

2025 SENATE JUDICIARY

SB 2264

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Judiciary Committee Peace Garden Room, State Capitol

SB 2264
1/29/2025

Relating to the definition of marriage and the recognition of marital relationships.
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11:04 a.m. Chair Larson opened the meeting.

Members present: Chair Larson, Vice Chairman Paulson, Senators: Castaneda, Cory, Luick, Myrdal, Braunberger.

Discussion Topics:

- Modernize language
- Replacing outdated gender-specific terms
- Revise processes of adoption, divorce, and property rights
- Federal Respect for Marriage Act
- Updating laws
- Traditional marriage
- Family structure values

11:04 a.m. Senator Ryan Braunberger, District 10, introduced the bill and submitted testimony in favor #31737.

11:09 a.m. Mark Jorritsma, Executive Director, ND Family Alliance Legislative Action, testified in opposition and submitted testimony #32479.

11:14 a.m. Linda Thorson, State Director, Concerned Women for America of ND, testified in opposition and submitted testimony #32305.

11:18 a.m. Lanny Kenner testified in opposition.

Additional written testimony:

Kara Geiger submitted testimony in favor #31549.

Michelle Webber submitted testimony in favor #31809.

Elisabeth Fricker submitted testimony in favor #31871.

Anastassiya Andrianova submitted testimony in favor #31921.

Faye Seidler, Suicide Prevention Advocate, submitted testimony in favor #31971.

Lisa M. Michels submitted testimony in favor #31978.

Kristin Michels submitted testimony in favor #32102.

Erin Price submitted testimony in favor #32107.

Debra Hoffarth submitted testimony in favor #32180.

Ann Fritz submitted testimony in favor #32375.

Catherine Benton submitted testimony in favor #32418.

Andrew R. Bornemann submitted testimony in opposition #32379.

Lisa Pulkrabek submitted testimony in opposition #32432.

Gordon Greenstein submitted testimony in opposition #32482.

Doug L. P submitted testimony in opposition #32491.

11:19 a.m. Chair Larson closed the hearing.

Kendra McCann, Committee Clerk

Statement of Support for Senate Bill 2264**1/26/2025****Dear Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,**

I strongly support Senate Bill 2264, which modernizes North Dakota's marriage laws to reflect equality and inclusivity by recognizing marriage as a civil contract between two individuals, regardless of gender. By updating terminology to use gender-neutral terms like "spouse" instead of "husband" and "wife," this bill ensures our state laws align with federal protections for same-sex marriages and affirm the dignity of all married couples.

Marriage is a deeply personal commitment, and everyone deserves the right to have their union recognized and respected under the law. Senate Bill 2264 strengthens this principle by removing outdated language and making our laws more inclusive. It reflects our shared values of fairness, equality, and respect for all individuals and families in North Dakota.

I urge the Committee to give this bill a Do Pass, demonstrating our commitment to ensuring that every couple, regardless of gender, is treated equally in the eyes of the law.

Sincerely,

Kara L. Geiger
Mandan, ND

Madam Chairwomen and members of the committee,

For the record, my name is Senator Ryan Braunberger, representing Fargo's District 10. Today, we are addressing amendments to the North Dakota Century Code, as outlined in Senate Bill No. 2264. These changes aim to modernize our legal language and align our statute with the various relationships in North Dakota. This will also bring us in line with the Federal Respect for Marriage Act that was signed into law in 2022. Allow me to walk you through the key highlights of this critical legislation.

Language Modernization

One of the most essential elements of this bill is the modernization of language across multiple legal provisions. By replacing outdated, gender-specific terms such as “husband and wife” with inclusive terminology like “two individuals married to each other” or “spouses,” we recognize the diversity of relationships in our society. These changes affirm that the law should serve everyone equally, regardless of gender or sexual orientation.

Marriage Definition and Recognition

The amendments redefine marriage to reflect it as a union between two consenting individuals, irrespective of gender. This modernized definition ensures that all legally valid marriages—performed here in North Dakota or other jurisdictions—are equally recognized under our laws. This is not just a legal update but a declaration of inclusion, ensuring that every married couple is afforded the same rights and respect.

Mutual Rights and Responsibilities

Marriage comes with responsibilities, and our laws should reflect equality in these obligations. By revising terms in areas such as spousal duties, property ownership, and domicile, this legislation ensures that all individuals in a marriage are treated fairly and equitably. These updates provide clarity and consistency, fostering stronger, more balanced partnerships.

