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States which have let biologically male prison inmates self-identify as into women's prison are now dealing with allegations by female prisoners that they are being sexually assaulted by them.

It was revealed only last week that Washington state has had numerous reports by women that they are being sexually assaulted by some of the five transwomen put in their prison in the last few months - one of them an actual serial killer of women.

This came out in a court hearing, after a DOC whistleblower stated that female inmates are "terrified" and the ACLU went to court to keep the records sealed, because they are the ones who sued to get the transwomen into women's prison in the first place.

<https://mynorthwest.com/2666243/doc-washington-correctional-center-women-men-transfer/>

In Illinois, a female inmate alleges she was raped the first night transwoman Janiah Monroe was put in her cell. Monroe's ACLU lawyer got her put into women's prison even after she stabbed a cellmate to death in the men's prison, then called the cellmate - and other women who also alleged sexual misconduct by Monroe - liars.

<https://www.illinoistimes.com/springfield/transgender-inmate-accused-of-rape/Content?oid=11867999>

We have no idea how many women are now being raped in prison by biological males who have self-identified into women's prison, due to the legal interference of the ACLU getting records sealed in multiple states.

This bill makes NO exceptions for inmates who have been convicted of sexual offenses or even murder of women. It also doesn't specify any need for sex reassignment surgery, but merely says self-identification is enough.

If passed, LD 1044 would give a sexually intact male inmate convicted of raping and murdering women the right to self-identify as female and be housed in women's prison.

It beggars belief that anyone could think this a good idea. It is even more shocking that no witness who appeared at the public hearing, nor any legislator, appears to have mentioned the impact on the female inmates at all! It is as if they didn't even rate a thought to anyone.

Unfortunately, the many of us who would have liked to testify at the public hearing in support of those female inmates never knew about it. This seems to have occurred due to the drafters of this legislation using a bit of clever language: they referred to transgender people only as "certain individuals" so that anyone searching for legislation on the issue by keyword would never see it. There was no publicity in the news about this bill at all, and yet the usual trans rights activists all seem to have been informed about the hearing.

Of course trans people deserve protection in prison. But women in prison are not human shields to be used to accomplish this. Female bodies do not exist merely to be risked protecting others from male violence.

Have some common sense and protect biologically male inmates in the men's estate. Women in prison matter, too.