

SCECLB34 Individual

Senedd Cymru | Welsh Parliament

Y Pwyllgor Biliau Diwygio | Reform Bill Committee

Bil Senedd Cymru (Rhestrau Ymgeiswyr Etholiadol) | Senedd Cymru (Electoral Candidate Lists) Bill

Ymateb gan Unigolyn | Evidence from Individual

What are your views on the general principles of the Bill and the need for legislation to deliver the Welsh Government's stated policy objective (to make the Senedd a more effective legislature by ensuring it is broadly representative of the gender make-up of the population)?

The make-up of the candidates for the Senedd should be selected based upon who is best person for the role not based upon their gender. This would be a very dangerous and misguided approach to take for our "democracy" here in Wales.

What are your views on the system of enforcement and potential sanctions for non-compliance proposed in the Bill?

This is a very backwards, demeaning and insulting way to narrow down candidates. If you're good enough, then you will become a candidate regardless of gender, race, religion etc. this bill is an insult to women and men who are dedicated to their jobs and who aspire to do right by their country regardless of political views by taking their hard work away from them by categorising them based upon their gender.

Are there any potential barriers to the implementation of the Bill's provisions? If so, what are they, and are they adequately taken into account in the Bill and the accompanying Explanatory Memorandum and Regulatory Impact Assessment?

The Bill is an attack on our democratic right as voters to choose who we want to represent us. Being told we have to vote for someone based on their is backwards and wrong.

Are any unintended consequences likely to arise from the Bill?

Descrimination, a lack of democratic accountability and control.

What are your views on the Welsh Government's assessment of the financial and other impacts of the Bill?

Welsh Government keep telling us there is no money for essential services, our NHS is failing and nearing oblivion, especially in north Wales. The money being wasted on these virtuous fantasies is a national scandal and the money should be used to go towards frontline services.

What are your views on the balance between the information contained on the face of the Bill and what is left to subordinate legislation? Are the powers for Welsh Ministers to make subordinate legislation appropriate?

No.

Do you have any views on matters relating to the legislative competence of the Senedd including compatibility with the European Convention on Human Rights?

No.

Do you have any views on matters related to the quality of the legislation, or to the constitutional or other implications of the Bill?

No.

Are there any other issues that you would like to raise about the Bill and the accompanying Explanatory Memorandum or any related matters?

The bill does not represent a true democracy and fails to protect the people of Wales' democratic right to vote on who they want to represent them in their constituency.

Anything else?

Scrap the Bill.