

Advocate says transgender athlete bill not about 'equality,' 'fairness'

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KUTV — An update to a bill dealing with one of the more controversial issues coming out of this legislative session is expected within the next day. It addresses transgender athletes and girls' sports.

The latest version hasn't gone public. The bill's sponsor, Rep. Kera Birkeland, told 2News to expect an update on Tuesday, which aims for more inclusion.



The original bill would have kept transgender athletes out of female high school sports. Last week, Gov. Spencer Cox said that was his primary concern on the measure.

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Marina Lowe with ACLU Utah says if equality in women's sports is the goal, we're missing the mark by a long shot.

"Women have not achieved equality and that is a good thing to be pushing for. But unfortunately, I don't think this bill is about equality or about fairness. I think what it does, unfortunately, is create greater scrutiny when it comes to women's teams," said Lowe.

The new version of the bill is already scheduled to be heard during a Senate committee hearing on Wednesday.