

To the Public Health and Welfare Committee Members,

It is tragic that we even have to consider passing a bill to restrict transgender surgery for minors but here we are. Please support SB12.

Children's brains are not fully developed until their twenties. The medications used to transition a person can cause sterility. This and the reconstructive surgeries are irreversible.

However, they do produce lifelong pharmaceutical dependents. Medications can run up to \$300-350 a month per child. Reassignment surgery can cost upwards to \$300,000. Could part of the push for these medical procedures in minors be motivated by financial gains?

At the very least, these decisions should be made by the individual after he or she has grown mature enough to make a fully informed decision.

For further study from someone who has worked in a clinic, please read the attached article below.

Thank you,

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https://www.thefp.com/p/i-thought-i-was-saving-trans-kids?fbclid=IwAR3J0DLvNXyzARqjc_kgaP424FTxXPzO62v3WZL0ZvZW0INSFZm3O5Ls20k&mibextid=unz460