

Support with Amendment for 2024 House Bill 01422

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SB 914 aims to prohibit discrimination of any individual who refuses to undergo a genetic procedure specifically in designated institutions of education underlined in the bill.

Now days there are various tests and medical treatments that can possibly be forced on children and young adults to be able to attend educational institutions such as the PCR test and the mRNA vaccines were during the covid pandemic.

If these genetic materials or procedures are used with the aim of detecting one's genetic characteristics or if the byproducts of these procedures are such that information on genetic traits are revealed, one should have the right to refuse such procedure without being discriminated against in an educational institution. The same is true if a genetic procedure such as a therapy, treatment, or medical procedure were to result in altering one's genetic material or changing one's DNA.

Science and commercial curiosity must be kept at bay; we cannot allow them to run amok. Experimentation and data gathering for medical research or clinical trials or pharmaceutical production must be consented to under informed consent and cannot be forced. People might not want to go through such procedures that reveal their unique DNA characteristics or possible disease traits they might carry due to their genetic make-up without their consent. They should have the right to refuse these procedures without being discriminated at an educational institution.

Please support this bill as it is very important that refusal of these genetic procedures do not carry discrimination.

Thank you and sincerely,