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This is completely counter productive. Gender Dysphoria should absolutely not be affirmed. It is not conversion therapy to help someone align properly with their bodies, it's the most compassionate thing we can do for them. Affirming dysphoric gender identities will certainly cost them thousands more in long term care, and is not proven to improve mental health over the long term. When a patient is suffering from dysphoria related to their body, whether it is gender, weight, limbs they want amputated, etc it is the job of the mental health professional to HELP them feel comfortable and happy in their lives and body with minimal medical intervention. There is no way to properly "affirm" this disorder without a whole domino line of negative repercussions for the patient, and subsequently society as a whole, which we have seen globally. This bill must be strongly opposed, for the true well being of the patients seeking care. Encouraging a sex change doesn't actually change their sex, it's all plastic surgery and artificial hormones. The body produces sex encoded chromosomes and DNA constantly, 2 trillion times per day. The body is constantly regenerating new cells, and supplementing testosterone or estrogen is NOT enough to override this biological system. This way of operating is criminal to the people. The mental health effects of too much testosterone or estrogen are well documented in functional medicine as well. We need to stop listening to the gender lobby and focus on the real medical downsides, because these policies are doing irreparable harm to mentally ill people who need real solutions, not things that will exponentially get worse.