

## Defend Religious Liberty

### Breaching the Seal of the Confessional

**Original Bill:** [HB2340](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Raychel Proudie (D)

**Description:** Allows the reporting of a privileged communication regarding child abuse and neglect that is made to a minister or clergy person.

**Position:** Oppose

**MCC Statement:** In an effort to address the scourge of child sexual abuse by members of the Church in the past, the state should not infringe upon the First Amendment right of priests to administer the sacrament of confession and to maintain the confidentiality of things disclosed there as required by Canon law. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 05/15/2026 H - Referred to committee - House-Emerging Issues

### Immunity for Disclosure of Abuse by Employees

**Original Bill:** [HB3326](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Don Mayhew (R)

**Description:** Provides immunity from civil liability for disclosures by a charitable organization of allegations of sexual misconduct.

**Position:** Support

**MCC Statement:** Non-profits should be immune from civil liability when disclosing to other non-profits incidents of abuse previously reported to the state, as required by law, about which the non-profit is a mandatory reporter. 02/25/26

**Last Action:** 05/15/2026 H - Referred to committee - House-Emerging Issues

### Religious Liberty/Infringements

**Original Bill:** [SB1218](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Patty Lewis (D)

**Description:** Prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

**Position:** Oppose

**MCC Statement:** No one should face unjust discrimination, including discrimination for same-sex attraction or gender dysphoria; however, the proposed legislation has potential negative implications for religious liberty, privacy rights, and rights of conscience. This bill would penalize those who believe we are created male and female, violate the privacy and safety rights of women and girls, and the conscience rights of doctors and other medical professionals. 01/30/26

**Last Action:** 01/27/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Families, Seniors and Health

**Original Bill:** [SB1633](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Stephen Webber (D)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to unlawful discriminatory practices.

**Position:** Oppose

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**Last Action:** 02/12/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-General Laws