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I am training to become a therapist in the College of Education at Portland State University. HB 2458 will further protect people who continue to endure systemic oppression. If someone seeks therapy because they live in a society that doesn't accept their sexual orientation or gender identity, the answer isn't to shame that person into being someone they aren't. Conversion therapy never works and it further oppresses people who are seeking understanding, relief and strategies for healing.