

**Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session**  
**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**House Committee On Health Care**

**MEASURE: HB 2307 A**  
**CARRIER: Rep. Nosse**

**Fiscal:** No Fiscal Impact  
**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 03/09/15

**Action:** Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

**Meeting Dates:** 02/23, 03/06, 03/09

**Vote:**  
Yeas: 6 - Buehler, Clem, Greenlick, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Nosse  
Nays: 3 - Hayden, Kennemer, Weidner

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Prohibits mental and social health providers from practicing conversion therapy if the recipient is under 18 years of age. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Conversion therapy experiences
- Personal liberty interests of parents and children
- Conversion therapy and scientific data
- Patients' rights
- Proposed amendment

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Specifies that the prohibition is for "professional services."

**BACKGROUND:**

Conversion therapy (also known as reparative therapy) is psychotherapy aimed at changing a person's sexual orientation from homosexual to heterosexual and is generally based on the view that homosexuality is a mental disorder.

In 2009, the American Psychological Association convened a task force to review the scientific data on efforts to change a person's sexual orientation or gender expression. The task force concluded that there is no scientific evidence that such efforts are effective or significant.