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The practice of conversion therapy is psychologically damaging to individuals who are in the LGBTQ+ community and perpetuates the myth that sexual orientation is a choice rather than an identity. As a registered Marriage and Family Therapist Associate in the state of Oregon who works with LGBTQ+ youth and adults, and a proud lesbian, I support this bill to ban conversion therapy. This bill will set an important precedent that in the state of Oregon we do not condone state-sanctioned identity based violence.