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LD 1704

I oppose LD 1704. It is bizarre and unenforceable.

Outside of pathetically outdated 90s movie and TV plot lines I've never seen or heard of anyone "sneaking into the wrong bathroom" for malicious reasons. Men disguise themselves as "nice men" who are "just concerned"; not as women when they commit atrocities. I'm sure there is plenty of evidence of this fact present in Augusta today. The fascination with childrens' bodies and genitals in particular is a red flag.

Children know who they are, and as they learn more about themselves and the world we have brought them into they change and develop. Certainly the Maine legislature does not know every child in Maine better than they know themselves. It is so strange to be writing today to defend children's right to go to the bathroom appropriately. In Maine we say "If it ain't broke, don't fix it". Let's not let people in Washington send their paranoia here.

If this is a real problem in need of real solutions, I propose renovating all public buildings to provide single-person restrooms; each equipped with accessibility features, sink, urinal, toilet, trash receptacle within reach of the toilet, and baby changing tables. It would cost a lot, but eliminating shared facilities seems like the best solution to ensure privacy. Some of our state parks have facilities like this and they are quite nice.