Legal Procedures and Exceptions

The bill also addresses legal processes such as divorce, annulment, separation, and desertion. Inclusive language in these areas ensures that all individuals are treated with respect and that the law upholds fairness for all parties involved. Additionally, provisions related to adoption, surrogate agreements, and gestational carriers have been updated to reflect the evolving nature of families and parental roles in our society.

Property and Financial Matters

Property rights and financial responsibilities are central to marital relationships. This bill modernizes homestead exemptions, property transfers, and taxation provisions to reflect spouses' equality. It ensures that both individuals in a marriage have equal standing in financial and property matters, strengthening economic security for families.

Specific Statutory Amendments

Finally, the amendments span multiple North Dakota Century Code chapters, addressing family leave, fishing licenses, adoption, and spousal privilege in legal proceedings. By revising these statutes, we ensure consistency across the legal framework and uphold the principle of fairness in every aspect of life.

Conclusion

Members of the Judiciary Committee, this bill is not just about changing words; it is about changing lives. It is about ensuring that our laws reflect the values of equality, respect, and dignity that we hold dear. By embracing these amendments, we send a clear message: North Dakota is a state that values fairness and recognizes the humanity of all its citizens.

Let us move forward, ensuring our laws serve everyone equally and justly. I will gladly take any questions.

I am writing in support of SB2264. In 2022 I traveled to Washington DC to speak to my elected officials in favor of the Respect for Marriage Act. As an ordained minister, I want to be able to exercise my religious values in performing weddings. For me, this means being legally allowed to sanction marriages between any 2 people for whom I agree to officiate. I support the rights of any 2 people who form a loving union to marry. Changing the state forms to match current federal law, which respects my religious freedom is a good thing to do.

Rev. Michelle Webber

Dear Committee,

Growing up in North Dakota, the second I realized I was Queer I knew that I would not feel accepted or safe in this state because the legislation around LGBTQ+ has been abysmal toward my community. I will freely admit that I experienced a lot of mental anguish knowing I lived in a state where it was hard to openly be myself because some old white men in Bismarck have more bigotry in their heart than kindness.

While this bill is only a steppingstone, it is progress in the right direction. This bill is a sign for the LGBTQ+ youth of North Dakota to grow up knowing there can be place for them. This bill is a sign that North Dakota can be an accepting place.

Please vote in favor of SB2264.

Sincerely,

Elisabeth Fricker

North Dakota Senate Judiciary Committee
North Dakota Legislative Assembly
600 E Boulevard
Bismarck, ND 58505

January 27, 2025

Dear Chair and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

My name is Anastassiya Andrianova. I am a 43-year-old woman, wife of 15 years, and mother of a 6-year-old daughter. I write **in support of SB 2247** – a bill to amend the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of marriage and the recognition of marital relationships.

I fully agree with Senator Ryan Braunberger, who represents Fargo’s District 10 and is the sponsor of this bill. Sen. Braunberger states: “These [proposed] changes aim to modernize our legal language and align our statute with the various relationships in North Dakota. This will also bring us in line with the Federal Respect for Marriage Act that was signed into law in 2022. [...] **this bill is not just about changing words; it is about changing lives.** It is about ensuring that our laws reflect the values of **equality, respect, and dignity** that we hold dear. By embracing these amendments, we send a clear message: **North Dakota is a state that values fairness and recognizes the humanity of all its citizens**” (emphasis added).

The North Dakota Century Code is meant to represent the rights of ALL the citizens of our state, whose cohabitation relationships and definitions of “spouse” or “partner” may vary based upon their individual religion, ethnicity, and other personal beliefs. Please adopt the changes that actually reflect our citizenry and make everyone feel seen, heard, and welcome.

Vote DO PASS on SB 2247.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Anastassiya Andrianova, teacher, woman, mother, and concerned ND citizen
District 11 - Fargo, ND

**Senate Judiciary Committee
Jan 29th, 2025 SB 2264
Testimony in Support**

Dear Chair Larson and the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I urge a “Do Pass” on SB 2264.

The Hemjokost Center hosted the exhibit [At Last: The 10th Anniversary of Marriage Equality](#). This ran from August of 2023 to August of 2024. It also hosted a celebration night that I both attended and spoke at, with many other speakers giving passionate testimony to the struggle of their life. Many were elders who never thought they’d be able to get married.



