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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2002

I Oppose HB 2002, and it is not the right choice for the great state of Oregon or its citizens.

Ten Reasons I Oppose HB 2002

1. It limits the ability of individuals to make informed decisions about their own reproductive health care, as it restricts access to information and services.
2. It creates a right of civil action for individuals and healthcare facilities which could lead to costly legal battles.
3. It requires student health centers to provide access to emergency contraception and medication abortion, which could be seen as a violation of religious freedom.
4. It requires insurance carriers to provide coverage for gender-affirming treatments, which could lead to higher premiums for individuals.
5. It requires the Oregon Health Authority to provide annual training to public institutions of higher education, which could be seen as a waste of resources.
6. It requires the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to submit an annual report to the Legislative Assembly, which could be seen as an unnecessary burden.
7. It creates a new crime of interfering with a healthcare facility, which could be seen as an infringement on civil liberties.
8. It creates an exemption from public records disclosure for the names and addresses of reproductive and gender-affirming healthcare service providers, which could be seen as a violation of transparency.
9. It requires the Office of Rural Health to administer a program to provide grants to two federally qualified health centers in rural and medically underserved areas, which could be seen as a misuse of funds.
10. It requires the Oregon Health Authority to implement reproductive health services and education programs, which could be seen as an intrusion on personal freedom.