

House Human Services Committee

House Bill 1473

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Chairman Weisz and Members of the Committee:

My name is Andrew Alexis Varvel. I live in Bismarck, District 47.

This legislation affects prisons. I favor the establishment of a separate prison for trans-gender, trans-species, non-binary, and gender non-specific inmates, separate from both the men's prison and the women's prison.

This legislation does not get in the way of establishing a non-binary prison. That's good.

The specific reasons why I support this bill are section 1, subsection 3; section 2, subsection 3; section 3, subsection 3; section 4, subsection 3; section 5, subsection 4; section 6, subsection 2; and section 7, subsection 3.

Each of them starts with "This section does not prohibit" or "This section may not be construed to prohibit..."

What I like about this bill is its elasticity. It permits discretion.

I appreciate that.

Thank you.

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