



Chairman Klemin and members of the House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Joe Drumm. I'm a teacher and advocate for education in the state of North Dakota, where I live. I'm also a teacher, coach, volunteer and active member in SEVERAL organizations within my district. I'm reaching out to urge you to vote DO NOT PASS on SB 2307.

The bill is written in a way that is not only redundant, but inherently critical of Librarians in our state. It seeks to punish them for allowing certain reading and books on their shelves. This presents several questions and problems, the least of which is previous library rules already codified: "Two years ago, the Legislature approved a law requiring libraries to develop policies for removing or relocating "explicit sexual material" and for responding to public complaints about its possible presence. The law, [House Bill 1205](#), required libraries to periodically review their collections to ensure that explicit sexual material is not present in the library's section for children."

As a taxpayer, teacher and person, I have to wonder .. what are we doing here? What are we trying to accomplish? This bill seeks to further punish, where the law has already been decided and codified. Checks and balances are already in place, this issue has already been decided.

This legislation takes critical time, effort, and energy away from what the constituents of North Dakota WANT, and instead wastes time on an issue that has already been decided last session. Look no further than the frustration and disgust in the testimony, which is overwhelmingly in opposition.

This bill does nothing but waste time.

Vote 'DO NOT PASS' on SB 2307, and focus your time, effort and energy on what your constituents have voted for you to focus on.

Thank you for your time,  
J. Drumm

Sources:

<https://northdakotamonitor.com/2025/01/31/bills-would-bring-new-regulations-aid-to-north-dakota-libraries/#:~:text=Two%20years%20ago%2C%20the%20Legislature%20approved%20a,present%20in%20the%20library's%20section%20for%20children.>