House Human Services Committee

I am testifying in Opposition to HB 1297. Give this bill a Do Not Pass.

I am not a medical professional, and I recognize the testimonies of licensed medical professionals may differ, but from a humanities perspective, this string of discriminatory bills is clearly designed to intimidate, not to save lives. If at a later date it seems wise to pass a bill clarifying medical information on the basis of accuracy and safety then maybe that would be acceptable. Currently however, passing any of these frivolous bills would be a defeat of basic human rights in our country, which was founded with strong ideals of personal freedoms and freedom of expression. This bill would negatively impact people in our community due to the discriminatory nature of the phrasing involved, and the timing if its introduction with other similar bills. Trans rights are human rights.

Regards,
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