



Washington Federation of Republican Women Opposing Resolution SB 5599 and Supporting a Referendum

WHEREAS, Parents are the best protectors of children and have the natural right and duty for the care, custody, and control for their children until they reach the age of majority of eighteen years;

WHEREAS, SB 5599 robs children of their parents who are the best advocates to guide them in making good life choices;

WHEREAS, SB 5599 undermines the family by allowing government and “host” organizations to provide shelter, gender affirming treatment and reproductive health services without any notification to the parents;

WHEREAS, Children can be housed in a facility, home, or center that is hidden from their parents and parents will not be notified if there is a “compelling reason”, such as the child desiring gender affirming treatment or abortion services; there is no age limit on how old a child must be to be hidden; and

WHEREAS, SB 5599 assumes homes are dangerous places for children suffering from gender dysphoria and parents who question or do not affirm or who attempt to guide a child through these thoughts is equal to child abuse;

RESOLVED, That the Washington Federation of Republican Women, at their Spring Board of Directors meeting in Moses Lake, WA on April 28 - 29, 2023, hereby opposes SB 5599; and

RESOLVED, That the Washington Federation of Republican Women supports efforts to take a Referendum opposing SB 5599 to the ballot where it can be voted on by the citizens of WA State.