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I recommend the legislature Ought not to Pass this bill.

Main Concerns:

- Creates exemptions in the Maine Human Rights Act that allow discrimination against transgender women.
- Undermines protections in both emergency housing and educational equity.
- Exploits unfounded fears about safety to justify exclusion.

Key Talking Points:

- Transgender women face higher rates of violence and homelessness—excluding them from shelters puts them in more danger.
Many shelters nationwide already include trans clients without incident.
- Title IX and the Maine Human Rights Act exist to protect all women, including transgender women.
- Carving out legal loopholes for discrimination sets a dangerous precedent.
- We do not have to choose between safety and inclusion—we can and must ensure both.