

One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB575

Chairperson: Senator Dave Murman

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: February 13, 2023

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 575, to be known as The Sports and Spaces Act, seeks to prohibit the participation of biological males in interscholastic K-12 athletics designated for biological females and biological females from competing in interscholastic K-12 athletics designated for males, with the exception that biological females may compete in interscholastic athletics with biological males where no other opportunity to compete with biological females exists.

It also prohibits biological males from using restroom or locker room facilities designated for biological females and biological females from using restroom or locker room facilities designated for biological males with certain exceptions for coaches, authorized personnel and emergency personnel.

Finally, LB 575 defines terms, provides cause for civil action for violation of the act and empowers the Attorney General to defend any public institution subjected to a lawsuit for compliance with the act.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Kathleen Kauth