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I recommend the legislature Ought not to Pass this bill.

Main Concerns:

- Discriminates against transgender students in multiple areas of school life.
- Codifies exclusion in public education and school facilities.
- Encourages lawsuits against schools for supporting student identity.

Key Talking Points:

- Violates the Maine Human Rights Act, which guarantees access to public accommodations—including schools—based on gender identity.
- This bill undermines privacy and safety by policing identity, not protecting it.
- Trans students face increased bullying, depression, and suicide—this bill will only intensify that harm.
- Schools already have guidelines to balance inclusion, privacy, and fairness.
- Allows legal action against schools for affirming students, creating a chilling effect on educators.
- Public funds should not be used to enforce discrimination or strip students of dignity.