Dallas Erickson Testimony
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SB 199 "Sexual Orientation"
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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

My name is Dallas Erickson and I am a lobbyist for and represent the 4000 supporters of Montana Citizens for Decency through Law. We oppose this bill.

Let's agree that we're all against hate and abuse of anybody. But I hope that we can all agree that a business, Church, youth group or for that matter anyone should be able to decide whether they want people with "sexual orientations" that they do not agree with and feel are unhealthy and unsafe to work for them or be around their youth.

I am opposed to adding the words "sexual orientation" to ANY bill. There is NO DEFINITION TO "SEXUAL ORIENTATION" in Montana law.

Heterosexuality of course is the only sexual orientation that is not a perversion and is the universal norm: sexual interaction with the opposite sex.

I am going to read a few of the other orientations to give you a better understanding of what you will be doing if you pass this bill out of committee. This is uncomfortable for me and I know for you but it is important for you to know the consequences of this bill. These are sometimes called paraphilias meaning kinky or perverted. Certainly homosexuality fits under this classification.

If we were to grant special privileges to those who choose to participate in behavior peculiar to one's self-described 'sexual orientation' — homosexuality — would we not be obligated to grant the same privileges to those who choose to engage in the behaviors associated with any of the other known "sexual orientations?"

This bill would add those with the following sexual orientations to the hate crimes law. This is only a partial list:

- Homosexuality or "Gay": sexual orientation towards persons of the same sex.
- Bisexuality: sexual interaction and orientation towards both males and females.
- Pedophilia: sexual orientation towards a prepubescent child (generally age 13 years or younger).
- Incest: Sexual orientation towards a sibling or parent.
- Gerontosexuality: Distinct preference or orientation for sexual relationships primarily or exclusively with an elderly partner

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- Transgenderism: an umbrella term referring to and/or covering transvestitism, drag queen/kings, and transsexualism.

- Exhibitionism: the act of exposing one's genitals to an unwilling observer to obtain sexual gratification.

- Transsexuality: the condition in which a person's gender identity is different from his or her anatomical gender.

- Transvestitism: the condition in which a person is sexually stimulated or gratified by wearing the clothes of the other gender.

- Transvestic fetishism: for males, "intense sexually arousing fantasies, sexual urges, or behaviors involving cross-dressing."

- Autogynephilia: the sexual arousal of a man by his own perception of himself as a woman or dressed as a woman.

- Voyeurism: "obtaining sexual arousal through the act of observing unsuspecting individuals, usually strangers, who are naked, in the process of disrobing, or engaging in sexual activity."

- Partialism: Person is sexually oriented to a specific body part exclusive of the person.

- Fetishism or Sexual Fetishism: "intense sexually arousing fantasies, sexual urges, or behaviors involving the use of nonliving objects (e.g. female undergarments)."

- Zoophilia or Bestiality: becoming excited by and/or engaging in sexual activity with animals.

- Sexual Sadism: "recurrent, intense, sexually arousing fantasies, sexual urges, or behaviors involving acts (real, not simulated) in which the psychological or physical suffering (including humiliation) of the victim is sexually exciting to the person."

- Sexual Masochism: "recurrent, intense sexually arousing fantasies, sexual urges, or sexual orientation toward behaviors involving the act (real, not simulated) of being humiliated, beaten, bound, or otherwise made to suffer."

- Necrophilia: sexual arousal and/or orientation towards sexual activity with a corpse.

- Klismaphilia: erotic pleasure derived from enemas.
  Telephone Scatalogia: the compulsion to utter obscene topics over the phone.

- Urophilia: sexual arousal associated with urine.

- Apotemnophilia: sexual arousal associated with the stump(s) of an amputee.

- Coprophilia: sexual arousal associated with feces.
- Coprophagia: sexual gratification derived from eating feces.
- Toucherism: the strong desire to touch the breasts or genitals of an unknown woman without her consent. Often occurs in conjunction with other paraphilia.
- Partialism: "sexual arousal obtained through exclusive focus on part of the body."
- Gender Identity Disorder: "a strong and persistent cross-gender identification, which is the desire to be, or the insistence that one is, of the other sex," along with "persistent discomfort about one's assigned sex or a sense of the inappropriateness in the gender role of that sex."
- Frotteurism: "touching and rubbing against a nonconsenting person."
- Frattemism: approaching an unknown woman from the rear and pressing or rubbing the penis against her buttocks.
- Asphyxophilia -sexual gratification derived from activities that involve oxygen deprivation.

Again, this is just a partial list of those who you will add to Montana law if this bill is passed. As a law enforcement officer I had to deal with people of several of these orientations.

This bill makes it so the Boy Scouts would be forced to hire a pedophile or a pederast or a homosexual or be charged with discrimination. Local governments and the state would also be precluded from allowing the Boy Scouts from using government facilities or lands.

A known person whose "sexual orientation" was bestiality could not be discriminated against for rental of an apartment. "Unless based on reasonable grounds" is found throughout the bill. That would be interpreted by the courts and the drafter knows that is where the pro-homosexual issues are won. Never, as yet, in the legislature. The court is where the sponsor and others would like this issue because they are their friends and they like to legislate these issues from the bench and this bill would help them get that chance.

This bill needs to be tabled permanently. It is a terrible bill that in itself is discriminatory against those who feel homosexuality and other sexual orientations are unsafe and destructive.

Thank you.

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