

By: Assemblymember Bernier  
Adopted: 06/06/23

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 23-063**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY URGING THE  
STATE OF ALASKA TO STOP THE PRACTICE OF USING TAXPAYER FUNDS FOR  
TRANSGENDER SURGERIES, CROSS-SEX HORMONES, AND PUBERTY BLOCKERS.

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska uses taxpayer funds for transgender surgeries, cross-sex hormones, and puberty blockers; and

WHEREAS, According to LifeSiteNews, since January, 14 states (Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Mississippi, Montana, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, and West Virginia) have approved laws to ban or limit "gender transitions" for minors; and

WHEREAS, it is also reported that in Florida, Missouri, and four other states, bills against underage "gender transitions" have passed at least one legislative chamber this year; and

WHEREAS, it is also reported that Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Tennessee, and Texas previously adopted laws or executive orders restricting the procedures; and

WHEREAS, powerful hormonal interventions that arrest or stunt natural puberty can lead to serious and life-altering medical side effects, including heart problems, reduced bone mass, interruption to natural brain development and permanent sterilization; and

WHEREAS, supporters often claim that puberty blockers are reversible, but this claim has no proof; and

WHEREAS, the drug warnings for some hormone agents warn of psychiatric events, convulsions, and hypertension (drug name Lupron and Supprelin) while another warns of strokes, heart attacks, paralysis, and kidney damage (drug name Vantas); and

WHEREAS, the cost of transgender surgery can exceed \$25,000, breast removal or additions can be up to \$10,000, and puberty blocking drugs can cost \$1,200 monthly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Assembly urges the State of Alaska to stop the practice of using taxpayer funds for transgender surgeries, cross-sex hormones, and puberty blockers.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 6 day of June, 2023.

  
EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

   
LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)

YES: Nowers, McKee, Yundt, Tew, Fonov, and Bernier

NO: Hale

