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No bill should conflate abortion, a procedure with known risks and benefits and affects adult women, with 'gender affirmation' which has no proven benefits and increasingly demonstrated risks, and which affects primarily children who are too young to understand what they are getting into. Children and adolescents have a right to grow up with undamaged bodies. They can play with pronouns and clothes all they want, because children play. But adults should not make a living doing experimental surgeries on children in order to treat a variety of medical non-conditions that amount to fear of growing up.

Back to abortion: I am fine with protecting the identities of abortion providers, as many have been subject to violence, and of women who have a procedure legal in Oregon but illegal in many states where they may live. I am not fine with a law that makes it impossible for anyone, including a woman who needs an abortion, to access information about 'Reproductive....Health Care.'

You need to uncouple the issues, write laws that protect a woman's right to have an abortion and a doctor's right to provide one, and write other laws protecting the safety and integrity of children's irreplaceable, natural, sexed bodied.