

Vote Do NOT PASS - SB 2307

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee,

My name is Connie Hoffman of Fargo, ND, and lifelong resident of North Dakota. I write in opposition to Senate Bill 2307 which would require librarians to remove ill-defined “explicit” materials from our libraries so they are not accessible to minors.

Do NOT Pass SB 2307 for the following reasons:

1. Libraries in our schools and communities have already complied with HB 1205 passes in 2023.
2. Librarians already follow professional library standards in the selection of age appropriate library materials and appropriate placement within the library setting, also policies if a person requests a book/material be removed from the library collection.
3. Parents, not the government, should supervise reading choices for their own children.
4. Implementation would be costly to taxpayers. In some cases the library directors have stated that they would have to close their local libraries due to the cost of remodeling to accommodate the specifics of this law.
5. Withholding school funding if a potential violation is found is an extreme measure, given that a reported violation could be due to the lack of clarity in the bill.

We trust our teachers and librarians to monitor library collections and provide access to information and books following standardized library policies and practices.

Vote Do No Pass on SB 2307.

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