

Judiciary Committee - Senate Bill 29 - FAVORABLE

The vast majority of fifteen and sixteen year olds aren't emotionally or financially ready for marriage. We're also no longer in the age of there being a stigma attached to having a child out of wedlock. Rather than allow for those young people to get married, the state should focus on making sure that their parents aren't kicking them out of the home and aren't abusing them, and that they're supported in continuing their educations. I also hope that pregnant minors have their pregnancies and deliveries financially covered and that they have access to and knowledge of prenatal care and how to receive assistance in order to parent a child.

I urge a Favorable Report.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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