



March 2026

To: House State, Civic, Military & Veterans Affairs Committee

Re: AAUW OPPOSES HB26-1128--Limitation on Gender Transition Procedure Claims

Dear Committee Members,

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is one of the oldest women's organizations in the country, empowering women since 1881. The mission of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy. More than 700 community leaders are members of AAUW branches around Colorado.

One of our priorities is to pursue policies that advance full access to civil rights for a diverse society. We believe HB1128 will discourage healthcare professionals from providing gender affirming healthcare services. This bill would be a step backward in our efforts to keep healthcare choices between patients and their doctors.

For these reasons, AAUW of Colorado strongly opposes House Bill 1128 and requests your NO vote in committee.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Su Ryden". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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American Association of University Women--AAUW is a top-rated 501(c)3 charitable organization whose mission is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

House State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs

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HB26-1128 Limitation on Gender Transition Procedure Claims

Typed Text of Testimony Submitted

Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Jeany Rush For themselves	TO: HOUSE STATE, CIVIC, MILITARY, & VETERANS AFFAIRS RE: HB26-1128 LIMITATION ON GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURE CLAIMS SPONSOR: KEN DEGRAAF FROM: JEANY RUSH, COLORADO CONSTITUENT 3-9-26 VOTE: YES FOLKS This bill is in keeping with Presidential Executive Orders Issued early 2025 to stop all trans/gender mutilation procedures on minors. Further those orders also remove all authority of funding for the same actions. Last Fall, many of us, over 10,000 people filed reports, evidence, attachments, and testimony to the Federal Trade Commission to demonstrate fraudulent and deceptive practices against minors in relation to harm from gender related procedures. Keeping a fair time for recourse is rational and fair. This bill also names mental health professionals, which includes testosterone, puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and mental transitioning counseling. This means that school psychologists/psychiatrists, assistants in all of the Gender

	<p>identity groups arranging for these drugs, are already breaking law by executive orders and will further, be in violation with this bill.</p> <p>This state is already in violation and contempt of these executive orders, by allowing these horrific practices to continue in our schools. It is estimated that 784,000 minors identify as trans/gender in the US. Approximately 2.4 million folks in USA identify in some way as trans/gender (mental and/or physical).</p> <p>Out of approximately 330 million population, it may seem small. However, when many of us have been horribly betrayed, harmed by having a family member injured, destroyed in some way, by this tragedy, I would say it is HIGH time this butchery stopped altogether.</p> <p>The fact that many studies, research, now shows that this entire CULT and IDEOLOGY, is not science is critical. American College of Pediatricians and many physicians groups are publically denouncing Gender Ideology as Harmful Cult/Non Science, and a sick form of sterilization of Western Civilization as we know it. The fact that a rising number of Detransitioners are speaking up, and even filing law suits, is also evidence of the harm done to innocent victims of this SCAM. The fact that supreme courts in multiple states are banning all of these procedures is more evidence it needs to stop. The huge number of</p>
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	<p>physicians speaking up, repeatedly, even to this tone-deaf legislature is further</p> <p>proof to stop this.</p> <p>MOST IMPORTANTLY, NO CHILD CAN GIVE INFORMED CONSENT, THIS BODY HAS VOTED AGAINST</p>
<p>Bennett Rutledge</p> <p>For themselves</p>	<p>Ken,</p> <p>I applaud this bill for extending the statute of limitations on this sort of thing to an age where the actual victim can seek redress of such grievances. Although 38 years old strikes me as a decade longer than necessary, I admit that in the future it may take even more time to "save up to lawyer up."</p> <p>The other thing that strikes me as off is that circumcision is specifically excluded. To me, female circumcision especially, although religious in nature, is a balancing of the parent's first amendment rights to practice their faith their way within their family, against the child's ninth amendment right to live their life unmutilated. [Sigh!]</p> <p>Overall, an important step toward restoring Ninth Amendment rights. Go for it.</p>

TO: HOUSE STATE CIVIC MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
RE: HB26-1128 Limitation on Gender Transition Procedure Claims
SPONSOR: REP. Ken Degraaf
FROM: Jody Nickerson
DATE 3/9/2026

VOTE: YES

Good afternoon Chair and members of the committee,

I am here today to support **HB26-1128**.

This bill ensures a minor that undergoes a gender transition procedure a fair amount of time that if at a later time a life altering adverse outcome from the procedure can be pursued by a limited time up to the age of 38. This is a very important issue of accountability and fairness.

A medical professional willing to do these surgical procedures should be accountable for any misdiagnosis or injury from his/her surgical expertise. This is a given. All precautions should be considered by the professional before and should accept responsibility. Otherwise, they are not immune from liability. This is why these procedures should not even be considered for minors. No more can they say, well the minor made the decision. They may have but that does not allow the professional to be negligent.

It is a known fact today that in many cases, the emotional, psychological or physical impacts of this decision may not become fully understood until years later. This is the dangerous arena that you have opened by Pandora's box by making such egregious legislation in Colorado.

This does not ban procedures, and it does not prevent medical providers from practicing medicine. What it does is ensure that if a patient was harmed—whether through negligence, lack of proper informed consent, or other wrongful actions—they still have a fair opportunity to seek justice. That is why statutes of limitation are sometimes extended in cases involving childhood harm.

This bill is to protect the patient and ensures legal accessibility for the limited time period.

Physicians have their insurance protections and full knowledge of the procedures they are performing. They understand the seriousness of doing such procedures.

I respectfully ask for your support of HB26-1128.

Thank you for your time