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Y Pwyllgor Biliau Diwygio | Reform Bill Committee

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

Ymateb gan Freija Andersson | Evidence from Freija Andersson

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)?

Women (female humans) need equal political representation in order to ensure that issues concerning us are dealt with correctly. So representative equality should be a given.

However, it needs to be clarified that we're talking about equality of the sexes, not genders, as there is no evidence that a trans identified male person (for example) will care, or even understand the particular issues that women face.

So we need to ensure sex equality.

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

No male person should be able to self identify as female, and most certainly not self identify as a female representing other women. What other oppressed, underrepresented and discriminated against class would be asked to allow a member of the class that oppresses them to be able to self identify into a position to politically "represent" them? This seems like shocking misogyny and surprising denial of science.

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?

Would presenting male candidates as women be legal under the Equality act, where the definition of woman rightly is a female human?

Are any unintended consequences likely to arise from the Bill?

The obvious one is the disenfranchisement of the female electorate, as they won't have representation when trans identifying males are prioritised (as they undoubtedly will be).

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

My guess is the bill will be hotly contested, because excluding 51% of the electorate from proper representation will be challenged. Can't judge the financial costs.

The impact of Wales being seen as an anti woman country will probably also impact the economy.

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?

Not qualified to answer

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

Women are the largest oppressed and casually brutalised group in the world.

To reduce the 51% of the population, which is still struggling to achieve political, financial and cultural equality, into some caricature that men can play act seems devolution of women's 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?

No one group of people should be allowed to appropriate the rights of an oppressed group, which is clearly happening here.

The reason for having equality between men in women in politics is obviously because women are underrepresented. If you allow men to be women, nothing changes.

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

It's sex that matters, not some undefined gender essence.

Anything else?

Stop discriminate against women.