing the law against "keeping a place of prostitution," the state allows "managers" (legalized pimps) to operate in residential neighborhoods, creating a permanent influence of "degeneracy" around our homes and schools.

### Conclusion

We do not need "additional degeneracy." We need a state that protects the **integrity of the father** and the **safety of the child**. SB26-097 is a "pro-elite" bill that treats our daughters as products and our marriages as "insufficient." I request that the Committee **postpone this bill indefinitely** to protect the future of Colorado's families.

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Colorado Senate Judiciary Committee / General Assembly

**FROM:** A Concerned Citizen, Father, and Common-Sense  
Constitutionalist

**DATE:** February 18, 2026

**RE: SB26-097: The "Beta-Provider" Subsidy and the Biological  
Mirror of Social Decay**

#### I. THE CORE THESIS: LEGISLATING THE "DARK REALITY"

This memorandum addresses the fundamental "social strangeness" of [Senate Bill 26-097](#). While proponents claim to be "protecting workers," the reality is that they are crafting a legal framework that mirrors the exact behavioral pathologies outlined in the "**33 Secrets**" model by M. This bill isn't about freedom; it's about the state subsidizing the destruction of the family unit to appease an elite class of buyers.

## II. THE "BETA-PROVIDER" ENERGY OF SB26-097

Let's be for real: This bill has "**Beta Provider**" energy written all over it. The sponsors are effectively acting as the ultimate "sims" for a system that devalues men and commodifies women.

- **The Simp Trap:** By legalizing the *buying* of sex, the state is creating a "safe space" for men who lack the value to attract a partner naturally, allowing them to use capital to bypass the "Hard Truths" of attraction.
- **Validation of the Wrong Behaviors:** Instead of incentivizing stable, high-value families, the state is saying that "commercial sexual activity" is a valid substitute for a committed marriage. It's a "participation trophy" for a society that has given up on the discipline required for a healthy culture.

## III. THE MIRROR: HYPERGAMY AND THE "USED UP" ASSET

Applying the **33 Secrets** framework, we see that the female biological nature—specifically **hypergamy** (the drive to "mate up")—is being weaponized by this bill.

- **The Elite Hunting Ground:** Legalization creates a licensed hunting ground where "elites" can exploit the economic desperation of young women (including broke graduates). This isn't "empowerment"; it's the state facilitating a market where the wealthy buy access to "bodies" that should be building families.
- **The Biological Dead-End:** The 33 Secrets model shows that a "used up" or promiscuous lifestyle leads to a "dark reality" of psychological instability. By making this a "legal career," the state is lying to our daughters, telling them their "equipment" is a business asset rather than a sacred part of their humanity.

## IV. BURNING DOWN THE FAMILY COURTS: THE ACCOUNTABILITY REVOLUTION

If you pass this, you are effectively lighting a match in the Colorado Family Court system.

- **The Accountability Mirror:** For years, "promiscuous" behavior has been shielded by a "no-fault" culture that leaves fathers holding the bag. If this work becomes a **legal commercial transaction**, the "veil of privacy" is gone.
- **The Father's Validation:** A man can finally walk into a courtroom and demand **strict accountability**. If a mother's "job" involves

state-sanctioned sex work, a father has a revolutionary legal argument regarding the best interests of the child. No judge can reasonably argue that a commercial sex-work environment is a "stable household" for a growing girl.

- **The End of the "Ohio Mom" Pass:** The state can no longer play favorites. If a woman chooses the "market," she accepts the market's consequences: a loss of moral standing in custody disputes and the exposure of her "hypergamous" nature to the public record.

## V. MONEY LAUNDERING AND FRAUD: THE DRACONIAN ECONOMY

How do you tax a "used hole"? You don't.

- Without a massive, draconian bureaucracy, this will be a haven for **money laundering and fraud**.
- A spouse can drain the family savings into "legal services" with zero paper trail. It turns every marriage into a high-risk financial liability where the "elites" can buy someone's wife "under the table" while the state looks the other way and calls it "freedom."

## CONCLUSION: STOP THE DEGENERACY

Sponsors like [Sen. Nick Hinrichsen](#) are right about one thing: the current system is broken. But their solution is to surrender to the lowest common denominator.

Colorado doesn't need more "degeneracy" and "simpling" for a broken market. We need **common sense accountability** that protects the father's role and the daughter's future. SB26-097 is a "revolutionary" disaster that will burn down our social fabric in less than five years.

**VOTE NO ON SB26-097.**

Compelling Arguments, 33 secrets

Directly apply and are backed by actual psychology studies

This memorandum utilizes the

**33 Secrets** framework (the "M" model) to analyze **SB26-097**. By applying evolutionary psychology and the "Hard Truths" of human nature, we can see how this bill creates a catastrophic feedback

loop that incentivizes the "Dark Reality" of the modern dating market.

