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NO on HB2307-A Engrossed

Because this bill removes the free speech rights of counselors to counsel young people in any direction except the one direction of exploring further sexual behavior of sodomite nature, the young person is not helped to discover answers that have helped many people. It's as though this bill is written for the advancement of the courting of children by counselors into deviant sexual expression, defining deviance as normal, and normal as deviant. The prejudice expressed toward effort to restore heterosexual behavior and viewpoint, is a violation of the 1st Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, to practice freedom of speech and the free exercise of religion.

Children and young people are surrounded by those who take advantage of them sexually for the benefit of adults. People who steal their innocence, and don't care how they are injured by what is done to them—this includes teachers paid by the state in a relationship of trust, who violate the child and the parents who have placed that child with the state education system.

It includes child porn producers and collectors--(The head of Basic Rights was recently arrested for child porn, and child sodomy—and Basic Rights works all the time to advance the rights of adults to expose children to sexual perversion. I was shocked that you are advancing a bill asked for by Basic Rights Oregon.) Others who benefit financially from the use of young people in sexual acts include people paid by the state of Oregon who violate the trust parents and children to put on the Sex Conference. This violates young people's right to not engage in damaging behavior, and encouraged the children to seek out other children to violate. Many organizations are involved accessing children for state monies to flow into their pockets from the violations of the child.

I think those children and young people DESERVE a counselor who can lead them back from being courted by people who never think about children except to figure out how to get around the protections put into the law by Christian people seeking to protect children as Jesus Christ has taught us to. Judeo-christian teaching restricts the sexual act to only the marriage bed.

Jesus taught that children should come to him, to find One who cares about them and won't use them sexually for his own purposes. Jesus stands alone in history as God, who wants His followers to put borders around their sexual behavior, as Someone who believes that we have a higher calling than sexual promiscuity. He teaches that anyone who does anything destructive to a child should expect terrible punishment. We have created laws consistent with protecting children, and Basic Rights Oregon seeks to dissolve the protections.

Pagan gods always seek to use and abuse children. The temples of prostitution where small children were abandoned to the "priests" are still running in some countries around the world.

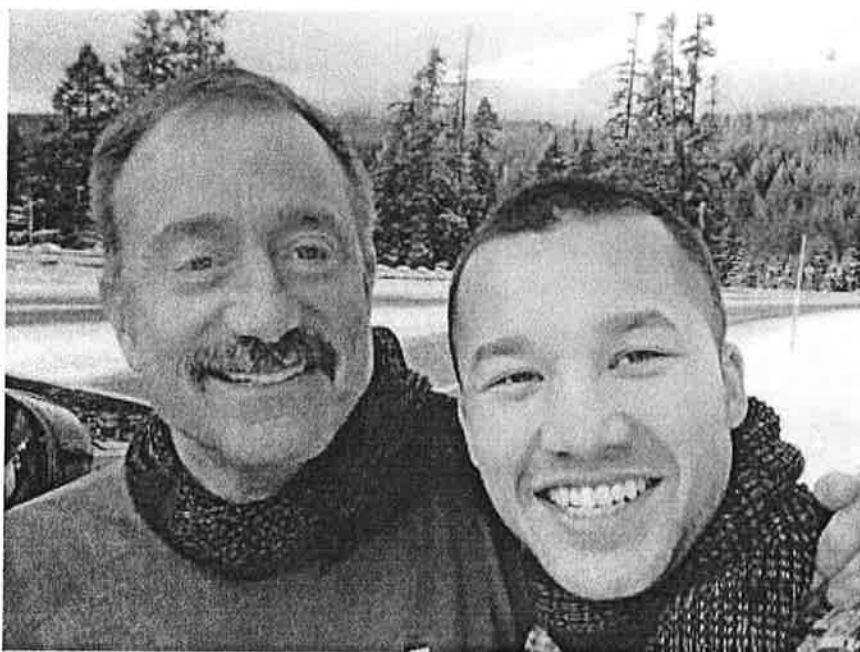
NAMBLA arranges cruises to those locations to gain access to children without being accused under U.S. law that defines that behavior as a felony. What heterosexual group has a child rape organization to promote its particular brand of perversion?

This bill seeks to deny children the help they need after sexual abuse—to deny anyone who does not have the same goals as Basic Rights Oregon the ability to talk to children and young people. It seeks to make the kind of counseling Basic Rights Oregon would provide, seem normal, and worthy of a certification, and counseling by those who continue to seek the restoration of children to their potential heterosexual, and monogamous marriage as abnormal counseling to be found out of the mainstream without certification.

