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As a citizen of Oregon and a librarian I strongly support this bill. It's extremely important to provide inclusive and intersectional representation (especially of historically marginalized groups!) to everyone, particularly in schools. We all learn better when we can connect with the material and especially for kids to see the many, many contributions by people who have been historically pushed to the margins or written out is really important to their learning and ability to engage with the material. Also, those contributions are extremely important to us as Oregonians/Americans and helped shape many things about the state/country, for the better. Additionally, book bans are dangerous and prohibiting information makes for less informed and less engaged citizens. I'm pleased to see Oregon stepping up to oppose that with this bill.

This is an area that has been severely lacking in our state and country and this bill is a good step toward trying to fix some of that in Oregon, and leading the way for other states. Supporting SB1583 is a solid step (though there is MUCH more to be done) toward a more equitable and inclusive Oregon.