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As a member of the LGBT community, I am in support of HB2458.

It has been shown time and time again that Conversion Therapy is an unethical practice. It is something we need to move on from. The actual results from conversation therapy leads to suicide, depression and other mental health issues from the inhumane treatment of forcing someone to hide who they are. The ultimate form of positive mental health is self love, self care and community support.

Due to religious intolerance, societal, familial pressures and systemic oppression, our communities face so much hate for being ourselves. We just want to live our lives and be happy just as anyone else has that right.

I ask you and others to care and ban Conversion Therapy practices. I hope that Oregon will care and continue to be a state that shows how fraudulent this practice is and help LGBTIA+ lives be a priority.