

## HB1358 FAVORABLE

I request this committee give this bill a favorable assessment

- Medical history and diagnostic information is private and protected under existing federal law. No employer or public institution or service otherwise accessible to the public should have access to personal medical information.
- No patient should be denied access to medical care based on any aspect of their medical history which does not otherwise prohibit a course of treatment. There is no demonstrated benefit to individuals or society from denying patients access to care based on any aspect of their medical status.
- Healthcare providers and facilities have successfully and safely treated patients with infectious diseases for decades; effective protocols have been established to safely administer healthcare to all patients regardless of medical history. There is no societal benefit or public health justification for denial of care.

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