

SCECLB139 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 word gender is a social construct. The Senedd should reflect biological sex which is fixed and immutable

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

Being a woman is based on biology not a belief or feeling. If you allow anyone to call themselves a woman then his bill would be disastrous as any man could do so to get on the list. It would not help balance the sexes in the Senedd. Individuals are born a particular sex. This cannot change whatever they say, feel, wear, act.

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?

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Are any unintended consequences likely to arise from the Bill?

Any male who could not get on the list as a man could simply declare they are a woman to get on it.

The Scottish attempt to do this was disastrous

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

It is naive and incomplete

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?

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

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

It will adversely affect women and their representation in politics

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

Anything else?

Being a woman is biological. Same as race. Neither can be changed because of feelings