



Statement of Archbishop Alexander K. Sample on HB 2002

I join with my brother Bishop, the Most Reverend Liam Cary, Diocese of Baker, in opposing Oregon House Bill 2002. This piece of legislation is abhorrent for many reasons:

- First, it completely undermines parental authority to exercise responsibility and care for children at a time when youngsters most need parental guidance and concern.
 - It severs the relationship of trust and transparency that should exist between parents and their children.
 - It targets minor children while their bodies and minds are still developing and encourages them to seek treatments and procedures that have irrevocable results for which they may be completely unprepared.
 - It advocates for “gender affirming” care for individuals of all ages.
- Second, it promotes the taking of innocent human life through mandated access to medication abortions.
- Third, it expands abortion on demand and “gender affirming” care into rural areas and college campuses.
- Fourth, it forces insurers, medical and mental health professionals, educators, and many others to participate in providing medical procedures in which they may not believe, all at taxpayer expense. There is no meaningful religious exemption in this legislation.
- Finally, it is completely unnecessary since children fifteen and older already have the access sought by this legislation. It is unclear what purpose is served by offering children from ages one to fifteen the ability to seek abortion and gender-affirming treatment without their parents’ consent.

The passage of HB 2002 does not need to be inevitable. I will oppose HB 2002 and I urge every faithful Catholic and person of good will in this Archdiocese to do the same.

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“Memorial Day or Mengele’s Law?”

“HB 2002 Mengele’s Child Mutilation Law. Despite the disinformation (crap) from the MSM, the intent of HB 2002 from the legislative proponents themselves is to protect sick greedy doctors who perform child abuse and mutilation on children with or without parental consent from civil and criminal liability. [Read HB 2002 yourself](#). HB 2002 Section 5 is the [Nuremburg Defense](#) attempt to protect [profiteering doctors](#), bureaucrats, politicians and teachers from criminal & civil liability for child abuse and mutilation. It did not work for [Joseph Mengele](#). Have government [lawyers changed since the 1930s](#)? This abuse is a crime today, a crime in other states, a crime in other countries, and a crime before international tribunals. A crime that will be prosecuted at some point against the politicians themselves. Ask Vladimir Putin whose [ICC criminal warrant](#) is very similar to HB 2002. Oregon is one of the top pro-choice states. Nothing has changed this fact. Dobbs v. Jackson changed nothing in Oregon. HB 2002 is purely about legalizing child mutilation for profit and denying parental rights. This [medical experimental greed](#) is right out of the 1930s Europe and United States. Nobody who supports HB 2002 can claim with a straight face, claim they want to protect children. Nobody. ... “



- 1** Allows a **child of any age, without parental knowledge** to receive an **abortion**.
Section 8(1)(2)
- 2** A doctor **may not disclose to the child’s parent** information regarding the **abortion** they performed unless the **child provides written consent**.
Section 9(1)(a)
- 3** Prohibits health insurance plans from limiting/denying coverage for **irreversible sex-changing** treatments and procedures. *Section 20(2)(a)*
- 4** A minor may receive **irreversible sex-changing** treatments and procedures **without parental knowledge**. *ORS 109.640*
- 5** A minor may have **parents’ insurer** cover cost of **irreversible sex-changing** treatments and procedures **without parental knowledge**. *ORS 743A.555*
- 6** Insurers **must cover** “medically necessary **cosmetic procedures**”: tracheal shave, hair electrolysis, facial feminization surgery/facial-altering treatment.
Section 20(2)(B)(c)
- 7** Decriminalizes **concealing the dead body of a newborn child**. *Section 59(5)*
- 8** **Oregon taxpayers** will be on the hook to **pay for abortions and irreversible sex-changing treatments for non-Oregon residents**.
- 9** **Requires student health centers at public universities and community colleges to provide medication abortions to enrolled students funded by Oregon taxpayers**. *Section 14*
- 10** Changes statutory language from **“terminate the individual’s pregnancy”** to **“exercise the individual’s reproductive health right”**. *Section 5(1)(a)*

HB 2002B IS TOO EXTREME FOR OREGON