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Bill LD 1432 tells trans and gender non-conforming people to choose either being discriminated against or to try presenting as the gender people think they should be so that they can have the same opportunities as their peers. Since when did equality and equity become contingent on gender role performance? In addition to the absurdity of coercing people to perform a certain gender, there is no rulebook on how exactly to perform said gender, making the judgement of such a thing arbitrary and ripe for exploitation. Although trans and gender non-conforming people will be harmed the most by this legislation, none of us will be spared from the evaluation of our gender performance by those in positions of power. We will all be at their mercy and discretion. In closing, this bill betrays the pursuit of safety of our community and perpetuates transphobia and bigotry.