

## **Planned Parenthood Advocates of Montana**

Act. No matter what.

## Legislative Update 3.9.23

A harmful bill that would adopt a very restrictive definition of the term "sex" in the Montana code is being heard tomorrow and we need you to speak out against it. SB 458 defines "sex" by reproductive capacity, which erases the identity of transgender, nonbinary, Two Spirit, and intersex people.

SB 458 is a confusing, 61-page bill that that needs much more review. The bill sponsor and other legislators have even expressed confusion about the implications of this legislation. Contact the Senate Finance and Claims Committee and tell them to vote NO on SB 458.

If passed, people would be forced to misgender themselves on identity documents like driver's licenses, and crucial documents like marriage certificates. **SB 458 also attempts to outlaw marriage equality.** 

## Please take action!

- Send a message to the Senate Finance & Claims committee <u>via</u> this online portal and tell members to vote NO on SB 458.
  - Feel free to use the information we shared above in your message.
- Call the Legislative switchboard tomorrow morning at 406.444.4800 and leave a message for the Senate Finance & Claims Committee.
- If your senator is in this committee, we encourage you to send a message to them directly!
  - o Find a list of committee members here.
  - Look up your legislators here.



For all bills this session, you can <u>look up bill information</u>, <u>including bill language and scheduled hearings and floor sessions here.</u>

Thank you for your support and for taking action!

In solidarity, Jessica Lahr (she/hers) Community Organizer