

To: Committee of the Assembly Judiciary

Subj: **Opposition to SB141**

Dear Committee of the Assembly Judiciary:

Cost: In spite of amendment 254 and the claim that there is "no cost" to the taxpayer, this bill still states that law enforcement must consider the "preference" of the prisoner when assigning housing and that the inmate must be provided access to their "preferred" clothing. It provides a "grievance process" to the inmate if they feel they have not been treated appropriately. There IS still a cost which has been ignored by this amendment.

Risk to Female Inmates: This bill provides a risk to female inmates housed with transgender inmates. A Study in 2020 in the UK (by Professors Rosa Freedman, Kathleen Stock, and Alice Sullivan) shows that males who have transitioned (chemically or surgically) were 18 times more likely than women to be convicted of a violent criminal offense. The study shows that policy makers CANNOT assume that transgender women's violent offending patterns will be similar to those of the cis-gendered female population.

Due to the cost and the risk to female inmates, this bill must be OPPOSED.

Please oppose SB141!

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