

Dear Chairman Beard and the Members of the Senate Education Committee

I urge you to render a “Do Not Pass” recommendation on HB 1181.

The scientific and medical communities have long understood that biological sex is a complicated thing amongst all species, and that human beings are no exception to this. There is also broad consensus across many fields of study that gender is distinctly different from biological sex. Gender is a very nuanced thing that varies between cultures and has changed throughout time. This bill flies in the face of generations of study and experience all to soothe the misplaced furor of a culture war targeting a very small, already marginalized group of citizens. How much taxpayer money is being wasted to persecute and terrorize the small number of Transgender individuals in our state? How does this bill not stand in stark contradiction to our state and countries claimed values of rugged individuality and personal freedom? How does this bill do anything to better the lives of North Dakotans? These are just a few of the questions that I have yet to see a decent answer to. I urge you to please put any fear and unease of the unknown aside and recognize the shared humanity in other people just trying to pursue their own happiness.

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

Respectfully,  
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