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I oppose SJR33 as a whole. There are parts of it I would be fine with (marriage of people other than man and woman), however, with all of the issues surrounding abortion and gender affirming medical procedures, it becomes complicated as a whole.

I do not support the ability of a woman to access abortion throughout their pregnancy. I would suggest instead that there be a 16 week deadline, notwithstanding the health of the mother if there are complications. This is reasonable in my opinion.

Also, I do not have a problem with adults making a decision to have gender affirming medical procedures, but I do see issues with minors having these procedures done. I worked at Clackamas High School for 15 years and saw many students have and hold different opinions about themselves. Changing course every time their emotions changed. To allow minors to have this type of decision-making ability will cause many mental health related issues in the future. Please consider separating each of these issues into different bills so it's not a one and done type of situation. In all, I would need to oppose this legislation due to the multi-faceted issues.