

A Proposed Utah Law Would Require Porn to Have Warning Labels About Its Dangers

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A new proposed law in Utah would require that any pornography circulated in the state carry a warning label.

According to Rep. Brady Brammer, the lawmaker behind the measure, the label would warn of what he says are the dangers porn can cause to minors, including effects on “brain development, emotional development, and the ability to maintain intimate relationships.” The label will also say that viewing porn could also lead to “harmful and addictive sexual behavior, low self-esteem, and the improper objectification of and sexual violence towards others, among other numerous harms.”

Back in 2016, lawmakers in the state officially deemed pornography to be a “public health crisis” and addressed the concerns they had about minors being exposed to it.

Marina Lowe, legislative and policy counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union of Utah said that though the organization doesn’t have a formal position on the bill, she has concerns with its comparisons to California’s Prop 65 that requires warnings on products that contain dangerous chemicals.

Lowe told *The Salt Lake Tribune* that she is concerned about the effects the label will have on free speech, saying, “Prop 65 talks about exposure to chemicals. The bill talks about exposure to material that may or may not have constitutional protection.”