There CAN be no equality under the law between two world views that are so radically different.

A different goal would be to stop OR from allowing the sale of videos that are made of the sexual abuse of a person until that person is dead. Snuff video production should not be an attractive activity in Oregon for those involved in marketing to the porn industry. I would rather see a bill to authorize the state of Oregon to interrupt the sale of media made from the death of a sexually abused person.

Although you are attempting to establish that sexual repression leads to suicide, the truth is that young people often block what has been done to them from their mental processing because it is too horrendous for them to process, until much later in life, and when they suddenly wake up to what has been done to them they become mentally ill. What if they wake up to what has been done to them while they are still under the age of 18? Eating disorders and other life-threatening actions are sometimes attempted by the young person who has been abused sexually. A counselor who is alone with the child in a counseling session, should not have the state in there with them dictating that certain avenues of healing should not be talked about, especially banning the touch of Jesus Christ, who created them and loves us each, everyone.



Terry Bean (left) and his ex-boyfriend Kiah Lawson in last year's Christmas card photo. Photo courtesy Lawson.

WATCH: Obama Bundler, HRC Founder Terry Bean Arrested on Sex Crimes Charges

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No individual in Oregon raised more money for President Obama's election than Terrence "Terry" Bean, a Democratic Party bigwig and gay rights champion. Obama even thanked Bean in a speech soon after. But now Bean, a 66-year-old real estate developer who is a founder of the Human Rights Campaign, has been arrested on sex crimes charges in Lane County, Ore., according to the *Portland Tribune*.

The arrest centers around a 15-year-old boy he allegedly had sex with in 2013, and police say that charges will include two felony charges of third-degree sodomy and one count of third-degree sex abuse. Bean's ex-boyfriend Kiah Lawson, 25, was also arrested. According to Maxine Bernstein of *The Oregonian*, "Portland police tracked down the 15-year-old boy whose testimony helped lead to the sex abuse indictment against prominent Democrat Terrence P. Bean and his former boyfriend, Kiah L. Lawson, after Lawson gave police the teen's phone number, according to Lawson's former lawyer."

Police allege that Lawson and Bean set up the encounter with the teen through the hookup app Grindr, and having sex with him at a hotel in Eugene, Ore. Bernstein reports that Jeffrey Dickey, Lawson's former attorney, said, "The surprising thing to me is Kiah was indicted in this case because it was Kiah who helped authorities find this kid. If someone is going to cooperate and be helpful for the police there should be some kind of reward for that. It could have a chilling effect on others coming forward."

Kristen Winemiller, Bean's attorney, issued a statement saying Bean was actually a victim of extortion and he had been cooperating with police on the matter. She wrote: "Terry Bean is a highly respected community leader who has devoted his life to bettering our community. Over the course of several months in 2013-14, Terry was the victim of an extortion ring led by several men known to law enforcement. This current arrest is connected to the ongoing investigation of that case in which Mr. Bean has fully cooperated. No allegations against Terry Bean should be taken at face value. We look forward to the opportunity to clear his name."

In addition to co-founding HRC, Bean also helped found the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, is a member at-large of the Democratic National Committee, and has raised money for Al Gore, Bill Clinton, Obama, and several other prominent Democrats.

Local LGBT leaders and gossip watchers have followed the Bean-Lawson breakup and aftermath for months. Dickey told Bernstein that the relationship faltered after Lawson discovered Bean had a hidden camera in the bedroom of his home and was "surreptitiously videotaping his sexual encounters with Lawson and a handful of other men." The two men got restraining orders against each other, Bean attempted to evict Lawson from a condo he owned (public records report that Bean set Lawson up in a condo soon after they met and paid him \$400 a week). Lawson traveled extensively with Bean (including to meet President Obama at the White House).

Bean's lawyer denies the claims, saying the cameras were simply for security, and he went to police and the local district attorney accusing Lawson of trying to extort \$40,000 from Bean in exchange for returning the images Lawson took from Bean's iPad. Winemiller told *Willamette Week*, "We went to the police bureau because Lawson and his associates are dangerous men who were, and almost certainly still are, preying on gay men of all ages and walks of life."

Lawyers for the 15-year-old at the center of this case filed a motion in Eugene for a protective order of his identity, which was granted, according to KOIN. Lori Deveny, the teen's attorney, told KOIN, "He's been traumatized and he'll be living with that trauma. It's important that the two adults involved he held to account for that. Something like this can follow a victim for their life. As we go to electronic court records, everything becomes searchable."

