

Members of the House Committee on Education

I ask you to support HB 2052. Denying Native students the right to wear culturally significant items at graduation is not only wrong, it probably violates the First Amendment right to freedom of religion. Many items of cultural significance are also items of religious significance. Denying a student the right to wear an eagle feather, for example, could be compared to denying a Christian student the right to wear a cross. You can read more about the significance of that symbol [here](https://blog.nativehope.org/the-feather-symbol-of-high-honor).

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Please allow all our students to express themselves, especially when that self expression takes the form of pride in a great moment of accomplishment for them: high school graduation.

Thank you for your time.