

SB 2307 is deeply flawed and would result in a waste of taxpayer dollars and extremely burdensome structural issues for many of our library buildings (especially rural), would presumably eliminate access to the popular public library Libby app for those under 18 (and thus restricting reading for teens), and puts our States Attorney offices and their resources in the position of needing to potentially prosecute the local library staff over vague and inherently undefinable terminology of what is and is not appropriate. And most of all, this bill is unnecessary since per the last legislative session there are LOCAL processes in place to address any PARENTAL concerns.

Overhauling only part of the database involved with this bill would cost over \$1 million--and I don't think anyone knows how much construction/demolition of spaces in library buildings would cost. And who knows the cost of what to do to restrict the Libby app?

Legislating censorship at the state level is heavy-handed, intrusive, and NOT conducive to the needs of the local communities. There are local processes already in place to address concerns. Do you frequent your local libraries? Do you use the Libby app? Did you know that books by authors such as Stephen King would fall under this vague censorship definition? I use the services of three public ND libraries and participate in two book clubs. I know how the libraries work and how important they are. I have children and a grandchild in ND so am invested in their right to read. The legislature should not be involved in trying to restrict individuals' or local communities' choices in reading. It is the parents' responsibility, and the local communities'. Do NOT pass this government overreach bill.

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