

California State Senate

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FORTIETH SENATE DISTRICT



September 26, 2025

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Request for Veto of AB 749 (McKinnor)

Dear Governor Newsom:

I respectfully request your veto of Assembly Bill 749, which would require the State Public Health Officer to establish a Blue Ribbon Commission on the Development of a California Department of Youth Sports or an “Equivalent Centralized Entity” with the goal being for the state to start regulating youth sports.

The bill seeks to create an unnecessary new state department or office under the guise of addressing a matter—increased state regulation of youth sports—that is not needed nor desired by Californians.

The major complaint legislators hear from constituents about youth sports today in California is the basic unfairness of biological males competing against biological females in youth sports.

Governor, as you said so clearly earlier this year on a podcast with the late Charlie Kirk:

“I think it’s an issue of fairness, I completely agree with you [Charlie Kirk] on that. It is an issue of fairness—it’s deeply unfair [for biological males to compete against and girls and young women].”

Yet the commission AB 749 would establish is required to improve access to and involvement in sports for all youth, regardless of a number of demographic factors including “gender identity.”

Given that state government, including the public school system and the California Interscholastic Federation, broadly support biological males competing against biological females in sports, it is apparent that any such “Blue Ribbon Commission” will do little to nothing to protect biological females from unfair competition against biological males in organized youth sports in California.

AB 749 is really just a disguise to actually further cement allowing biological males to compete against young women and girls in youth sports.

The author and supporters of AB 749 know if they were upfront and put forth a straightforward bill allowing biological males to compete against young women and girls, it would be easily defeated. So instead they are trying to establish a stacked commission to indirectly rig the issue in their favor.

For these reasons, I respectfully request your veto of this disingenuous measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Jones", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Brian W. Jones
Senate Minority Leader
California State Senate, District 40