

Thank you for adding protections against discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity or expression to Alaska State Law.

I was able to listen to the public testimony for the bill yesterday and I would like to respond to a comment made by one of the testifiers, a woman opposing the bill. She stated that the American Academy of Pediatrics had come out against transgender children. I was surprised to hear this and did some research. The American Academy of Pediatrics did not make any such statement. The organization that made this statement was the American College of Pediatricians (ACPeds).

This small recently formed group has nothing to do with pediatrics.

They are classified as a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center. Their main purpose is to oppose parenting by same-sex parents.

(<https://www.snopes.com/americas-pediatricians-gender-kids/>)

Please pass HB 184 to allow all Alaskans who harm no one else to live in peace.

Thank you,

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With compassion for all beings