

# Comment Report

HSB 218

A bill for an act prohibiting institutions of higher learning governed by the state board of regents from expending moneys to fund diversity, equity, and inclusion offices or to hire individuals to serve as diversity, equity, and inclusion officers, creating a private cause of action, and including effective date provisions. (See HF 616.)

Subcommittee Members: Collins-CH, Ehlert, Stone

Date: 03/01/2023

Time: 09:30 AM

Location: RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult

**Name:** Sandy Wilson

**Comment:** Citizen Engagement declares IN FAVOR of HSB 218. Please move the bill.

**Name:** Pam Gronau

**Comment:** I fully support this bill. These positions only bring indoctrination to our schools at a high price tag. Please move this bill forward.

**Name:** Madison Atwood

**Comment:** I strongly oppose this bill. Higher Education is a time for students to go more deeply into understanding perspectives of people different than them. Our institutes of higher education have a responsibility to ensure that they are working to make their programs inclusive and accessible to all students, which is why this bill is needed.

**Name:** Rick Phillips

**Comment:** We love people who are LGBTQ. However, we must oppose the indoctrination expressed by such people to protect Iowa children. Any kind of gender inclusivity or equity training at any level of education is harmful to the posterity of our State. It is not an Iowa value, nor does it hold any intrinsic educational value. Its destructive to the emotional and mental state of minors. If it were not so, then why does the discussion always point out the need for more mental therapy and counseling? We must be bold and support reallocating any and all funding allocated by the previous General Assembly. This action will reduce the number of troubled youths. Please pass HSB218.

**Name:** Mary Jobst

**Comment:** Please pass this legislation. Diversity, Inclusion, Equity (DIE) programs are thought control indoctrination based upon neomarxist ideologies that reduce everyone from unique individual members of our one human family into members of various identity groups that are pitted against each other as either the innocent oppressed or the evil oppressors. DIE programs are antithetical to the founding principle of our country asserted in the Declaration of Independence, (the selfevident truth that ALL people are created equal and endowed by our Creator with unalienable rights of life, liberty, property, and the pursuit of happiness). By indoctrinating its subjects into forced statements of agreement and censorship from expression of disagreement it is a clear UNCONSTITUTIONAL violation of our First Amendment freedom of speech. No tax dollars should ever go into this. Moreover, the fact that this UNCONSTITUTIONAL ideology and propaganda has infiltrated into private businesses is clear evidence of public ignorance and critical need for CIVIC EDUCATION about our form of selfgovernment outlined in its foundational documents, The Declaration of Independence, The Constitution and its first ten

amendments, The Bill of Rights. DIE needs to literally die!

**Name:** Courtney Collier

**Comment:** I support SF218 Thank you for this bill. Please expand it to k12 schools. They have created new policy to base hiring practices on DEI and they spend \$100k often much more for their DEI administrative position.

**Name:** Mandy Gilbert

**Comment:** Please move this bill forward. This is a necessary restraint on the large salaries being used to perpetuate racism and hate of this country in higher learning. Thank you for recognizing the need for this bill.

**Name:** Mandy Gilbert

**Comment:** In support and would like to add this restraint needs placed in K12 instruction as well.

**Name:** Patty Alexander

**Comment:** Please support this bill. Reallocation if the funds to an instructional coach or teachers would be a better use of the funds.

**Name:** Harry Ehrlich

**Comment:** Encourage passage of HF218 today. Children in school need support and focus on studies consistent with full life growth within their families. This bill refocuses school purposes to their role of education. Thank you.