These were LGBTQ+ folks who had lived through our HIV epidemic and weren't even sure they'd be here today. One speaker said that they looked around in the 80s and there were no old gay men. There was no life for LGBTQ+ individuals to really live.

And the feelings in that room were of reverence and appreciation that we've come far from that time when they were kids decades ago. That LGBTQ+ acceptance had grown to the point that they could live their life, be happy, and even get married.

What this bill does is codify that within the state century code and to recognize marriage as a union between people rooted in love and beauty. While certain religious individuals disagree with this, I want the committee to understand that many faiths see same sex couples as holy under God and their union as deserving of recognition.

I'm not sure there is much data I can provide to show this century's code change will drastically improve lives, but it will have an impact on minority stress. I've seen the relief in a room full of elders who fought their whole life to prove love is love.

I know the purview of many of our lawmakers, so I ask, when do we get to heal? When is it enough? When can we build trust back and start to live together in peace. Celebrate with each other the beauty of our own ideas and convictions? Show kids today that we can grow beyond the hate of yesterday. I urge a “do pass” on this bill, so when I'm old, I can share joy with young adults who are my age now.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our state,
Faye Seidler

Dear Senators:

My name is Lisa Michels, I am a resident of Minot, and I am writing in support of SB 2264 relating to the definition of marriage in North Dakota. The state has been issuing marriage licenses to two spouses, whether man/woman, woman/woman, man/man, since 2015. It is high time the language in the NDCC catches up to the practice.

SB 2264 rightfully recognizes that marriage is a civil agreement between two adults, regardless of sex or gender, who choose to commit to and protect each other. My wife and I have been together for over 20 years, and we committed to each other long before we were able to legalize our marriage. We did not need a marriage license to agree to be together. What legal marriage does for us is ensure the same protections and benefits that any other married couple has. We share property and bank accounts and pay expenses together, and we enjoy the benefit of filing taxes jointly as spouses. If the unthinkable happens to either one of us, the other will have financial security as next of kin. Most importantly to me, if my wife faces a medical crisis, I cannot be shut out of her hospital room or out of any decisions that must be made on her behalf, because someone does not recognize the validity of our relationship. Our marriage license ensures that.

My wife and I are not asking for any special privileges under the law; we only want to have the same legal rights and protections that other married couples have. By expanding the definition of marriage to include all "spouses" and "individuals married to each other," SB 2264 provides these protections for us and all married couples. I urge this Senate to support SB 2264.

Lisa Michels

Testimony in Support of SB 2264

Dear Senators,

I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 2264, which proposes a straightforward update to language in the Century Code. These changes are simple. They will not impose any hardships on North Dakotans, nor will they have any fiscal impact. Importantly, the bill does not alter the definition of legal marriage in North Dakota, which remains a union between two consenting adults.

What this bill *does* offer is a meaningful acknowledgment for many individuals in our state. By updating the language in the Century Code to reflect and include all married individuals, it sends a clear message that North Dakota values all its residents. The existing language excludes some married individuals who live, work, raise families, and contribute to our communities.

Passing this bill is an opportunity to show that our Legislature is committed to making a positive difference for its constituents. Let this simple yet impactful change be part of the good work accomplished this biennium.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I urge you to support Senate Bill 2264.

Sincerely,

Kristin Michels

Resident of District 3

I am writing to express my **strong support for Senate Bill 2264**, which seeks to modernize North Dakota's marriage laws and ensure equality and inclusivity for all couples in our state. As an engaged citizen of North Dakota, I urge you to vote **DO PASS** on this important bill.

SB 2264 is a crucial step forward in aligning our state's legal framework with the values of dignity, respect, and equality. By recognizing marriage as a civil contract between two individuals, regardless of gender, this bill reflects the diversity of relationships in our state and ensures that all couples, including same-sex couples, are treated equally under the law.

The proposed updates to terminology—such as replacing "husband" and "wife" with the gender-neutral term "spouse"—are not just about language; they are about recognizing the inherent dignity of all individuals and couples. It is my hope that North Dakota will uphold the civil rights of all citizens.

This bill is not only a matter of legal modernization but a reflection of the values of equality and fairness that we hold dear as a community. It is time for North Dakota to step forward and ensure that our marriage laws are as inclusive and just as possible.

