

## Legislative Review for HB 1205 Hearing

Dear Chair Larson and the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I urge a “Do Not Pass” on HB 1205.

The weight of the testimony during the house hearing is overwhelmingly against this bill from experts working within the field. The individuals in favor are largely upset with one book and mistake pornography with age appropriate sexual content. Individuals in favor are also unaware of how library systems govern, the innumerable constitutional rights involved with this, the unintended consequences of enacting it, and are proposing a solution that far exceeds the problem they are supposedly trying to stop.

Each link below goes to testimony submitted during HB 1205’s public hearing. Understand this to be a broad generalization of the data. All data present is from written testimony or what is available with the ND Legislation website at time of analysis - 3/11/23.

Thank you,  
Faye Seidler

### **In Favor**

1. [Let’s Talk about](#)
2. [Drag queen story time](#)
3. [Porn is dangerous to kids](#)
4. [Sextortion](#)

### **Opposition**

#### Major Themes

1. [Diminish Libraries as repositories of information](#)
  - a. [This is censorship](#)
  - b. [Infringes on first amendment](#)
  - c. [Infringes on choice of Americans](#)
  - d. [Infringes on North Dakota Constitution](#)
2. [Bill is a response to an overblown moral panic](#)
  - a. [Libraries have a challenge process already](#)
  - b. [Parents already have control over children’s reading](#)
  - c. [The internet poses much greater risk](#)
  - d. [Easier solutions like 18+ section](#)
  - e. [Language is overly broad](#)
  - f. [The bill cannot solve the problem it purports to have](#)
  - g. [It would ban the bible](#)
3. [Unintended Complications](#)
4. [No fiscal Note](#)
5. [Data on parents views of sex, education, and materials in libraries](#)

### House Hearing Stats

Written Testimony	In Favor	In Opposition
Word Count	7300	21,000
Citizen	9	43
Stakeholder/Qualified	1	27
Legal/political	2	2
Total 85	13	72
	15.29%	84.71%
In person testimony Mins	27	31
Total 58 Minutes	46.55%	53.45%
Committee Vote	Do pass	Don't pass
Total 13	10	3
	76.92%	23.08%
Floor Vote	Yay	Nay
Total 94	65	28
	69.15%	29.79%