

Re: HB 1171

Because the proposed amendment makes no restriction as to the age of the individual concerned, it could, and undoubtedly would, be exploited to permit minor children of any age to make decisions regarding their reproduction; these decisions could include, but not be limited to, abortion and both chemical and surgical transsexual treatments. Minor children are neither emotionally nor intellectually equipped to make such decisions, which are therefore properly the purview of their parent(s).

By bypassing parental control of the reproductive decisions of minor children, the proposed amendment exposes minor children to sexual manipulation, exploitation and abuse.

Both of these consequences are unconscionable.

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