

Lloyd Benes, 9mar2026. Vote YES for **HB26-1083 Protect Female Sports Act**

My name is Lloyd Benes, representing myself. Thank you for allowing me to speak. I urge a “Yes” vote on this Bill because women in sports should not be required to compete against biological males.

As Section 1 (d) of this Bill states, “Due to the physical differences between males and females, having separate athletic teams based on the biological sex of the athletes reduces the risk of injury to female athletes, provides opportunities for female athletes to compete against their female peers rather than against male athletes, and allows female athletes to fairly compete for athletic accomplishments, including educational scholarships.”

Your vote on this Bill gives you a chance to align yourself with 80% of Colorado citizens. That is the percentage of voters who chose to sign the three “Protect Kids Colorado” petitions for Initiatives 108, 109 and 110. It was just announced that one of the initiatives has already been certified to show up on the ballot as 125,000 valid signatures are required, while 173,000 were provided, and the State found that 91% of them were valid (that is 157,000 valid signatures) causing that initiative to be placed on the November ballot. The remaining two initiatives had at least 163,000 signatures. If the 91% rate of valid signatures holds true on those remaining initiatives, that means the one designated 109: “Protect Women in Sports Act” will also be on the ballot in November.

Please align your vote with the 80% of Colorado voters who signed the petition for protecting women’s sports from biological males competing against biological females in women’s sports in Colorado and vote YES on this Bill.