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Conversion therapy should be outlawed in Oregon. I'm originally from the Midwest and there was one homeless shelter that required conversion therapy if you were not straight or cisgender. Conversion therapy causes immense trauma for everyone, but for our LGBTQ+ young people, there has been an increase of suicides and suicide attempts due to conversion therapy. Don't change what's not broken. Trans people and LGBTQ+ people are here to stay. The best type of therapy is when we can be embraced who we are by having a good therapist that can help us grow while embracing our gender identity or sexual orientation. I want conversion therapy to be banned because it causes trauma and harm. I desperately want LGBTQ young people to be able to grow up to be LGBTQ adults. None of us should ever have to worry about conversion therapy existing in our community.