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Cross-sex hormones have never been approved by the FDA as a treatment for gender dysphoria. US and foreign country research reviews have shown no high quality evidence of long-term positive effects on mental health or suicidality. Evidence of severe long-term harm from providing cross-sex hormones to gender confused minors is piling up. Without medical or social intervention, 80-90% of cases of gender dysphoria in children resolve themselves after puberty. Children cannot vote, cannot purchase alcohol, and do not have fully developed mental capacity. They do not have the capacity to understand the lifelong harms from cross-sex hormones. Often, their feelings of disliking their body are brought on by trauma or abuse. If they are given cross sex hormones, this doesn't resolve the underlying mental health and safety issues. Cross sex hormones harm their developing bodies, weaken their bones, increase their chances of cancer, cause sterilization, and harm brain and IQ development. These effects are not reversible. Cross-sex hormones end up destroying the body's natural ability to create and regulate hormones, meaning they turn a child into a medical patient for life. More and more individuals are speaking out about the harm that was done to them by cross-sex hormones.

People will look back in history to see who supported the unethical harming of children's bodies through unproven, harmful cross-sex hormone treatment. Please protect children from long-term harm and regret by giving HB679 a favorable report.

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- 56% of participants with gender dysphoria had experienced four or more forms of trauma by adolescence.
- In contrast, only 7% of the control group reported that level of trauma.