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It has come to my attention that this bill will expand access to "gender-affirming care" for minors. I must speak up that I think the State of Oregon should be moving the other direction in order to protect minors in this state. Physical harm is being done to children in the name of being "affirming". The level of medical experimentation and physical damage being inflicted on children in the name of being "progressive" is nothing short of a tragedy. Step up and protect children! Stop this madness! You can't get a tattoo at age 15, or buy marijuana, or buy alcohol. Why is this? It is to protect children from making harmful choices before they are mature enough to understand what they are doing.

The "care" given often will cause the child to become sterile, and the effects of surgeries is even more devastating. As these children age and begin to understand how they have been told lies and had their sexual functions medically mutilated, I believe many will turn to suicide in their sadness.

The hormone therapies are being pushed by the drug companies that realize they are making life-long customers for their products. There is a financial incentive to push this on kids, and this is way more harmful than pushing cigarettes on kids.

Please stand up for children, keep them healthy and safe! "Gender-affirming care" is a big lie, it is NOT care at all, it is clear harm to our children! Please stop it!