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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4088  
Vote No!!

HB 4088 is a disgusting act that will cement the policy of legally protecting people who engage in “gender affirming treatment” and “reproductive health care,” — patients and practitioners alike.

This will increase Oregon’s already rampant abortion and gender care “tourism” by allowing for treatment of any person who is physically here in the state; there is no requirement for citizenship or residency.

Along these lines, non-residents will be protected under Oregon law even if their state has laws against gender care activity. This makes Oregon a legal umbrella for protecting anyone, including a minor, who undergoes gender affirming care, abortions at any stage of pregnancy, gender surgeries, or sterilizations.

These legal protections will limit Oregon’s public bodies from assisting law enforcement from other states, and it freezes the governor’s ability to extradite non-fugitives in cases of gender treatment and reproductive health care. This effectively lifts mutilation and abortion to one of the highest degrees of legal protection.

Finally, this gross bill makes legal change of sex and a simultaneous change of legal name confidential and exempt from public disclosure. With no clear definition of “patient” or “individual” within the text, this act will make legal confidentiality regarding these disturbing changes accessible to minors!

This legislation worsens the gender care tourism of our state, it lays a foundation of terrible legislative precedent by actively opposing the law enforcement of other states, and it attacks parents’ rights by potentially withholding information about their child’s sex “change”.

This dangerous bill must be stopped!