

Health Committee
House Bill 679
Unfavorable

Honorable Chair Bagnall, Vice Chair Cullison, and Members of the Health Committee;

Please give House Bill 679, regarding the intrusion of government into personal medical decisions, an unfavorable report. Protect transgender kids from the bigotry that puts their lives at risk. Stand against genocide.

Neither the sponsor of the bill (who has actually argued that people aren't transgender, they're just autistic!!!) nor the cosponsors have any transgender loved ones. They don't understand or care about the science or the medical oversight of puberty blockers and hormones. They don't understand or care about the transgender people who are affected by discriminatory legislation designed to harm, and even kill them.

Puberty blockers have been in use for decades and are safe for children, which the sponsor certainly knows since she didn't include children with precocious puberty in this bill's ban. The usage of puberty blockers and hormones significantly decreases the risks of depression and suicidality in transgender youth. The sponsor and cosponsors of this bill are blatantly seeking to harm transgender children. What kind of people want to hurt kids? I am disgusted by House Bill 679, and by the people who are backing it. Please do the right thing and protect transgender people by voting against this cruel and evil bill. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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