

Chairperson and Members of the Committee,

As someone with deep ND roots and friends and family members in the LGBTQ+ community, I offer testimony in OPPOSITION of House Concurrent Resolution 3013.

As elected officials, you took an oath to uphold the United States Constitution as well as the ND State Constitution. The 14th Amendment of the US Constitution allows for any consenting adults to marry one another. How does HCR 3013 financially, or in any way, benefit ND? It doesn't help ND constitutes and will likely harm the state and is a waste of taxpayer dollars. There are dangerous and misguided repercussions to LGBTQ+ families that can be avoided by not moving forward with hate and bigotry. There needs to be some deep reflection if "Christians" in ND insist that their marriage is impacted by other marriages and force their beliefs on everyone.

I urge the Committee to REJECT HCR 3013 and focus on governing for the benefit of people of North Dakota.