

Chair Larson and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, my name is Roxi Mathis. I am writing as a private citizen of Minot, ND.

I'll be short with my explanation for requesting a do not pass recommendation:

The language of the bill isn't clear and leaves too much room for interpretation with regard to what material is allowable and how it is to be separated from the rest. Most libraries will not take the risk and will just eliminate the materials altogether. This is a problem because some people need materials about certain things like puberty and sex education. Another problem is that pulling these materials and/or making a separate area for them will cost money, wasting tax payer dollars.

This bill wouldn't solve any problems, it would only take power away from parents and give it to the state to decide what books they can or can't give their children. We want the government out of our personal business.

I urge you all to give Senate Bill 2307 a do not pass recommendation.