

Testimony Supporting House Bill 1181

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Good morning, Chairman Ruby and honorable members of the House Human Services Committee. My name is Jacob Thomsen, and I am a Policy Analyst with North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action. I am testifying on behalf of our organization in support of House Bill 1181 and respectfully request that you render a "DO PASS" on this bill.

In the 68th Legislative Session, the North Dakota Legislature did plenty of work to ensure that as a state, we recognize two biological sexes, male and female. Many of those bills, now law, were heard in this committee. This bill further solidifies that in our Century Code, reference to male or female simply means the sex which is determined at birth.

Further, yesterday in President Trump's inaugural address, he is quoted as saying, "As of today, it will henceforth be the official policy of the United States Government that there are only two genders; male and female."¹ This bill aligns with that perfectly.

This bill supports consistency and clear language in our Century Code. For these reasons, North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action respectfully requests that you render a "DO PASS" on House Bill 1181. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify, I will stand for any questions.

¹ President Donald Trump, "The Inaugural Address," January 20, 2025, The White House, <u>https://www.whitehouse.gov/remarks/2025/01/the-inaugural-address/</u>.

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