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On Behalf Of: The human race
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4088

I don't live in Oregon, but I want to express my opposition to HB 4088 because it affects all of us, whether we live in Oregon or not. It is also very harmful to Oregon itself.

This bill is a trick. It throws in supported health care for females, which most people support, along with experimental and potentially harmful "gender-affirming" treatments. It dilutes sex-based protections by prioritizing gender identity over biological reality.

It poses great risks to minors and vulnerable groups (gender-distressed children). It hides the true, irreversible harms these "treatments" really do. It blocks probes of regret that its victims may have. It favors ideology of biological reality and over child safeguarding.

It erodes sex-based rights. Provisions that erase name and sex changes in the name of privacy will undermine single-sex spaces such as women's shelters, prisons, and sports. It does this by enabling unchecked legal recognition of gender identity, contributing to the erasure of sex distinctions and compelled speech concerns.

It results in a lack of accountability and evidence. It does not require rigorous informed consent of follow-up studies. This leads to inaccurate, misleading data.

This bill will lead to medical tourism from restrictive states, strain Oregon resources, and normalize practices rooted in sexism (overriding women's rights to privacy) or homophobia (telling gay children that they are really of the opposite sex).

Please vote NO on HB4088.

Thank you,
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