

**House Bill 39 - Judiciary - FAVORABLE**

Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Judiciary Committee;

Please give House Bill 39 a FAVORABLE report.

Why does our law reflect an era when HIV/ AIDS was called "The Gay Plague"? I can't think of a law that criminalizes exposing someone to HPV or herpes. Is it because those aren't automatically associated with the Queer community, like AIDS is? HIV is treatable, and likelihood of transmission is significantly decreased with medication.

I urge you to give House Bill 39 a favorable report. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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