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Measure: HB2458

Please vote NO on Oregon's HB2458 and allow therapists to help confused young people explore their distress with their normal healthy bodies by talking about any/all issues related to their problems. That's actually the purpose of therapy I'd say.

So many young people (that are not actually transgender)have gotten caught up in the current radical gender ideology TREND (through their smart phones and social media apps and influencers) . *i have a young family member who got caught up in this radical ideology....so I've educated myself intensively.
Some may simply want to escape normal puberty....don't pathologize normal puberty!

We live in confusing times for children to grow up....every "crazy" in the world can get into our childrens' heads via the internet....please allow the "helpers/ therapists" to get in there too (without a government- mandated "affirming only "policy.

We are the adults. We had a chance to grow up without the millions of confusing ideas on the internet. We had a chance to grow and make mistakes that wouldn't leave us with broken bodies (mutilated by professionals who should have been there to safeguard us... from ourselves, if necessary).

In my teaching career of 35 years I had THOUSANDS of children as my students and came into contact with thousands more (study halls, cafeteria, hallways, team activities , etc.). These were high school , middle school and elementary age children. I retired in 2006. There was NO talk of " trans kids" whatsoever....there were ZERO students who "identified as trans" in our district or any local school district. Didn't hear of one anywhere in 35 years.....this whole radical trans ideology exploded around 2010 via the internet.

We all know that children are born male or femaleidentified (not "assigned") at birth or even before birth. Yet even preschoolers are sometimes being taught they may be male, female, both, neitherthis is a travesty.

So PLEASE do what you can to HELP , NOT HARM, children further. VOTE NO on HB 2458.

Thank you.

