

SCECLB203 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)?

I consider legislature requiring a certain number of particular groups of people being represented outdated and unnecessary, often needing best qualified people being ousted in preference of the stated policy objective.

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

I find the creation of yet another officer unnecessary, the money could be much better spent elsewhere.

The requirement for a candidate to state whether or not they are a woman is short sighted and offensive! If a woman must state that she is a woman then a man must also state that he is a man. And how will those who claim to be neither man nor woman be represented? We are all aware in today's world we can call ourselves anything we like so stating you are a woman actually means nothing at all - unless you state you are a biological woman and have been since birth then this statement requirement is pointless. If this statement is then also not intended to be checked or proven what is the point in having such a rule - there can also be no enforcement or sanction applied to something which is so open to abuse.

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?

Are any unintended consequences likely to arise from the Bill?

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

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?

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

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?