I strongly urge you to vote **DO PASS** on SB 2264 and stand with the people of North Dakota in supporting equality and love for all couples.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your support on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Erin Price
Bismarck, ND

WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2264

Senate Judiciary Committee on Senate Bill 2264

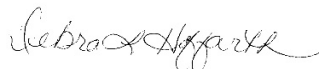
Date of Hearing: January 29, 2025

Debra L. Hoffarth, 1320 11th Street SW, Minot, ND 58701

This written testimony is presented in support of Senate Bill 2264.

Love, commitment, and family are values that everyone cherishes. Marriages are rooted in love, commitment, and shared responsibility. Extending this right to same-sex couples is not only a matter of equality but also a reflection of our shared values of fairness, dignity, and respect for all families. This bill will strengthen communities and provide legal and social stability for families. It allows all couples access to vital protections, such as inheritance rights, health care decision-making, and tax benefits, ensuring their ability to care for one another in times of need. It also recognizes, validates, and supports all families.

Please support Senate Bill 2264.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Debra L. Hoffarth".

CONCERNED
WOMEN *for* **AMERICA**
 LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE

January 29, 2025
 Senate Judiciary Committee
 Testimony in Opposition of SB 2264

Chairwoman Diane Larson and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I am Linda Thorson, State Director for Concerned Women for America (CWA) of North Dakota, testifying in opposition to [SB 2264](#). As our state's largest public policy women's organization, we strongly oppose the bill's provisions regarding the redefinition of marriage.

North Dakota Century Code defines marriage in section [14-03-01](#):

"What constitutes marriage – Spouse defined. Marriage is a personal relation arising out of a civil contract between one man and one woman to which the consent of the parties is essential. The marriage relation may be entered into, maintained, annulled, or dissolved only as provided by law. A spouse refers only to a person of the opposite sex who is a husband, or a wife married to each other."

SB 2264 contains amendments in thirty-five different sections of the of the 14-03-01 Marriage Contract, with changes made to remove the words, "wife, husband, man, or woman" and replace them with "spouse" or "individual." This bill is harmful to promoting healthy family units and a waste of taxpayer dollars.

Concerned Women for America of North Dakota, testifying for Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee, defends marriage as God intended, as we know this leads to healthy family units. Marriage sanctifies those in the union in a unique way that God has intentionally and purposefully created, through the commitment of one woman and one man.

- Redefining marriage rejects the truth that men and women are complementary and that reproduction depends on both a woman and a man.
- Children have a right to both a mother and a father, as God intended. It is important that government policies support and encourage the norms of marriage – monogamy and permanence.ⁱ

Although God can restore and redeem all situations, it is not hard to see the problems that often arise in homes that lack a mother or father. Each provides an irreplaceable and important role in a child's life to have the optimal environment to flourish.

Former U.S. Sen. Barack Obama (D-Illinois) acknowledged the harms that befall not only children but society when fathers are missing from the home in an address given to the Apostolic Church

of God in Chicago on Father's Day in 2008, saying, "We know the statistics — that children who grow up without a father are five times more likely to live in poverty and commit crime; nine times more likely to drop out of schools and 20 times more likely to end up in prison. They are more likely to have behavioral problems or run away from home or become teenage parents themselves. And the foundations of our community are weaker because of it."ⁱⁱ

In an essay, 'We Need Fathers to Step Up', dated June 16, 2011, President Barack Obama recognized the importance of fathers and the effects of growing up without one in his life. See the *Parade* magazine excerpt below:

"In many ways, I came to understand the importance of fatherhood through its absence — both in my life and in the lives of others. I came to understand that the hole a man leaves when he abandons his responsibility to his children is one that no government can fill. We can do everything possible to provide good jobs and good schools and safe streets for our kids, but it will never be enough to fully make up the difference."ⁱⁱⁱ

Promoting marriage as defined in our state century code does not ban any type of relationship: Adults are free to make choices about their relationships, and they do not need government sanction or license to do so. North Dakota citizens have the freedom to live as they choose, but no one has a right to redefine marriage for everyone else.

Vote "Do Not Pass" on SB 2264.

