

Intro: **HB 1254** - Prohibition of Medical or Chemical procedure on an individual under 18

Distinguished Chairman Weisz, Vice Chairman Ruby, Committee Members, and other interested parties.

For the record, I am Representative Bill Tveit, District 33, Hazen. District 33 includes all of Mercer & all of Oliver County, as well as the best parts of McLean and Morton Counties.

District 33 is the Heart of Coal Country, we produce and furnish your lights, heat and air conditioning, for your comfort, on a daily basis.

I am here to introduce HB 1254, which will prohibit future Medical or Chemical procedures being administered to those under 18 years of age.

As a disclaimer, I AM NOT a health care professional. I AM NOT a psychologist. I AM Not an expert. I AM, however, a concerned Grandparent, Great-grandparent, a concerned citizen, a lawmaker tasked with the protection of the innocent, our youth and our future generation, your/my future care givers.

To begin with, how many of you, your family members or acquaintances, have ever followed a trend or childhood fantasy? Maybe even researched it as best you could, then made a decision, sometimes with the advice and encouragement from trusted acquaintances, parents or professionals, only to deeply regret that decision later?

Bill Maher once said: "If kids knew what they wanted to be at age eight, the world would be filled with cowboys and princesses. I wanted to be a pirate. Thank goodness nobody took me seriously and scheduled me for eye removal and peg leg surgery."

HB 1254 is not a judgement on any group of people. HB is not an attack on the LGBTQ+ agenda or any individual. HB 1254 is not a restriction to "Health Care", as some would have us believe. HB 1254 is not about restriction of the rights of individuals.

HB 1254 is about letting our youth be youth; HB 1254 is about us being adults.

HB 1254 is about being there, for our minors, during the most vulnerable time of their innocent and formative years.

HB 1254 is about us protecting our young from irreversible harm to their body, mind and spirit

HB 1254 is concern about our "Trusted" Health Care System seeing Dollar Signs, seeing opportunity to cash in on this fad, and maybe cash in, again, when realization sets in and these young, vulnerable, victims have hopes for and seek the gruesome, nearly impossible, reversal procedure.

Sanford Health, the largest healthcare provider in the Dakotas, is actively promoting gender-affirming care. Sanford follows the guidelines of the World Professional Association of Transgender Health (WPATH), which is led by ideologically and financially-motivated activists, preying on our youth, who seek to circumvent parental authority, if needed, and to medically transition as many children as possible.

WPATH recently released their Standards of Care guidelines, which removed the minimum age recommendations for medical intervention, removed a chapter on ethics, and introduced a new Eunuch gender identity.

(for those who don't believe this is an issue for us in the Dakotas, please see the attached "3rd Annual Midwest Gender Identity Summit" advertisement, attached, and the Health Care company involved)

HB 1254 is about youth like Chloe Cole, somewhat of a "Tom Boy" in her own words, a 11 year old, who began believing she was born in the wrong body. At 13, she began taking Puberty-Blockers & Testosterone, who at 16 had a double mastectomy.

The trusted adults in her life, parents, healthcare personal and others, rather than protect her in her innocence and try to help her to understand the fantasy she was believing and living, they encouraged and aided her on this path of personal physical and emotional destruction.

Chloe, now 18 today, regrets the decisions she made. She struggles with the advice and the relationships, the trust in/of those who gave that advice.

Chloe is speaking out about the path she chose, her now regret of the double mastectomy and hormone treatments to change her gender. Chloe recently said, with desperate, pleading, hope and desire that, in reality, she some day will be able to have children: "I will never be able to nurse my babies", considering what was done to her young and innocent body.

<https://www.prageru.com/vidio/child-regrets-transitioning-soon-after-mastectomy-and-hormones>

Chairman Weisz, Committee Members:

With all that is within your power, conscience, and ability, PLEASE send HB 1254 forward with a Do Pass Recommendation.

Please do this in defense of our innocent youth, who in their delicate, vulnerable and formative years, **depend on you**, other trusted adults and professionals, **not to exploit them**, but **to defend & protect** every part of their being.

It is imperative to the safety and welfare of our youth of North Dakota, those under 18, that **YOU** give HB 1254 a unanimous "**Do Pass**", sending this "Protection Bill" forward, and the message you sincerely care about their future health, wellbeing and prosperity.

I will stand for any questions.

3RD ANNUAL

MIDWEST GENDER IDENTITY SUMMIT

JANUARY 13TH, 2023 | 8:30AM-4:30PM
SANFORD RESEARCH CENTER & ONLINE

GENERAL SESSIONS:

"Transgender Cultural Competency"

"Learning to Address Implicit Bias
Towards LGBTQ+ & 2S Patients"

"Lessons from Transgender Patients"

"How My Journey as a Transgender
Provider Has Impacted Patient Care"

"Sanford's DE&I Patient Experience Journey"

"Creating a Gender Inclusive Practice:
Improving the Patient/Provider
Relationship with Practical Applications"