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As a former facilitator for adult literacy in the library, as a parent of two grown children, and grandparent of one, I strongly support SB1583 that prohibits discrimination not only when choosing textbooks and educational materials but when building instructional programs for the public schools.

As others have stated in their support, we all need a resource for our histories, our culture, our beliefs, for who we are and how we came to be in this place, for how we grow to be participating members of our communities. This bill allows local schools the choice of curriculum materials, and includes parental involvement. It supports freedom of information to users as well as librarians, educators and authors. I strongly urge you to support this bill for freedom of information in Oregon. Thank you.