From the Deck of Representative Fagan:

HB 2307

Oregon Faith Leaders

Support The Youth Mental Health Protection Act

This Important Legislation will... ensure Oregon LGBT youth are protected from dangerous and discredited practices of conversion therapy.

Born Perfect

As members of the clergy we lift up with joy the opportunity for Oregon to say no young person should ever be shamed by a mental health professional into thinking that who they are is wrong. We are all born perfect. We are all a creation of God. Mental health professionals should provide care that is ethical and affirming for gay and transgender young people. We can't allow one more young person to be targeted and hurt by these dangerous and discredited practices.

Clergy and Free Speech Protected

To those who worry that this bill infringes on religious freedom and first amendment rights, we say absolutely not. This bill does not restrict any protected First Amendment speech. It prohibits discredited treatments by state-licensed mental health care professionals. It does not apply to clergy or to individuals who provide religious instruction. It also does not prevent anyone from publishing, discussing, or advocating any viewpoints or beliefs regarding sexual orientation or anything else.

We Support HB 2307...

Rev. Cecil Prescod, Ainsworth United Church of Christ, Portland

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Please Vote Aye on THE OREGON YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH PROTECTION ACT

