

HB 302: What You Need To Know



HB 302 would ban transgender girls from participating in sports, from kindergarten through college.

This bill discriminates against transgender girls. It says that they can never play sports with other girls—not even if they have been diagnosed and treated for gender dysphoria and have been living as a girl for years.

Transgender athletes want to play sports for the same reasons that all athletes do: to make lasting friendships, feel a sense of community and camaraderie, and learn to respect coaches and teammates. We shouldn't deny them these life-changing opportunities just because they are transgender.



The bill falsely claims that transgender girls are a threat to women's sports.

The vast majority of transgender children are not elite athletes. They just want to play sports for fun, with friends and classmates. They should not be forced to choose between being themselves and playing sports. We all care about protecting women's sports. But transgender girls do not threaten them.



The bill violates the NCAA's policies governing transgender athletes.

HB 302 is in direct conflict with the NCAA's current policy, which allows transgender girls to participate in women's sports after taking cross-gender hormones for one year. If this bill were to pass, the NCAA would bar Utah from hosting NCAA events, which would have a massive economic impact on our state. States like North Carolina, Indiana and Texas have already lost many millions of dollars in tournament, convention, concert and tourism revenues after passing laws that discriminate against transgender people.



Unlike previous bills about LGBTQ people, this bill was drafted without any input from the LGBTQ community—most importantly, from transgender Utahns and the parents of transgender children.

In recent years, the Utah Legislature has been careful to consult with the LGBTQ community before passing legislation that affects us. Just this year, Governor Cox declared that Utah would continue to follow the principle of "Nothing About Us, Without Us," in the **Utah Compact on Racial Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion**. This bill violates these principles. It was drafted without any input from LGBTQ people.



This bill is the work product of the so-called Alliance Defending Freedom and the Utah Eagle Forum.

This bill is the latest effort from the Alliance Defending Freedom and the Utah Eagle Forum—organizations that have been attacking the LGBTQ community for decades with false propaganda. The ADF has been designated as a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center for their ceaseless, misleading attacks on LGBTQ Americans. Seventeen other states have introduced these bills to target and exclude transgender Americans this year.



This bill will trigger a lawsuit, because discriminating against transgender people is unconstitutional.

In 2020, the Idaho Legislature passed a similar law banning transgender athletes from playing sports. Within months, Chief Judge David Nye of the U.S. District Court ruled that Idaho's law could not be enforced, because it violates the U.S. Constitution's Equal Protection Clause. In this ruling, Chief Judge Nye found no evidence that allowing transgender girls to participate would alter the fairness or integrity of women's sports. Chief Judge Nye was educated at BYU, nominated by President Trump, and confirmed by the Senate in a 100-0 vote.

ASK YOUR REPRESENTATIVE TO VOTE NO ON HB 302