ⁱ Anderson, Ryan Ph.D, (2013), Report: Marriage, What it is, Why it Matters, And the Consequences of Redefining it. The Heritage Foundation

ⁱⁱ [Text of Obama's fatherhood speech - POLITICO](#)

ⁱⁱⁱ [Barack Obama: 'We Need Fathers To Step Up' - Parade](#)

Tuesday January 28, 2025

Dear Chair Larson, Vice Chair Paulson and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

My name is Ann Fritz and I live and work in Bismarck (District 7). I strongly support Senate Bill 2264, which modernizes North Dakota's marriage laws to recognize marriage as a civil contract between two individuals. By updating terminology to use gender-neutral terms like "spouse" and "individuals," this bill ensures our state laws align with federal protections for all marriages and affirms the dignity of all married couples. More importantly, the bill updates language to define mutual rights and responsibilities, property and financial matters, and makes language consistent across the statutory framework.

Marriage, whether a couple is married in a church by clergy or in a courthouse by a judge, is a deeply personal commitment, and everyone deserves the right to have their union recognized and respected under the law. Senate Bill 2264 strengthens this principle by removing outdated language. It reflects our shared values of fairness, equality, and respect for all individuals and families in North Dakota. I urge the Committee to give this bill a Do Pass, demonstrating North Dakota's commitment to ensuring fairness under the law for all couples.

I appreciate your careful consideration of this bill and the very deeply heartfelt testimony presented. I am also grateful for your time spent considering all bills that are brought before this committee during this legislative session.

Sincerely,
Ann Fritz

SB 2264
Testimony in opposition.

Madam Chair and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

I am writing to you to respectfully request a Do Not Pass recommendation from this committee on Senate Bill 2264.

This bill would effectively legalize non-heterosexual marriages in our state. (See Section 3, Page 2, line 7) This would be a massive shift from the Judeo-Christian values our state has held since its inception, and is certainly of great consequence. While we may say that the government shouldn't be involved in people's personal romantic choices, a shift of this magnitude and consequence should at least be left to a vote of the people as a ballot measure, rather than to the legislature.

Those arguing in favor of this bill, if successful, will return and make almost all the same arguments for legalizing polygamy, child marriages, bestiality, etc... This is one step in the wrong direction for our state, and is the beginning of a slippery slope to completely destroying the family unit.

Statistics prove that a strong traditional family unit is the single greatest predictor of whether a child will grow up a law abiding citizen or one familiar with crime. We must take this into consideration before taking a swing at traditional family values.

I respectfully request a "Do Not Pass" recommendation from this committee.

Sincerely,

Andrew Bornemann
Kintyre, ND

Catherine Benton

SB 2264

January 28, 2025

I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 2264, which modernizes North Dakota's marriage laws to reflect equality and inclusivity by recognizing marriage as a civil contract between two individuals, regardless of gender. By updating terminology to use gender-neutral terms like "spouse" instead of "husband" and "wife," this bill ensures our state laws align with federal protections for same-sex marriages and affirm the dignity of all married couples.

As a straight, cis-gender woman married to a straight, cis-gender man for over 15 years, I can't imagine my life without my husband by my side. Our marriage has allowed us to build a loving life and family together. I wish for every individual, regardless of their sexual orientation, to have the same opportunity to experience and celebrate this kind of deeply personal commitment.

Senate Bill 2264 strengthens the principle that everyone's union should be recognized and respected under the law by removing outdated language and making our laws more inclusive. It reflects our shared values of fairness, equality, and respect for all individuals and families in North Dakota.

I urge the Committee to give this bill a Do Pass, demonstrating our commitment to ensuring that every couple, regardless of gender, is treated equally in the eyes of the law.

Thank you for your consideration.

Catherine Benton

Clbenton@hotmail.cim

Statement of Opposition for SB 2264

1/28/2025

Dear Chairwoman Larson and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

My name is Lisa Pulkrabek from Mandan - District 31. I am writing to you in strong opposition to SB 2264.

Men and women are different but equal. We were created to compliment each other physically, emotionally and spiritually. Marriage is a covenant and a contract designed by God and honored by humanity for millennia. The purpose of marriage is to love one another, yes but also to bring new children into the world. That can only be done with one man and one woman. That is why I believe it is important to keep the definition of marriage the same as it has been.

Society is best served when the traditional family unit of one man and one woman commit themselves to each other through marriage and raise their children together. Studies have shown that children who live with their biological parents do better in school, graduate at a higher rate, take fewer dangerous risks, commit fewer crimes, and are economically better off than their counterparts who are raised in homes without both a male parent and a female parent.

