

I urge you to oppose HB 1297.

This bill prohibits individuals from changing the gender indicated on their birth certificate if they were born in North Dakota. This will be incredibly impactful to those born here who have moved out of state in search of gender affirming care.

On a federal level, one can get a passport with the gender of their choice on it. No affirming documents required. It seems that North Dakota is now micromanaging the gender of people born here, not just current citizens. This feels like a significant amount of overreach for our state.

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