House Human Services Committee Jan 27th, 2025 HB 1144 Testimony in Opposition

Chair Ruby and Members of the Human Services Committee:

Thank you for considering my previous testimony. I would also request that you review the following article which indicates gender neutral bathrooms in schools:

1) Meet the needs of gender diverse students as well as all other students AND

2) Decrease behavioral problems in those spaces

https://www.mprnews.org/story/2023/09/22/in-st-paul-schools-genderneutral-bathrooms-h ave-proven-sfer-for-all-students

Thus, the work that is being done in the Devil's Lake region is likely to provide safer spaces for our students.

Please vote Do Not Pass on HB 1144.

Respectfully,

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