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Oregon Senate Bill 1583 prohibits discrimination when selecting textbooks, instructional materials, program materials or library books that are used in the public schools of this state.

As it should be Oregon Law ORS 659.850 prohibits discrimination in education. To do so I support the necessity of SB 1583 for clarification in prohibiting discrimination in the selection of textbooks, instructional materials, program materials or library books in public schools.

Attempts are being made to censor and remove material from libraries. Censorship based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, marital status, age or disability is not allowed in Oregon thus library personnel must be able to make selections for all students as needed. SB 1583 ensures this compliance is followed rather than the whims of censorship attempts.

I support SB 1583 and ask that you please pass SB 1583 with the proposed amendment from the Oregon Library Association.