

- From Carl Tepper:
- Titled: DISINGENUOUS INFORMATION
- A bill was introduced named HB 1898 about grants to children's hospitals. Some were for it and some against and there was good reasons on both sides. I voted against the bill in its entirety on fiscal grounds.
- A member introduced an amendment that would ban grants for any hospital that delivered child gender modification. I'm not sure if the amendment was intended to be genuine or a set-up? The author of the original bill was against the amendment and usually consideration is given to the author. After all, it's his bill and he's a smart and respected member.
- Although I have great admiration for the author I intended to vote against the bill anyway so I voted against the amendment too. Perhaps I should have voted for the amendment but the situation was a little unusual and I'm not sure why the Republican member who introduced the amendment didn't just get with the Republican bill author before the floor vote and attempt to introduce this as a friendly amendment?
- At any rate we ended child gender modification in Texas with SB 14, which is probably the best way to deal with the issue. It was a priority bill and I'm proud to have voted for this and the legislature did a great service here to protect children. Any suggestion that any of my Republican colleagues or I voted for child transgender modification is disingenuous at best.
- I'm not sure why so many are attempting to spread so much disinformation to the public but if there's ever a question about one of my votes feel free to call, or email, etc.