

HB 908: Civil Actions - Failure to Restrict Distribution of Sexual Material Harmful to Minors: Please vote to **SUPPORT** this bill.

Dear Judiciary Committee:

I am writing to strongly urge you to **SUPPORT HB 908**.

HB 908 would hold commercial entities (such as websites and online platforms) civilly liable if they knowingly distribute sexual material harmful to minors on the Internet; prohibits retaining identifying information post-verification; and allows parents/legal guardians to sue for damages if a minor accesses the material due to non-compliance, while providing remedies for privacy violations.

With children increasingly exposed to explicit, pornographic, or obscene content online—often through easy access on adult sites—this bill provides essential accountability. Current safeguards are insufficient against platforms that profit from unrestricted distribution of sexual material without adequate age checks. By creating a civil right of action, **HB 908 incentivizes responsible practices** like ID verification or data-based age assurance, **protects minors from harmful material that can cause lasting psychological or developmental damage, and empowers families to seek justice without relying solely on criminal enforcement.**

This targeted measure **respects free speech** (focusing on commercial distribution of harmful material to minors) **while prioritizing child protection**—aligning with growing national efforts to address online obscenity risks.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask you to **vote in favor of HB 908** and help restrict the unchecked distribution of sexual material harmful to minors.

Thank you for your attention to this vital child protection legislation.

Sincerely,

Trudy Tibbals