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I support HB 2002. Access to gender affirming care and ongoing support surrounding transition is lifesaving. Support and treatment in an affirming setting is the standard of care for transgender and gender diverse clients. People deserve to make decisions about their own bodies without being wrapped up in a system of gatekeeping and pathologizing behaviors which further compound the trauma of discrimination surrounding transgender and gender diverse people of all ages. Transition regret rate is less than 1% according to Bustos et. al. 2022. Those who regret their transition often have little support in their communities, and these cases do deserve ongoing care. 99% of trans people are satisfied with the care they received.

I wish that when I was a teen I had access to this care, this would have saved many years of depression and anxiety stemming from a system which supported conversion therapy against LGBTQ+ people.

Many states seem to be violating the 14th amendment by prohibiting medically necessary treatment.

I'm proud of Oregon for moving forward with this care.

Bustos VP, Bustos SS, Mascaro A, Del Corral G, Forte AJ, Ciudad P, Kim EA, Langstein HN, Manrique OJ. Regret after Gender-affirmation Surgery: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis of Prevalence. *Plast Reconstr Surg Glob Open*. 2021 Mar 19;9(3):e3477. doi: 10.1097/GOX.0000000000003477. Erratum in: *Plast Reconstr Surg Glob Open*. 2022 Apr 28;10(4):e4340. PMID: 33968550; PMCID: PMC8099405.