

OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 1144

Introduced by:

**Representatives Tveit, D. Anderson, Frelich, Klemin, McLeod, S. Olson, Rohr, Schatz
Senators Weston, Clemens**

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-06-21 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to transgender student accommodations and restroom use in public schools; to provide a penalty; and to declare an emergency.

My name is Kevin R. Tengesdal, and I am from Bismarck. I am writing in opposition to HB1144. This bill is nothing more than fear mongering to the extreme.

This bill is stoking the fear that the transgender woman using the women's facilities might just be a cisgender, heterosexual man in a dress intent on attacking women. So, therefore this bill insists that a transgender person must use the facility corresponding to their biologically born sex.

Now think about it.

This bill is insisting that a transgender man must use the women's facilities as that aligns with their birth certificate. Does that not then allow a heterosexual, cisgender man to enter the women's facilities and insist they are in the correct facility?

Representative Lauren Boebert of Colorado, a cisgender, heterosexual woman, has already confirmed the danger of this mass hysteria and confusion with her accusing another cisgender woman of using the wrong bathroom in the U.S. Capitol.

Instead of targeting transgender people with your fears, why are you not targeting the people who are the actual perpetrators of violence against women: heterosexual, cisgender men who cannot control their sexual urges.

Besides, how then do you propose to verify who is using the correct facilities? Maybe every person must have an annual inspection by their doctor to ensure the person's genitals stay the same as what they were both with? Are we to have genital checkers at each facility before allowing entry? Does that not then open the door for adults to be looking at your children's genitals?

No. Please keep your hyperactive fears in check and let our transgender friends, family and neighbors live safely. Vote NO against this destructive bill.