

Senators,

You will be given the opportunity to vote on whether or not to criminalize certain performances, including drag performances. I hope you will use this opportunity to vote Nay on HB1333.

As you consider this, please consider how this can impact other groups in your community. In Minot, the local community theater would not have been able to perform "Clue: the musical" as they did last year since it requires a male to dress as a female. Minot's men's choir (The heritage singers) host a variety show every year where at least one member dresses as a woman. High school theater groups almost never have enough males to fill roles so females often dress as male characters.

I'm sure you'll say that's not the intent of this bill. But who will define "prurient" under this bill? If someone is sexually aroused by "Clue" then the theatre will be liable for a Class A misdemeanor. That's exactly how this bill reads. It opens the door for anyone who is made "uncomfortable" to press charges.

Please oppose this bill.

Thank you,
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