

I am writing in opposition to HB 1298.

The North Dakota High School Activities Association has had a policy in place since 2015. I could find no challenges to this policy. Why, then, are the sponsors choosing to try and legislate something that is, apparently, not a problem?

How will this affect our high school teams that compete in other states? Our club-based teams that travel, sometimes to international venues? Our college teams?

Who will be policing the prohibition of the use of “athletic facilities, stadiums, fields..” for transgender athletes of visiting teams? Will the sponsors be doing bodily spot checks?

What of intersexed athletes?

This bill is short-sighted, over reaching and blatantly discriminatory.

My representative, Michael Howe (R)—22, has shared with me that he will vote no on this bill since the NDHSAA already has a policy in place. The NCAA also has policies in place. The International Olympic Committee has addressed this. Why is the North Dakota state legislature seeking to regulate something that is already regulated?

Thank you for your time.

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