

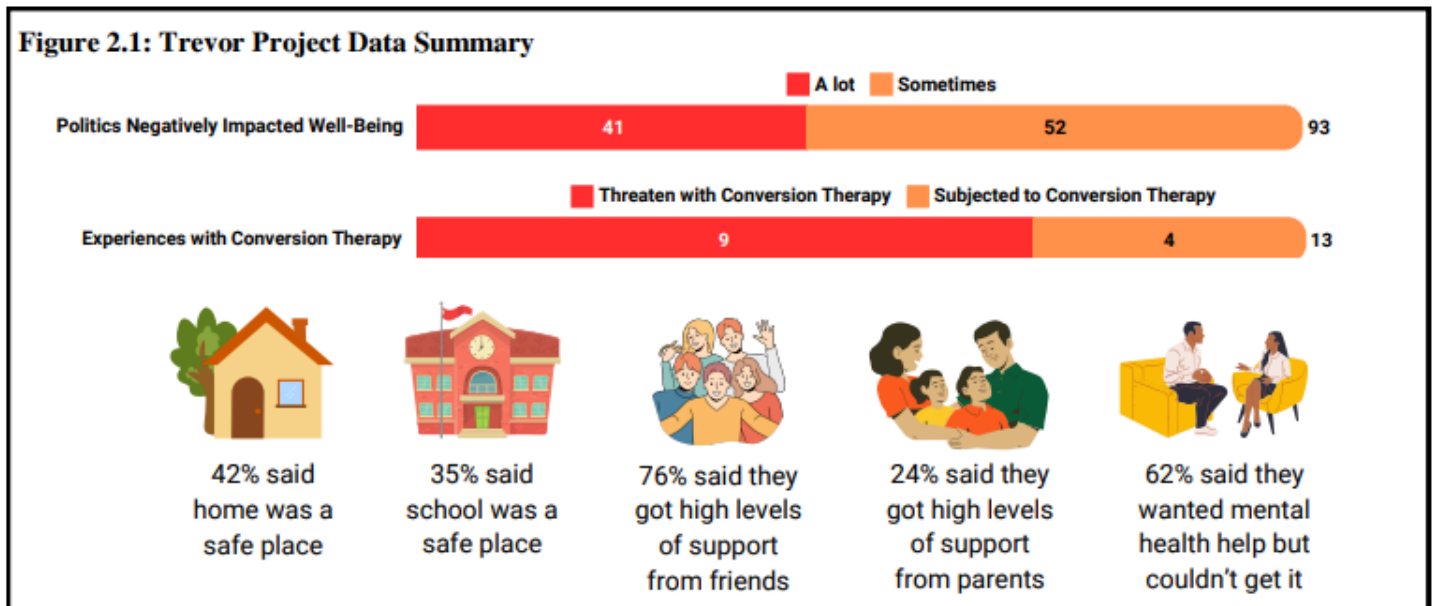
House Human Services Committee
Jan 21st, 2025 HB 1430
Testimony in Opposition

Dear Chair Ruby and the members of the House Human Services Committee,

I urge a “Do Not Pass” on HB 1430.

A version of this bill was heard in 2023, [HB 1332 by Representation Brandon Prichard](#), which was given a “Do Pass” 8 to 6 from committee, but had 58 pieces of testimony in opposition and failed to reach majority in chamber.

According to the [State of the State Report for LGBTQ+ Youth](#), Trevor Project found 13% of LGBTQ+ youth were threatened with conversion therapy and 4% experienced it.



Line Six denotes this bill is about ethics for caring for individuals questioning sexuality or gender identity specifically, with treatment plans that align with being cisgender or straight. While North Dakotans often bemoan roundabouts, this bill certainly takes a few circles, but still gets there. To be honest, I do not understand why there is a bill that is attempting to override our social workers code of ethics

I don't believe the legislative body is the appropriate place to decide social work policy, unless that policy is created with our social work organizations and professionals who know their job best like [HB 1035](#). I believe this bill is attempting to solve a problem that doesn't exist and that social workers are already trained to work with their clients goals.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our state,
Faye Seidler