Submission from Elizabeth Bain

I write to ask that the Education and Culture Committee recommends amendments to the Education (Scotland) Bill to ensure a right to Gaelic medium education is conferred on parents whose proposal results in a report by a local authority agreeing that reasonable demand exists for such provision. The Bill would allow for a process to be followed, and a report to be published after a full assessment of demand has been made, but there is nothing currently in Section 11 of the Bill that would compel a local authority to make new Gaelic provision.

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