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Several extremely harmful bills are working their way through the Texas Legislature.

If these bills pass, not only will transgender children be prevented from accessing life-saving medical care, but their parents will be considered child abusers, with the child potentially being put into foster care, should they allow their child to access that care.

- <u>HB 1399 (Krause):</u> prevents health providers from giving children medically necessary transition care (e.g., puberty-delaying medications or hormone support).
- SB 1646 (Perry): adds the provision of transition care to transgender youth as statutory child abuse.
- SB 1148: prevents children from changing their birth certificate to reflect their gender identity.

Please CALL the <u>House Calendars Committee</u> ASAP to ask <u>not</u> to schedule HB 1399 (Krause) for House floor debate.

Call <u>your</u> Rep <u>and</u> the Reps on the House Calendars Committee:

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Key talking points:

- 1. Medical decisions should be kept between parents and their team of medical providers. The Texas government should not be intervening in the private medical decision of parents.
- 2. These bills promote vast government overreach and do not reflect the small government values we have as Texans.
- 3. These bills are discriminatory toward children- a vulnerable population we should be protecting, not politicizing.
- 4. Bills like this make it difficult for Texas businesses to recruit

and retain a vibrant workforce since it doesn't allow for families to receive equal treatment and medical care. These businesses have all come out against these bills and have threatened to pull financial support.

5. The religious community won't stand for the discrimination and targeting of children. It stands against the principles of every faith tradition.

Thank you