

Committee Chair and members of the Committee,

My name is Janet Fisher. I am writing in opposition to HB 1333. I oppose this Bill because it includes the phrase “. . . male or female impersonators. . . .” Drag shows presently held in public places are already restricted to large rooms, such as hotel ballrooms, that have doors that are closed during the performances. Drag shows offer a unique form of entertainment that includes professional performers who have spent a great deal of time studying and preparing their art much like any theater actor who performs on a public stage. Bill 1333 assumes that all male and female impersonators perform solely for prurient interests. That notion is simply not true.

I recommend that reference to “male and female impersonators” be omitted.

I am opposed to Bill 1333 as it is written now.

Thank you for your consideration.

Janet Fisher