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House Bill No. 338

Sponsor Statement

"An Act relating to physician liability for gender transition procedures performed on minors; and providing for an effective date."

An alarming number of adults who received gender transition treatments or surgeries as children have regretted those decisions. Over the last few years, many European countries have adopted more restrictions and started to reconsider the use of these treatments provided to minors.

House Bill 338 (HB338) amends Alaska's Code of Civil Procedure by allowing recovery of damages against physicians who perform a procedure on minors that result in injury. Some of these surgical procedures are irreversible. HB338 focuses on the importance of rigorous medical oversight and informed consent. An action brought under this section must begin or start within 20 years after the accrual of the cause of action.

HB338 is a necessary step towards safeguarding the well-being of children. It ensures that the medical community in Alaska adheres to the highest standards of care and that families can make well-informed decisions.