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Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care  
Measure: HB2002

I am writing to oppose the sections of House Bill 2002 - Reproductive Health Services (partially) and Gender-Affirmation Treatment (in full).

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Reproductive Health Services  
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Providing abortion should not be a responsibility of an Educational Organization. Students who need this and other medical services can get them from their medical provider.

Also, any additional services provided by a college will naturally be included into tuition. This is illogical and unethical to ask everyone to pay extra to already ridiculously high tuition to cover services that have nothing to do with the education, especially since these services can be provided in many specialized medical facilities elsewhere.

Please remove this requirement from the Bill.

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Gender-Affirmation Treatment  
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In the last 10 years or so there was a 10x explosion in a number of children and teenagers who identify as transgenders. This cannot be explained by the claim that in the past transgenders were afraid to speak up and now they are not, otherwise we would have seen a similar rise in adult transgenders population, but this did not happen.

In the past several decades the LGBT-spectrum people enjoyed at least the same rights and freedoms as heterosexuals, and in many cases they had even more of those - they have their own flag, own month, own Parade and other events. So, to say that until recently some LGBT people were afraid to speak up and now they finally can does not make sense.

Since the 10x growth is only observed within children and teenagers, it would be reasonable to suggest that this can be a phase which they may eventually outgrow (studies support this) and/or these children and teenagers could be victims of just

another social media trend.

No sane adult would chop off a child's hand or leg to make them look like a pirate that they claim they are, or let them fly out of the window as Superman. No sane adult would allow a teenager to get a tattoo, or drink alcohol, or cut off their hand if they think that they will be better off with one. Yet, some adults find it acceptable to act on children's requests to chop off their penises and breasts, have them chemically castrated and take away their ability to ever have their own biological children.

Until about 25 years old the human prefrontal cortex is not fully developed. This part of the brain is responsible for a person's judgment of how his/her actions today will affect their future. Therefore children and teenagers are physically and developmentally not capable of making such drastic decisions as to make life-altering and irreversible surgeries that may actually be not needed for them at all since their gender dysphoria may likely be addressed using traditional non-butchered methods.

Please remove the Gender-Affirmation Treatment section from the bill.