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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2002

I very STRONGLY OPPOSE HB 2002!

As a taxpayer in Oregon I do not want any tax dollars to be used to pay for abortions and gender affirming care. It is an oxymoron to even refer to these procedures as "health care" because they are really destructive in nature.

Minor children (15 years of age or older) should not be making major health decisions without the consent of their parents or legal guardian. These children are just that, children, and have not reached the age of brain maturation that is responsible for making good decisions. This bill is designed to divide families and provide children with information that could cause more harm than good.

Are these children told about the negative outcomes and side effects that are also possible. Abortion for example can have negative complications such as:

Scaring of the uterus which can cause future sterility.

Infection.

Uterine perforation that could lead to a hysterectomy.

Mental anguish.

Furthermore, community colleges and public universities should be spending our tax dollars on higher education and not funding a student health center abortion clinic.

Gender affirmation is not a health choice when surgical disfigurement and/or chemical castration is recommended by health care providers. These are life altering procedures that have a high risk of no return if the child should change their mind several months or years later. Hospitals, clinics, and pharmaceutical companies are welcoming the years of money-making profits at the expense of mutilating children.

SECTION 55 declares an existing emergency and 2023 Act will take effect on its passage. What is the emergency? Emergencies are not predetermined.

I urge a NO vote on HB 2002. A vote of NO is the only vote it deserves.