



Austin Healthy
Adolescent Program

88th Session Updates

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Today's Objectives

- ✦ Learn about recent legislative updates
- ✦ Highlight Challenges for Transgender Youth
- ✦ Chat with our youth experts



Content Sensitivity

During the session there will be times when we will discuss and review potentially upsetting or triggering content. We will not go into graphic details, and we encourage everyone to engage in whatever self-care is supportive – including asking for a pause or stop in the conversation.

When sharing personal stories or anecdotes with the group, please be mindful stories of violence, discrimination, and prejudice may evoke a trauma response. Being sensitive to this by providing content warnings for your peers can help them make informed decisions about whether they may need to leave or stop the conversation as self-care.



We are all here to

◆◆◆ Grow and Learn

Ask a question in the language you have.

If someone uses outdated or offensive language, I will repeat back the question modeling affirming language and that will be a cue there is different language to use.

Throughout the session I will provide gentle notes about language, microaggressions, etc., to help raise awareness. If you hear something and want to say something, please do.



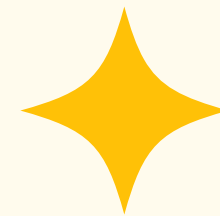
Texas Overview



Texas is home to the second-largest LGBT population in the country (8.4%)



Republican lawmakers filed 140 bills targeting the LGBTQIA+ community

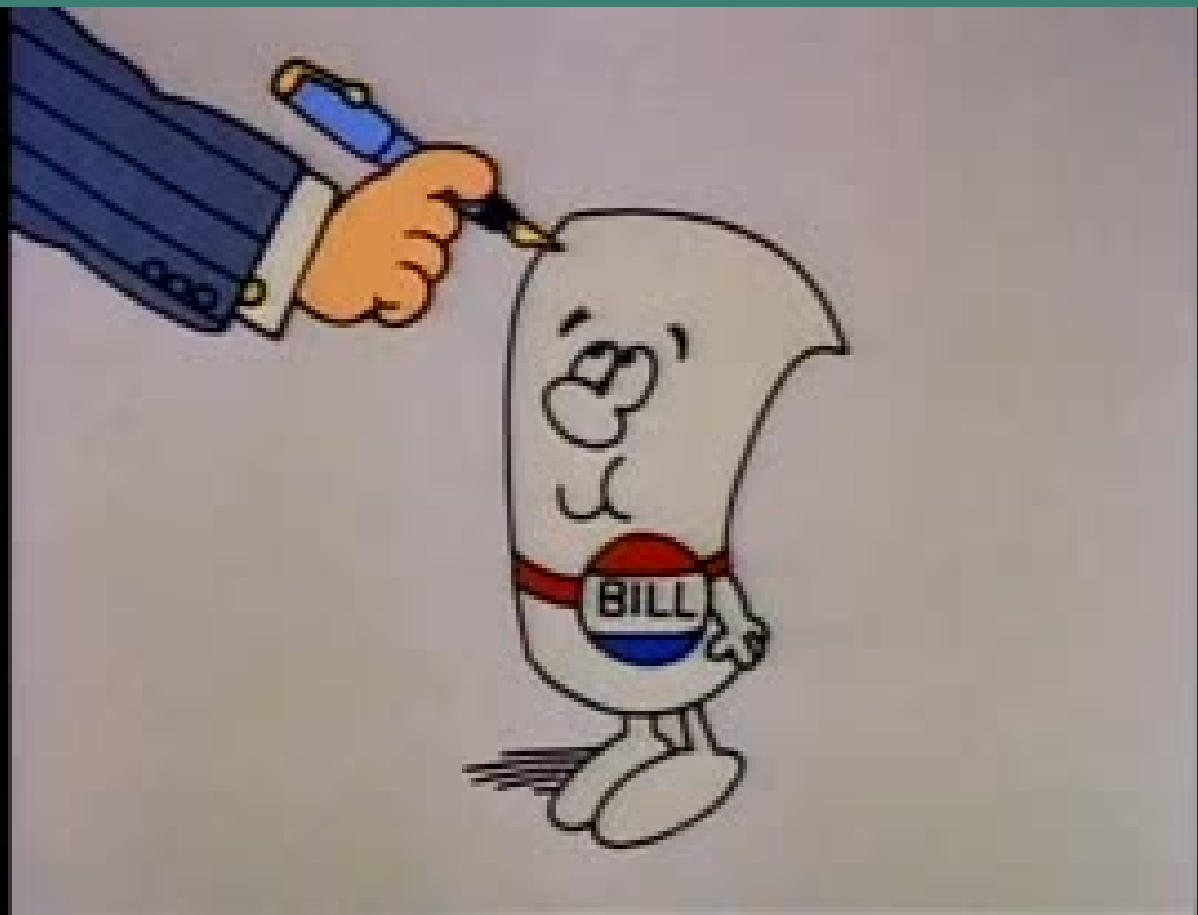


Texas House Democratic and LGBTQ Caucus members filed 144 of their own pro-LGBTQ+ bills



