

NOTICE: PROVISIONAL CLASS ACTION CERTIFICATION

Does v. Washington State Department of Corrections, et al., E.D. Wash. No. 4:21-cv-05059-TOR, is a federal class-action lawsuit challenging the way the Washington Department of Corrections (DOC) responds to Public Records Act requests for information about people in custody DOC has identified as transgender, non-binary, and/or intersex. The plaintiffs contend that DOC's responses to such requests would reveal class members' status as transgender, non-binary, and/or intersex and other private information such as their experiences surviving sexual violence and certain medical and mental health information. This action does not seek any money damages and none will be provided.

All persons who have been incarcerated in Washington State prisons and identified as transgender, non-binary, gender nonconforming, and/or intersex in records in the possession of the Washington State Department of Corrections are members of the provisional class in this lawsuit. You are a member of this class if you are currently or were formerly incarcerated in any Washington State prison and are identified in any DOC record(s) as transgender, non-binary, gender non-conforming, and/or intersex.

If you would like more information about this case or have any information that you wish to communicate to attorneys for the Provisional Class, please contact Disability Rights Washington, 315 5th Avenue S, Suite 850, Seattle, WA 98104, Tel. 206-324-1521, <https://www.disabilityrightswa.org/cases/does-v-washington-department-of-corrections/>.