

Senate Bill 2307
69th Legislative Assembly
House Judiciary Committee
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Chairman Klemin, members of the House Judiciary Committee, my name is Ashley Magelky. As a lifetime citizen of North Dakota, I want to provide reasons why I do not support SB 2307 and why it would harm North Dakota.

It is unclear how SB 2307 would be implemented and enforced and would put undue financial stress on our many small rural libraries. One proposed way to enforce this bill is having a cabinet for 200 books or making renovations to libraries to make physical barriers between adult and children's books. Taxpayer dollars are spent in many better ways than this. Also, who will define what is considered obscene or offensive?

The First Amendment protects our right to speech and access to information. Locking up or removing books is preventing access to information for North Dakotans. We also already have the Federal Miller Test in place as of 2023 which monitors materials that are available to children within libraries.

For the reasons above, I do not support SB 2307 and urge a do not pass vote.

Thank you,

Ashley Magelky