

I am writing to **oppose SB 2244** due to the implications it has to negatively affect our children's mental health and physical safety. As someone who works with LGBTQIA+ youth and as someone who once was an LGBTQIA+ youth I understand the consequences this bill can have for many of them. Many of my friends and peers did not come out to their parents until later in life due to fear of abuse and becoming unhoused. This bill would force the school to force children to disclose their gender identity when it is not safe to do so to their parents. This will not only put a burden on our children but it will also put an additional burden on our child welfare system which is currently overwhelmed by the amount of reports of abuse and unhoused youths. These children will end up unhoused if this bill passes.

Please do not vote for SB 2244