

Dear Members of the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee,

I respectfully ask that you vote 'ought not to pass' on LD 227! This bill is a travesty of human rights! Is this really what you and this committee support? Warning, if you support this bill you will be judged with certainty and the judgment will not be good both now and forever!

A great teacher said: "If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to stumble! Such things must come, but woe to the person through whom they come!". (Matthew 18:6-7 NIV) You would be very wise to heed this very specific warning!

I pray that you not bow down to this lunacy, use common sense and your own judgment in determining what is right or wrong as you consider the well being of children who are not old enough to vote, drive, smoke a cigarette or get a tattoo, not alone advocate accurately for themselves. Is this how you would want the STATE to treat your child or grandchild?

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