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On Behalf Of: Self

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2002

I wish to present my opposition to HB2002. I was at the hearing and heard many opinions from both sides.

1. It is not health care to tell people lies that they can change gender by surgical procedures. These people are confused and telling them lies to support their confusion is not going to help them.

2. After hearing some of the bodily changes they are wanting, it sounds much more like a Frankenstein experiment than health care that will really help people.

3. These are elective surgeries. They are not necessary like a ruptured appendix or such and should not be paid for by tax payers or even insurance as that makes everyone's rates go up because we are in truth paying for insurance covered procedures.

4. Parents should be the first to be involved in their children's youthful confusions about gender and anything else. Promoting other avenues is only a means to pull families apart. Gender so called reassignment is a decision of life long regrets as was illustrated several times during testimony. It would be much better to educate our youth how important family is and help build up family values rather than tear them down which HB2002 does.

5. I also heard several times about moving Oregon forward. It is not a forward backward situation. It is an up and down situation. HB2002 pulls our societal morals down lower. We need to build morals and family moving us upward.

6. Those who support HB2002 from my perspective were not happy people. Their belief that if they can just get their bodies changed into something they see as good but is actually something broken, get us to pay for it and any and all abortions, they would be happy. Oh but they need one more thing to be happy and that is to make us accept this depravity.

I urge you to support society and vote NO on HB2002