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"Chair dos" Vice Chairman Godwin and Nelson. My name is Francis Stanton and I'm opposed to gender affirmation treatment sections HB 2002. I grew up in a home of 8 brothers and 3 sisters with one Mom and one Dad. My parents are blessed with over 50 grandchildren. As on or their children I have 6 children and 2 of those are adopted. We have 13 going on 14 Grandchildren. We could never imagine this country could stoop to this depravity in offering hormone treatments, puberty blockers ect..to be issued from the medical community. My mother was a nurse for 50 years and her life was dedicated to heal people. If you think that this gender affirming treatments are anything but opposed to helping children and young adults you are terribly wrong. When any of my family had a disfunction we did not prescribe pills to fix them. We used the power of love and mercy to help and liberate them from difficult feelings of rejection and hurt to love and encouragement. This proposed treatment will harm children and I'm certain of that based on testimony given from Countries that have tried gender affirmation treatment proposed in HB 2002. For the past 30 years I'm worked with kids and teens in our local Christian Churches in Corvallis, Albany and Salem. The church's that teach the word of God are thriving because care, love Bible teaching and praying for the Teens/children work. If they have issues that most kids and teens face we provide support and love. We teach this kids and teens about Gods love and the word of God which helps the kids understand their true identify and not what culture tells them. When kids are truly loved and affirmed they won't need a sex change. When they are taught that they are loved by their heavenly Father and created in the image of a loving God they will have a blessed life. I've seen countless kids and teens pursue a pure and holy life and avoid the evils which are going after the kids/teens purity. The culture is feeding them lies of lust and perversion saying that it is okay. Wrong-I've seen kids go that direction and end up hurting even more. Kids and teens are being hurt because their parents let them do whatever. Schools are not educating kids they are blind to teaching moral standards an as a result kids are having sex whenever they want with whoever they want ending up with brokenness and heartbreak. So kids are resorting to getting high on pot and often using heavier drugs to medicate their pain. Instead of promoting Gender affirming treatments without guardrails for Children and young adults why not reach out to them, listen to them and teach them what Gods word is saying- The Gospel works. The true Gospel is denying our selfish lifestyles and reaching out to these Kids with love and truth. Kids are smart and they know this gender affirming treatment is worthless. Please stop hurting our kids with these treatments "they are not working" . Jesus the son of God said "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me for such is the Kingdom of God" Matt 19;14, As an exhortation "Jesus also said in Matthew 9:42 Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me

to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea". Please do the right thing and stop these gender affirmation treatments now! Sending Prayer and Gods love to help and not hurt kids now and into the future..