

I support HB 3159 because I support health equity and we will not be able to overcome health disparities unless we really understand the details of the problems.

Currently, healthcare providers are only required to collect race, ethnicity, language, and disability (REAL- D) data from COVID-19 patients, and are not required by law to collect any sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) data. But we know the information impacts our health everyday, not just when dealing with this pandemic!

The Data Justice Act will empower our state to effectively address health disparities by asking providers to gather and share these aggregated data for analysis.