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Senate Bill 1583 dramatically curtails the rights of local school boards to control the curriculum in schools. It limits local control of textbooks and other instructional materials. The bill is thinly disguised as protecting against discrimination. But the intent is clear – to prevent local school boards from removing ideologically driven content that could harm our kids. They are doing this because all across Oregon, communities are pushing back against this agenda that goes against their values and common sense.

Local school boards in Oregon are successfully fighting back against the inclusion of material that promotes dangerous and unproven sex trait modification procedures on children, and sexually explicit content. This includes material that is anti-science and goes against our most fundamental understanding of biology and human nature. This bill could block a school board, which operates on behalf of their local community, from having a say in this content.

Parents are pulling their kids out of Oregon schools by the thousands – passing this bill will only increase that trend.