

HB 1314 -- DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES

SPONSOR: Bosley

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education by a vote of 16 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 5 to 1 with 2 voting present.

This bill prohibits discrimination on the basis of hair texture and protective hairstyles in educational institutions that receive or benefit from state financial assistance or state student financial aid.

This bill is the same as HB 503 (2021).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that being a student in today's schools is tough enough and to be treated differently because of a hair style choice that allows a child to be recognized for who they are is unfair. There are several other states that have passed similar legislation.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Bosley; Debra Serr; American Civil Liberties Union of Missouri; Kendall Marinez-Wright; and Rod Chapel, Missouri State Conference of NAACP.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.