

Senate Judiciary Committee

I oppose SB179 because it really creates discrimination against the Bible and Christianity and defys the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, concerning equal protection under the Law. Such a Bill emboldens homosexuals and lesbians to establish that their beliefs about sex are superior to the Bible's, as evidenced by the states and countries with these hate discrimination laws.

A classic example is New Mexico's. Instead of hiring a wedding photographer who would have enjoyed taking the lesbians' wedding reception pictures. They approached Elaine Haguenin, knowing that she would be very uncomfortable doing the photography. When she refused to do it she wound up in Civil Court after appearing before the Human Rights Commission and was fined \$3,000. She lost her good reputation and her business. I also, could not be an integral part of the wedding, as a photographer must be. Truly, it would have hurt me to deny my Savior by pretending to be joyous about the union of a lesbian couple.

The gay and lesbian agenda has reached the level of bold discrimination against the Bible and Christians in England. Paul Diamond, a British barrister lost his case defending a Christian couple Eunice and Owen Johns' right to foster a child. The judges stated that "Christian beliefs on sexual ethics may be 'inimical' to children and they upheld the Equalities and Human Rights Commission's submission that children risk being 'infected by Christian moral beliefs'." Is a belief in Jesus Christ's authority on this subject an infection?

When an employer fires an employee for negligence and he happens to be a homosexual, it would be very difficult for the employer to prove that he's not guilty of discrimination, especially if he is a Christian. It would seem that Human Rights Commissions, as in the state of Mew Mexico, are quick to presume Christians are hateful, and intolerant people. Actually, we Christians do care for all people not just those who believe and live as we do. Yet, we do oppose this Bill, which has granted a special legal civil status that has trumped the beliefs' of Christians and the Bible in the states and countries that have passed such laws.

We believe that this Bill takes us further along the road to destroying our U.S. Constitution.

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