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I support this bill because our schools need transparency and trust needs to be rebuilt Between the parents of our children and the teachers of our children. Over the last several years there's been a lot of distrust created because of curriculum being taught that we do not agree with or want to support and when we ask people, for example, our superintendent if certain theories and ideologies are being taught to our children and they refuse to answer that's not appropriate. The superintendent approves the curriculum therefore they should know what's being taught in our schools and if they don't know we need a new superintendent. This is an urgent matter that needs to be addressed efficiently and if this could be accomplished before September 1st of 23 that would be even better! If our schools are not teaching the wrong things or ideologies that we do not agree with then there shouldn't be an issue with the transparency being given to us. As a parent 2 children between the ages of 10 and 25, I can absolutely say if I had known the things being taught to my Older children When they were in public schools I would have yanked them out of school faster than your head can spin. When teachers and people so seeds of doubt into a young person's mind about whom they can and cannot trust. That is alarming for example When a child is told that they can trust adults in the school but may not be able to trust their own parents that creates division in the family which is not The job of the school. The job of the school is to teach math rating and science and as parents it is our jobs to make sure that we approve those topics in those subjects. In high school my children didn't even have textbooks to bring home in most cases. At the time I thought it was because our school district had no money to provide books for every student in retrospect I doubt that that was the case but more likely they didn't want us to have access to the text books, Because then we would be able to review them. I support this bill because it requires access to these Resources so parents can review them if they choose and if there is an issue with it then they can go to the school board and talk about it or they can go to the teacher and talk about it.