

Amend HB 229 on third reading as follows:



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1. Strike everything below the enacting clause and replace with the following:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS. The legislature finds that:

- (1) in the eyes of the law, men and women are equals and are afforded the same nondiscrimination and equality protections;
- (2) women have the right to vote, regardless of a change in name;
- (3) women have the right to full financial freedom, such as the freedom to have one's own bank account and access to credit without the reliance on a spouse or parent;
- (4) women have the freedom to access high quality education at all levels from pre-kindergarten through post-graduate school without discrimination or harassment;
- (5) women have the right to protections from sexual assault, sex trafficking, and modern day slavery;
- (6) all people, including women, have an inherent right to control their bodies, including their medical care;
- (7) all people, including women, have an inherent right to be safe from physical attack, including sexual assault;
- (8) discrimination on the basis of sex is odious and should never be engaged in by the State;
- (9) there is a long-standing history of discrimination against women on the basis of sex in this State, the United States, and the world;
- (10) this history includes women being prohibited from voting, prohibited from owning property, prohibited from acquiring credit, prohibited from attending certain education institutions, being discriminated against in many workplaces, and being subjected to sex-based violence;
- (11) there is no valid biological basis for discrimination against women on the basis of sex;
- (12) the State has a responsibility to minimize discrimination in private industry and society against women on the basis of sex;
- (13) policies and laws should only distinguish between the sexes when there is an important governmental objective that can only be achieved by the distinction.