Bills Signed

- **SB 17 ELIMINATES DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION PROGRAMS IN UNIVERSITIES AND HIGHER EDUCATION.**
- **SB 15, OR THE "SAVE WOMEN SPORTS ACT", REQUIRES COLLEGE ATHLETES TO COMPETE ON TEAMS THAT ALIGN WITH THE GENDER THEY WERE ASSIGNED AT BIRTH.**
- **SB 14 BANS WHAT'S KNOWN AS GENDER AFFIRMING CARE FOR MINORS, OR "PROCEDURES AND TREATMENTS FOR GENDER TRANSITIONING, GENDER REASSIGNMENT, OR GENDER DYSPHORIA AND ON THE USE OF PUBLIC MONEY OR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TO PROVIDE THOSE PROCEDURES AND TREATMENTS," ACCORDING TO THE BILL'S AUTHORS.**
- **SB 12 BANS DRAG SHOWS OR ANY PERFORMANCE THAT CAN BE PERCEIVED AS SEXUAL IN NATURE WHEN MINORS ARE PRESENT.**



Bills Passed

OPT-IN BILLS

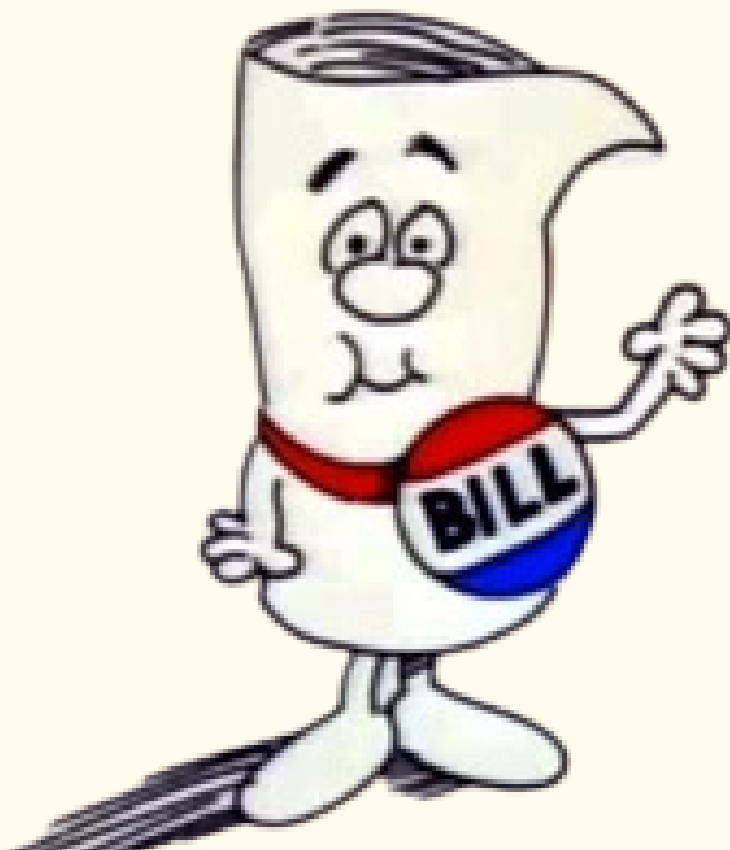
- **WOULD MAKE OPT-IN PERMANENT**

“DON’T SAY GAY” BILLS

- **PROHIBIT INSTRUCTION, GUIDANCE, ACTIVITIES OR PROGRAMMING K-12TH**
- **ONLY PARENTS OR HUMAN SEXUALITY INSTRUCTORS CAN DISCUSS WITH STUDENT**
- **PROHIBIT PRIDE WITH PENALTIES UP TO TERMINATION OF LICENSE**