KOIN reported that "Lawson was also ordered not to use the name of the alleged victim in any future postings on social media, and Lawson agreed."

Bean is out on bail; Lawson is being held on bail. But their supporters are weighing in online already.

Bean's supporters have told others to "heed the advice of his lawyer" to learn the facts of the case and remember that Bean is entitled to the presumption of innocence and a vigorous defense. Many LGBT and DNC leaders say they don't believe the accusations against the man

who helped found two of the country's most powerful LGBT political organizations.

HRC's vice president of communications, Fred Sainz told *The Advocate* this morning, "Terry Bean has taken a voluntary leave of absence from the HRC board until his issues are resolved. Bean is just one of 80 board members, none of whom have daily oversight or responsibility for any of our programs. Every day HRC does tremendous work to make America a more just and equal nation. This week alone, we released the 2015 Corporate Equality Index and fought the so-called National Organization for Marriage. That work is vital and is bigger than any one individual."

Lawson's mother, Tim Nouanemany, was interviewed on KOIN 6 News, telling reporters that her son never had contact with the teen, that Bean alone arranged the encounter, and that Lawson is also a victim, a "pawn" used to "get young kids." Nouanemany said Bean used Lawson to "groom" other young gay men, and that "Bean gave her son alcohol and Viagra as part of the grooming process to entice the teen."

And antigay activist Matt Barber used the arrest to link to a misquoted study on gay men and pedophilia, sending out early morning tweets, letters, and an op-ed to media that hysterically argued, "Whether it's boy-raping 'gay' priests, or boy-raping 'gay' activists, the problem is systemic. Homosexual predators are targeting our boys."

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Ex-School Headmaster Sentenced to 50 Years for Child Porn

Former headmaster of elite Delaware prep school sentenced to 50 years in child porn case

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WILMINGTON, Del.

The former headmaster of an elite Delaware prep school founded by members of the du Pont family was sentenced Friday to 50 years in prison for dealing in child pornography.

Christopher Wheeler showed no emotion and declined to speak. His attorney plans to appeal.

Wheeler, 55, waived his right to a jury trial last year after a judge denied a defense motion to suppress evidence seized during a search of his home and office at Tower Hill School, whose graduates include DuPont Co. CEO Ellen Kullman, U.S. Sen. Chris Coons and television personality Dr. Oz.

Wheeler was convicted by Judge Eric Davis in December after rejecting a plea bargain under which he could have received as little as four years behind bars.

While limiting his sentencing to the mandatory minimum of two years on each of 25 counts, Davis told Wheeler he had betrayed the public trust and shown a lack of remorse.

"It's just so wrong," Davis said. "You should not have placed yourself in the position ... where temptation faces you every morning as you shake hands with children."

Davis denied a defense motion to have the sentences run concurrently.

Defense attorney Thomas Foley argued that the mandatory sentencing for dealing in child pornography was draconian and disproportionate compared with other cases.

"It's obscene. It's outrageous," he said.

Foley also argued that law that does not require actual dissemination of child pornography in order to be convicted of dealing in it. Instead, he suggested, simply clicking on an image online could get somebody two years behind bars for dealing, whether it's a child predator or simply a socially awkward teenager.

Prosecutor Abigail Layton noted that Wheeler's sentence works out to about nine days for each of the 2,000 images of child exploitation.

"In those pictures, kids are being raped and violated, and it's captured on film for the rest of their lives," Layton said after the hearing.

Tower Hill officials released a statement saying none of Wheeler's conduct that was the subject of the case involved students at the school.

An accomplished musician and composer who flew his own airplane, Wheeler was hired at Tower Hill in 2004 after 14 years at Lake Forest Academy near Chicago, where he was assistant headmaster and wrestling coach. He previously worked at St. Paul's School in Garden City, New York.

Tower Hill officials have said Wheeler was extensively vetted before being hired, but court records suggest he hid a darker side.

In a letter to a Pennsylvania man who asked him about making amends for alleged child sexual abuse, Wheeler wrote: "I did those things. I am the one responsible."

Wheeler has never been charged with sexually abusing anyone, despite allegations leveled by the Pennsylvania man and his younger brother, who came forward in the wake of the Jerry Sandusky scandal at Penn State University. Wheeler's own adopted son also has accused him of abuse.

Prompted by those allegations, Delaware investigators searched Wheeler's home and office and found child pornography.

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