<https://www.nationalreview.com/corner/children-do-better-when-raised-in-intact-two-parent-homes/>

<https://wng.org/sift/cdc-children-do-best-with-two-biological-parents-1617252332>

<https://dailycitizen.focusonthefamily.com/kids-need-a-mom-and-a-dad-thats-what-the-research-shows/>

The breakdown of the traditional family unit over the last 60+ years has brought this country into the sad state it is today. Words matter! If they didn't, we wouldn't have anyone asking to change the language. Keeping the marriage language traditional is the best step to teaching our next generations that the previous norm is still the norm, it is the most healthy option for both married couples and any children that may come from their marriage. It is the best option for society as a whole.

Again I urge: do not pass on this bill.

Thanks for your time, consideration and dedication to ND!

Lisa Pulkrabek



Testimony in Opposition to Senate Bill 2264

Mark Jorritsma, Executive Director
North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action
January 29, 2025

Dear Madam Chair Larson and honorable members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

My name is Mark Jorritsma, and I am the Executive Director of North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action. I am testifying on behalf of our organization in opposition to Senate Bill 2264 and respectfully request that you render a "DO NOT PASS" on this bill.

This bill essentially seeks to do one thing: change language throughout the Century Code so that marriage is defined not only as a husband and wife who are biologically different, but also as two individuals who are of the same sex. In June of 2015, SCOTUS rendered a 5-4 decision that the Fourteenth Amendment requires all states to grant same-sex marriages. There have been numerous challenges to this decision since that time, and given the current composition of SCOTUS, reversal of this decision is certainly not outside the realm of possibility. However, I will not go into the legal aspects of same-sex marriage public policy, since I am not a lawyer and there are individuals far better qualified to address these issues.

I would like to speak about North Dakota and our deeply held values. The family was God-ordained at the creation of the world, and it forms the foundation of our society. From families come communities, from communities come societies, and from societies come nations and their governmental structures. It has been shown over the centuries and within a multitude of civilizations that family is the basis for a flourishing culture and society.

I believe it's safe to say that the vast majority of North Dakotans see the marriage of a husband and wife as the hub of the family wheel. This was certainly the case when our country and state were founded upon Judeo-Christian beliefs. These beliefs hold that marriage was created by God and is the basis for our society. We believe human sexuality was designed and intended for our good within the bond of a committed, lifelong marriage between a man and woman.

We support legislation that advocates for biblically-based marriages, and we oppose policy that encourages individuals to pursue alternative definitions of marriage, given that it undermines traditional marriage values and the family as an institution. Senate Bill 2264 is just such legislation. As a result, North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action respectfully requests that you render a “DO NOT PASS” on Senate Bill 2264. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony and I’d be happy to stand for any questions.

Mark Jorritsma
Executive Director
North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action

SB 2264

Senate Judiciary

I strongly urge a Do Not Pass on SB 2264

Chairwomen Larson and Committee Members, I strongly urge a Do Not Pass on SB 2264. Putting it simply “a marriage is between one man and one woman.”

Again, I strongly urge a Do Not Pass on SB 2264

Thank You, Gordon Greenstein

US Navy (Veteran)

US Army-NDNG (Retired)

Senators, vote no on SB2264, God's design for marriage is between a man and woman. Who are we to change HIS design? We are all called to love one another, but are not called to accept ideas that are contrary to HIS word, the Holy Bible.

Thank You Doug

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Judiciary Committee Peace Garden Room, State Capitol

SB 2264
1/29/2025

Relating to the definition of marriage and the recognition of marital relationships.
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3:08 p.m. Chair Larson opened the hearing.

Members present:

Chair Larson, Vice Chairman Paulson, Senators: Castaneda, Cory, Luick, Myrdal, Braunberger.

Discussion Topics:

- Supreme Court decisions
- Historical precedents
- Committee Action

3:11 p.m. Senator Braunberger moved a Do Not Pass.

3:11 p.m. Senator Luick seconded.

Senators	Vote
Senator Diane Larson	Y
Senator Bob Paulson	Y
Senator Ryan Braunberger	N
Senator Jose L. Castaneda	Y
Senator Claire Cory	Y
Senator Larry Luick	Y
Senator Janne Myrdal	Y

Motion Passed 6-1-0.

3:11 p.m. Chair Larson will carry the bill.

3:13 p.m. Chair Larson closed the hearing.

Kendra McCann, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2264 ([25.0560.01000](#))

Judiciary Committee (Sen. Larson, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (6 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2264 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.