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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Education
Measure: SB1583

I oppose this measure. I overall disagree with the direction in which Oregon's public education system is heading and am very concerned about the prospect of sending my children to the public school system. I appreciate that I currently have the flexibility to send my children to a different school district to avoid some of the issues I find concerning within my current school district (PPS). This bill is poorly drafted and vague. I am concerned about what exactly "discrimination" means in the context of school districts being forced to allow viewpoints from specific groups, other than to mandate uniformity across ideological viewpoints. I also cannot imagine that this bill is a pressing issue in the short session, when there are many other issues such as drugs, homelessness, and violence that should be absorbing political attention and action.