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Senate Human Services Committee

Chair Lee and committee members,

I request two amendments to the most recent version of HB 1522 for your consideration.

Please amend current lines 10-12 of bullet point 2 in Section 1 where it states the following:

“A board of a school district shall establish, in consultation with the parent or legal guardian, a policy for the use of a separate restroom accommodation for a transgender student.”

The original intent of the bill was never to provide a transgender accommodation which it now currently does. This creates a fiscal note because some schools would need to remodel. The original bill never had a fiscal note because it had no transgender accommodation, only ones for males and females. We do not need public schools remodeling for transgender bathrooms and locker rooms. Article 8, Section 1 of the ND Constitution states:

“A high degree of intelligence, patriotism, integrity, and morality on the part of every voter in a government by the people being necessary to ensure the continuance of that government and the prosperity and happiness of the people....”

Providing transgender accommodations does not teach our great children intelligence, patriotism, integrity, and morality.

Please amend current lines 8-9 of bullet point 1 in Section 1 where it states the following:

“A board of a school district may not adopt a policy that requires or prohibits any individual from using a student’s preferred gender pronoun.”

This is not good language and will allow transgender ideology into schools. The door needs to be slammed shut on that. No preferred gender pronouns should be allowed in schools because they teach lies and gender confusion to children.

I recommend a DO PASS on the bill if the two amendments above are considered but a DO NOT PASS if the amendments above are not accepted.

Thanks,

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