

LD1735 transgender tourism bill, was killed unanimously.

HCIFS committee public hearing

LD227 Senator Bailey, Senator Ann Perry. Email out the amendment and schedule it for Primary election day.

This bill LD 227 is not just bad for Maine children but can affect all children in the United States.

To say that a minor can make irreversible changes to their body and their custodial parent has no say about it, is wrong. As a culture we put age limits on drinking, smoking, tattoos, driving etc. and for good reason, their judgment isn't fully developed yet. Transgender surgery shouldn't be one of the decisions we allow minors to make.

To make transgender treatment a legal right and forcing the taxpayers to cover the surgery is wrong. For someone to make a life altering choice for themselves is one thing, but to force others to pay for it against their will is wrong on another level.

It is very rare that you find a parent that wouldn't do whatever is necessary to protect and care for their child. I do believe that a good parent can provide for and has the best interest of their child in mind. I have 3 children of my own and provide and care for them and fall into the category of a good parent.

If LD 227 passes I believe we will see kids that are undecided being persuaded to be brought to Maine to have surgery that they will later regret. And we are setting them up for failure. This bill seems to go as far as to restrict a parent from defending their child from making a choice that is wrong, the courts will even prevent the child from returning to their biological parent in some cases. It even appears that a person who brought the child to Maine for treatment could turn around and sue a parent for trying to intervene on behalf of their child.

LD 227 is too extreme for Maine, I ask you to vote it ought not to pass.

Respectfully, Ariel Wannemacher