

Senate Secretary,

Please file this vote explanation in the appropriate place.

I voted no on HB 2030 because substituting the word “equality” with the word “equity” is problematic. It moves us away from the aspiration of equal treatment under the law and towards subjective and unequal treatment based on membership or lack of membership in a politically favored group.

It encourages discriminatory action by our government for and against people based on a classification.

Political winds could shift in the future and how a human being is treated by their government should never be subject to membership status in a politically favored or disfavored group.

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State Senator

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