### The "33 Secrets" vs. SB26-097: 33 Facts That Shred This Bill

1. **Hypergamy is the Engine:** Biological nature drives a search for the "highest value" mate. Legalization allows the 1% "Elites" to monopolize access to women, leaving average men (the taxpayers) to fund the social fallout.
2. **The "Dual Mate" Strategy:** Women biologically seek "Alpha" genetics and "Beta" resources. This bill allows a woman to "sell" access to the former while demanding the state (the Ultimate Beta) provide the legal protection and welfare for the latter.
3. **Accountability from the "Carousel":** The "Epiphany Phase" (when women seek stability after years of promiscuity) is destroyed when the state validates the "Carousel" as a career. It removes the social "friction" that forces a return to family values.
4. **Pair-Bonding Degradation:** Studies show that increased lifetime sexual partners (the "body count" reality) correlates directly with **divorce rates**. SB26-097 essentially mandates the destruction of future marriages/relationships, flooding our courts with a mass exodus of degeneracy that will rot the courts.
5. **The "Alpha Widow" Syndrome:** Engaging with "Elite" buyers creates a psychological "imprint" that makes a woman unable to bond with a standard "provider" husband later, leading to the "insufficiency" of marriage noted.
6. **Economic Coercion is Not Consent:** Hypergamy is exacerbated by debt. Using "freedom" as a mask for "selling your body to pay Sallie Mae" is the definition of a draconian market. No Delorian to return from this; this is utter humans rights abuse.
7. **The Devaluation of the "Beta" Husband:** When sex is a commodity, the "Beta" husband's primary contribution (provision) is rendered worthless. Why marry for stability when the "Elite" can buy the same access "under the table"?
8. **The Father's Natural Protection:** Fathers are biologically wired to gatekeep their daughters' sexuality to ensure high-value pairings. This bill is a state-level "war on fathers" that removes that gatekeeping power and weaponizes potential fallout of a mother's promiscuity being encouraged to the young adult by a

mother already riding the carousel all the way to the retirement home.

9. **The "Simp" Legislature:** The sponsors are exhibiting "Beta-Provider" energy by trying to "save" workers through validation rather than through the "Hard Truth" of accountability.
10. **The Dark Triad Attraction:** Legal markets attract "Dark Triad" personalities (Narcissists/Psychopaths). Pimps won't go away; they will just become "Legal Managers" with state-issued licenses.
11. **The "Used Up" Asset Reality:** Biology doesn't care about "labor laws." A woman's market value in this industry is tied to youth; the state is encouraging a "career" that has a 10-year shelf life and a 50-year "dark reality" aftermath.
12. **The "Check-Out" of High-Value Men:** When a society legalizes degeneracy, high-value, "common sense" men stop investing in that society (and its women), leading to civilizational collapse.
13. **Validation is a Drug:** The "Likes" of social media and the "Cash" of sex work provide a false dopamine loop that prevents women from seeking the "True North" of motherhood and family.
14. **The "Mirror" of Divorce Court:** This bill is the "smoking gun" for men in custody battles. It provides the receipt for the "promiscuity" that used to be hidden.
15. **Incentivized Infidelity:** If "commercial activity" is legal, "cheating" becomes a "side hustle." It burns down the moral foundation of the home.
16. **The "State as Pimp":** By taxing this, the government is officially "simpling"—taking a cut of the woman's body to fix their own \$1.2 billion budget deficit.
17. **Destruction of Female In-Group Competition:** It removes the social pressure for women to maintain high standards, leading to a "race to the bottom" in the dating pool.
18. **The "Provision" Loophole:** Elites will use "Legal Sex Work" as a way to buy "wives" without the risk of 50% asset loss in divorce court.
19. **Psychological Trauma (The "The Wall" Effect):** The "M" model teaches that reality hits hard at 30. Legalization makes the "crash" at the end of the carousel a state-funded tragedy.

20. **The Deception Factor:** Hypergamy relies on "plausible deniability." Legalization brings the "Dark Reality" into the light, causing a massive "revolt" of the common-sense man.
21. **The "Red Pill" Awakening:** This bill is the ultimate "Red Pill" for Colorado. It shows that the state cares more about "Elite" access than "Fatherly" protection.
22. **The End of "Nurturing" Nature:** Commercializing sex kills the "nurturing" aspect of the feminine, making the "Ohio Mom" dynamic the state-wide norm.
23. **The "Body" as Equipment:** It turns a woman into a "self-employed tool," which is the most draconian, anti-human concept possible.
24. **The "Elite" Monopsony:** In any legal market, the biggest buyers dictate the terms. The "elites" will set the "price" of our daughters.
25. **Social Engineering for Weakness:** Weak men (Simps/Betas) want this bill because they think it's their only "chance." Strong men (Fathers) hate it because they know it destroys the "Fortress" of the family.
26. **The "Solipsism" of the Bill:** The sponsors only see the "worker's rights"—they are biologically blind (solipsistic) to the impact on fathers, husbands, and children.
27. **The "Pre-Selection" Bias:** Legalized "workers" will always prioritize the "Alpha" elite, leaving the "Beta" taxpayer to deal with the psychological baggage of the industry.
28. **The "Shame" Utility:** Shame is a biological "guardrail" for society. Removing it via SB26-097 removes the only thing keeping the "Dark Reality" at bay.
29. **The "Provider" Strike:** Men will stop providing (marriage/tax base) when the "product" they are working for is being sold "under the table" to everyone else.
30. **The "Biology Doesn't Vote" Fact:** You can change the law, but you can't change the fact that men don't want "used up" partners for the foundation of their lives.
31. **The "Transaction" Virus:** Once sex is a transaction, everything in a relationship becomes a transaction. True "freedom" dies in a sea of "receipts."

32. **The "Father's Legacy" Destruction:** A father works to build a legacy for his children. This bill turns that legacy into a "market price" for the "Elites."
33. **The "Revolutionary" Accountability:** This bill is a "double-edged sword." By legalizing the behavior, the state hands every father the "Hard Evidence" needed to win in Family Court. It's the "Accountability Mirror" the sponsors never saw coming.

When you can't get laid so you gotta pay for it... That's some sad shit. There needs to be an ethics committee probing these folks. I'm concerned. Impressive legal literacy, but the core social repercussions are disturbing in nature and to be fair, in closing statement, make the bill itself a borderline human rights abuses to even suggest.

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