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The bill incorrectly categorizes mental health support for youths who are gender confused as Conversion Therapy. This is incorrect, and is a cynical attempt by the bill drafters to label mental health treatment to adolescents as harmful.

The huge upsurge in "gender confused" youths in recent years, mainly in girls, has been shown to be related to social contagions, multiple mental health issues, as well as aggressive lobby by financially motivated Pharma and medical clinics who are generating huge revenues from medicalization of children and adolescents with procedures that cause irreversible damage to people who are in no position to make such life altering decisions.

Oregon of all states should be at the forefront of protection for vulnerable individuals rather than play into the hands of special interest groups.