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I strongly support SB 1583 which aligns with other legal protections. The bill prohibits discrimination when selecting textbooks, instructional materials, program materials or library books that are used in the public schools of this state.

I particularly find the bill timely as our local library was challenged (which is fair), but when the ratio of support for the library compared to the ratio of support for censorship was overwhelmingly in favor of a professional library, our librarian's tires were slashed shortly afterward.

People can decline to read what they don't want to read. Parents can over see what their kids check out. But violent property attacks and threats to people working for our communities are a clarion call for protections.

Pass SB 1583.