

SCECLB64 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)?

Gender or as it should be biological sex should not be taken into account, the best person should always come before box ticking, if that ends unbalanced female or male majority that's irrelevant.

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

This part of the bill is completely undemocratic, no party should be forced to have lists against its members and voters wishes.

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?

Voters will not like it, the Senedd should be encouraging greater engagement, box's ticking like this just turns more people away from the Senedd.

Are any unintended consequences likely to arise from the Bill?

Better candidates could miss out to inferior candidates just so a box can be ticked

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

I wouldn't trust what the Welsh government says and I say this as a lifelong Labour voter and also someone who is pro devolution, the Welsh government are financially illiterate.

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?

The Senedd as a whole should only make legislation on the Bill, Welsh ministers have proven themselves to be too easily led by pressure groups.

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?

This bill should be dropped, the Senedd is losing support with its undemocratic changes, closed lists are undemocratic and being on a list above someone who is a better candidate just because of your sex is a terrible idea.

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

No

Anything else?

No