

**One Hundred Seventh Legislature - Second Session - 2022**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB1077**

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**Chairperson: Senator Tom Brewer**

**Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs**

**Date of Hearing: February 24, 2022**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 1077 affirms respect and discourages discrimination in education or training given by any governmental entity, public postsecondary institution, or public school. It prohibits teaching, advocating, encouraging, promoting or acting upon race or sex scapegoating, race stereotyping, specific defined concepts or prejudice towards others on the basis of any protected characteristic. In public postsecondary institutions and public schools, this includes discriminating against students for political ideology.

For governmental entities, enforcement will include action from the Attorney General. If public postsecondary institutions and public schools are knowingly in violation, the State Treasurer shall withhold state funds.

Under LB 1077, intellectual vitality will not be infringed and the teaching of history is encouraged without holding students or employees at fault because of their race or sex.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Ben Hansen**