

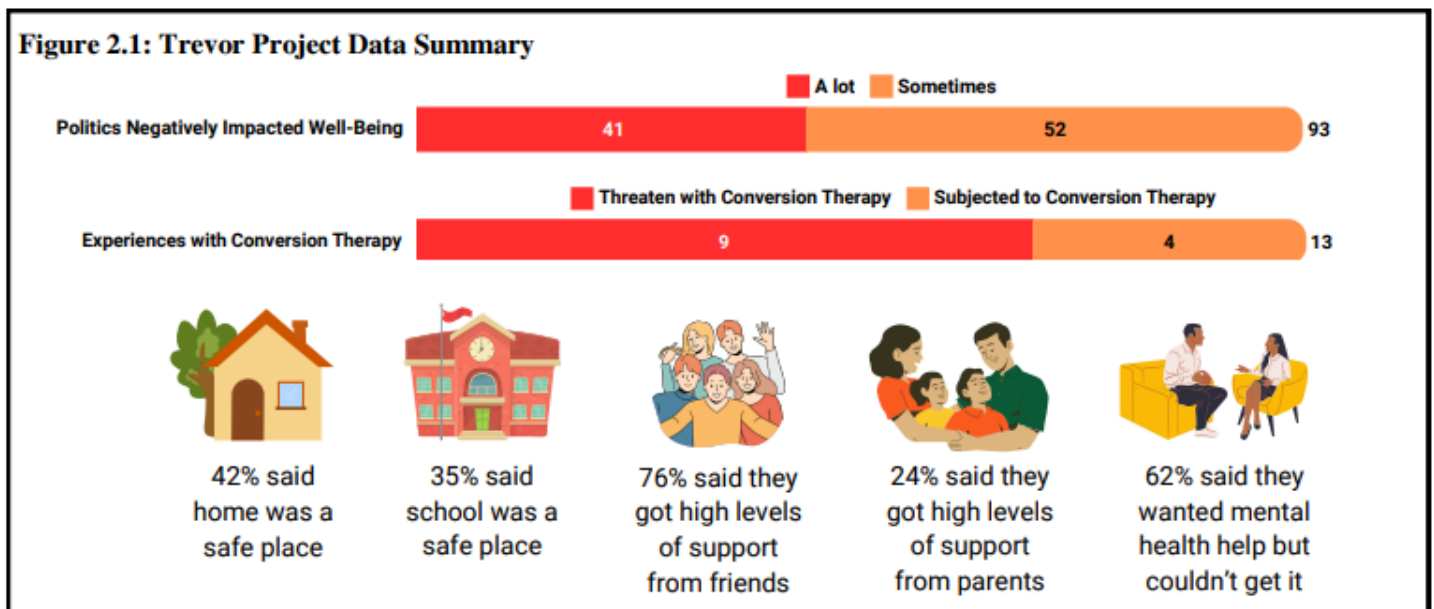
Senate Human Services Committee
March 11th, 2025 HB 1430
Testimony in Opposition

Dear Chair Lee and the members of the Senate 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. One must ask the question after 2 years, what stories have emerged that this bill is solving? I personally believe bills must address real problems.

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. It does happen in North Dakota.



This bill has been amended to be much better than it was introduced, but to pass it on its current merits is to buy into the lie it has merit. Social workers are who should be making ethical rules about social work and if they stand against this bill, nothing good could come of it. They do tremendous work across our state, fighting for some of the most vulnerable and they don't need lawmakers micromanaging their jobs.

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