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Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care
Measure: HB2002

I'm urging to say NO to this horrible bill!

They say this is a bill that "modifies provisions relating to reproductive rights" but this is a misleading description.

This bill is a direct attack on our children.

It is also a direct attack on parents.

This bill will remove all parental notification for children of any age not only to access abortions, but also to get cross-sex hormones and even to surgical removal of their healthy breasts and genitals...OF CHILDREN!

Usurping the rights and roles of parents in the serious health decisions involving their children is evil. Removing any age restrictions to life-changing, permanent, medical procedures is child abuse. Even if you believe that abortion should be an available option for women, allowing them for children without letting parents or authorities know is enabling the terrible deeds child sexual abusers, human traffickers, and pedophiles to continue unpunished. These rapists and molesters routinely use abortion to hide their atrocities by removing the undeniable evidence of their sexual exploitation: a pregnancy.

Oregon already has almost zero restrictions on abortion, allowing it for any reason, throughout pregnancy, up to the moment of birth. Expanding this to protect actual infanticide is just unfathomable! How have you come so far away from seeing the value and worth of human beings that you as legislators are going to turn a blind eye to the murder of an innocent infant? Where is the line for being protected as a valuable member of humanity going to be moved next? Kindergarten? Middle school? Eliminated altogether?

In addition to the abortion issue, this bill opens the door to allow the permanent mutilation and sterilization of children and will allow this without letting their parents know what is going on. The majority of kids who struggle with their gender identity grow out of it as they mature. Many who are allowed to obtain chemical and surgical interventions (at any age, but especially as children) spend the rest of their lives living with the regret and the permanent damage that has been done. De-transitioning is a real and wide-spread occurrence.

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We don't allow children to get tattoos or piercings without parental consent because these actions are permanent and they are under the age of legal consent.

They do not have the maturity to make permanent decisions. They need their parents and the community around them to act as safeguards, often even from themselves.

Every parent has had their child declare they wanted something absurd, unhealthy,

or just at a time before the kids are ready for it. Good parents tell them "No" or "Not now". Bad parents allow their children to engage in these harmful decisions or abdicate their responsibilities as protectors.

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There are already zero requirements for mental health assessments or any waiting periods.

Now you're removing the parents?!

Vote NO on this bill.

Oregon's children need to be protected, not exploited.

Oregon's parents need to be supported, not thwarted.

Vile humans who prey on our young ones need to be prosecuted and stopped, not sheltered.

Your constituents of every age deserve better.

Shame on every one of you who vote YES on this