RESEARCH BILLS

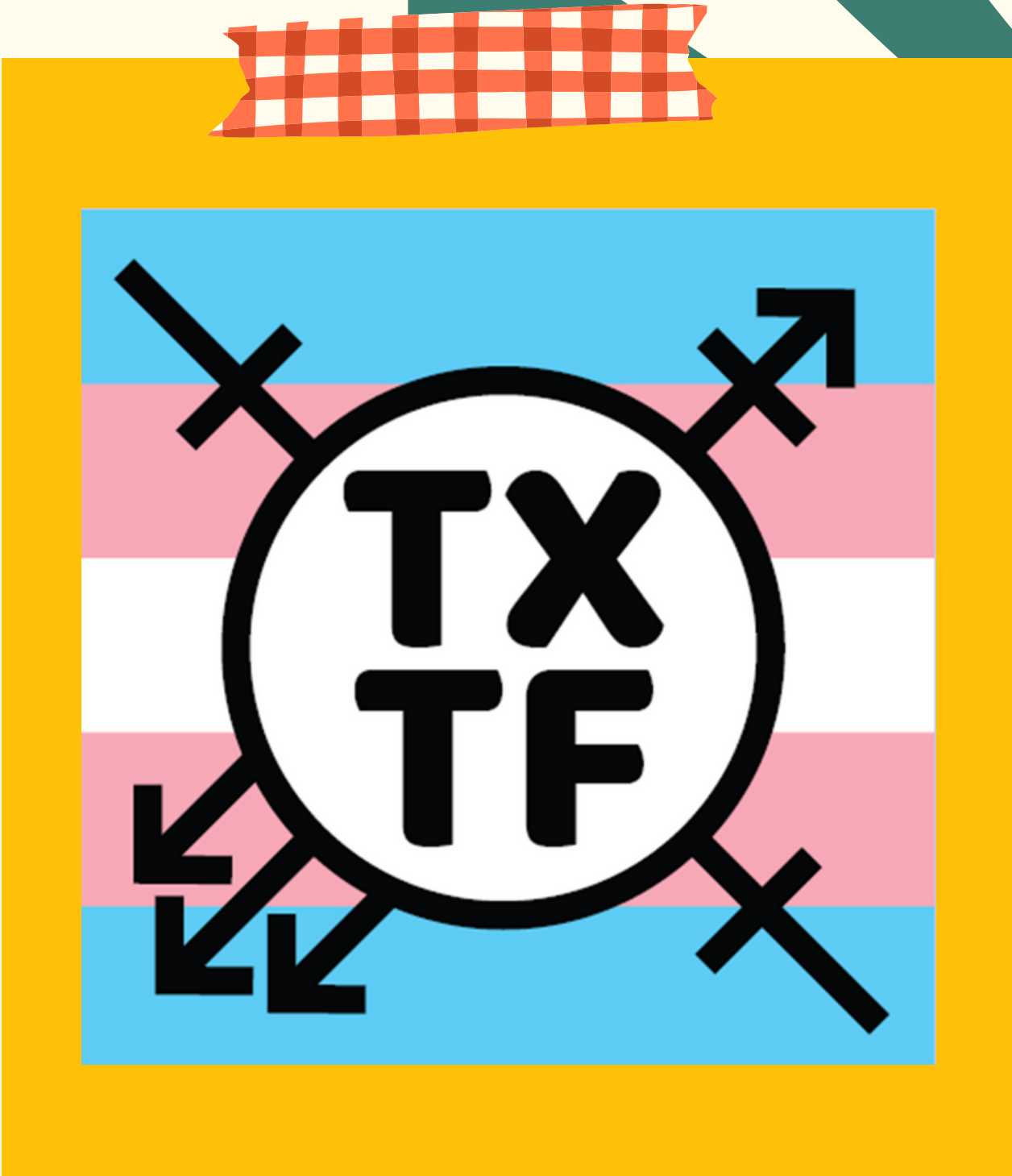
- **STATE JAIL FELONY FOR SCHOOL OR THIRD PARTIES TO CONDUCT SEXUAL BEHAVIOR RESEARCH**





Transgender Love
Cultivating the Future
Activism and Advocacy
Community and Connection
Survival and Resistance

@texastransfutures



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i have
to leave
on being trans
in texas
by @maya_leija

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let us learn to
love ourselves

