

Senate Education Committee
Monday, March 04, 2024 - 3:00 P.M.
TESTIMONY ON: All Subjects

Written Testimony

Name (First & Last)	Subject	Manner Testifying	Representing Company/Organization	City	For / Against	Wish to Testify	District #
Norma Staaf	HCR 25	V	self	Harpster	For	Y	7

My name is Norma Staaf, I live near Harpster in Idaho County, District 7. I am speaking for myself in support of HCR 25.

I appreciate Reps Mickelsen and Wheeler for the thoughtful language and the values expressed in HCR 25. As the daughter of both a WW2 refugee and a history teacher I value the accurate teaching of history. People's lives depend on it. It is shocking to see the rise of holocaust denialism and anti-semitism in Idaho in recent years. The increased support for authoritarian leaders is even more frightening. Teaching children about the Holocaust in the broader context proposed in this bill will help them learn critical thinking skills. This may inspire our next generation to uphold democratic values, defend human rights by challenging misinformation, intolerance and discrimination. I am disturbed to read bills and listen to debate in this building that demonstrate intolerance of others. My history teacher dad's frequent reminder that "those who don't know history are doomed to repeat it" has never been more important than today. Vote aye. Thank you for listening.