

Judicial Proceedings Committee
Senate Bill 604
Favorable

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee;

Can you believe that we actually need this legislation? Do you remember thinking that the world would be a better place in 2026? This timeline is so depressing. I mean, there are actually people who will argue against this bill because they think that God wants them to hate and to hurt children!

Senate Bill 604 would prevent adoption and foster agencies from acting in bigoted, hateful ways. I'd like to request that there be something prohibiting someone from fostering or adopting a child if they wouldn't love and accept that child (such as a racist with a Black child or a Queerphobe with a trans child.) But I'll support Senate Bill 604 even if you don't amend it to add that. Please give Senate Bill 604 a favorable report. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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