

SB2360

I urge you to vote NO on SB2360.

This bill is bad policy for the state of North Dakota. This bill is censorship of all materials that can be put in libraries. The wording is so vague that all libraries will be forced to remove and dispose of ¼ of the books that are in the library. And if the library does not comply the staff will be arrested and charged with a Class B misdemeanor. Are there not more important things to be arresting people for like drug or sex trafficking?

Who is going to pay for removing all the materials? Who is going to pay for the extra staff that is going to be required in order for libraries to be in compliance with this bill? Who is going to pay for the cost to law enforcement when they have to arrest library staff? Who is going to pay court costs and attorney fees? How about the already backed up court dockets? And now you want to fill those dockets with library staff?

Who is going to define what the vague wording in these bills means? Something that offends me will not be the same thing that offends you. What is sex-based classifications?

Libraries already have policies in place for collection management that is age appropriate as well as reconsideration policies for any patron to complete to have a book removed or reshelfed. Library computers are already locked down from accessing any sites that would cause concern for minors.

What about prime time TV??? Minors see far more pornography on TV then they see in a library. What about smart phones that all the minors have? They can google anything they want to on their phone and find the answer or what seems to be the answer. Are you going to ban minors from having phones?

The bill requires that library directors submit a report to the attorney general. What is this report supposed to be about? Who is going to review these reports and respond back to directors? This put additional work on the attorney general's office who is going to pay for that? Are you going to write job descriptions for all the employees of the state of North Dakota or just Library Directors?

This bill is bad policy and bad politics and need to be voted down.

Respectfully submitted,

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