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As defined in the bill, "Gender-affirming treatment" means a procedure, service, drug, device or product that a physical or behavioral health care provider prescribes to treat an individual for incongruence between the individual's gender identity and the individual's sex assignment at birth. This includes hormone treatments, puberty blockers, mastectomies, vaginoplasty, phalloplasty, metoidioplasty and other treatments that make permanent, life-altering changes to a person.

That we would even be debating a bill that supports this kind of barbaric "medicine" for children is absurd. People will look back on this time as a dark age in human history. Children would never have any idea to do these things if the idea wasn't planted in their mind by an adult. For an adult to push these things on a child should be considered child abuse.

NO child is born in the wrong body. Every child is beautiful the way they are created.

It mandates that such treatments be covered by health insurance and the Oregon Health Plan. It also protects gender-affirming providers from being denied malpractice insurance or getting their license revoked. By mandating insurance coverage and protecting doctors, this bill sets Oregon up to provide treatments to patients from other states.

Anyone who participates in these unnecessary experimental treatments on children should have their license revoked. By no means should they be granted legal immunity.

If an adult wants to undergo experimental or cosmetic surgery, that's their choice, but taxpayers should not be paying for it. Are we going to have tax payers cover elective plastic surgeries as well?

Please vote no on this overreaching and absurd piece of legislation.

Thanks,
Ian