

House Human Services Committee

House Bill 1522

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Chairman Weisz and Members of the Committee:

My name is Andrew Alexis Varvel. I live in Bismarck, District 47.

My pronouns are rock/paper/scissors.

When it comes to regulating transgenderism, I support some bills and oppose others. I regard House Bill 1522 to be unnecessary. Senate Bill 2231 would do a far better job of protecting schools and school employees.

I think the wisest course of action would be to recognize three genders – people who are born in the male sex, people who are born in the female sex, and a third gender which would be a catch-all for everybody else. This third gender would include people who identify as any gender other than their sex at birth.

If someone thinks that he/she/it is a purple dinosaur, let them think it. If you have embraced your gender as hallucinogenic mushroom, then bully for you!

North Dakota should be a welcoming society for all genders, one where adults can choose who they want to be and children can be protected from predators.

This particular piece of legislation deserves a DO NOT PASS.

Thank you. I welcome questions from the committee.

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