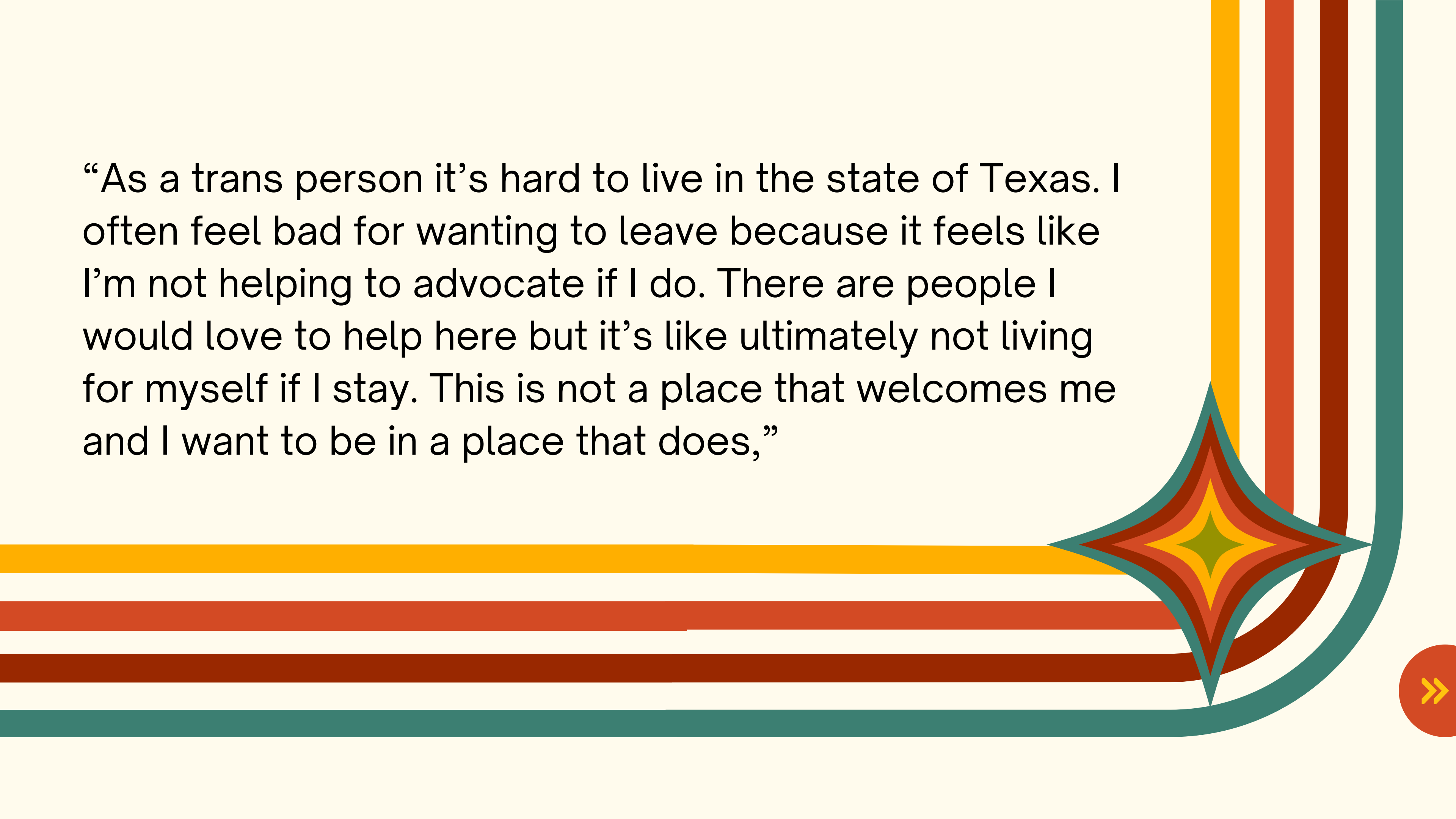




I can't grow
where I'm no
longer known



“As a trans person it’s hard to live in the state of Texas. I often feel bad for wanting to leave because it feels like I’m not helping to advocate if I do. There are people I would love to help here but it’s like ultimately not living for myself if I stay. This is not a place that welcomes me and I want to be in a place that does,”



Resource Page



www.equalitytexas.org

<https://www.txtranskids.org>

Free to Be Me: A Toolkit to Protect LGBTQIA+
Students' Rights

<https://hftx.org/>

<https://www.texasisready.org/>

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