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

As a Library Technology Assistant in the Lake Oswego School District and member of the Oregon Association for School Libraries, I support SB 1583 to prevent discrimination when selecting textbooks, instructional materials, program materials or library books in public schools. This bill is important to me because it clarifies response to controversial book bans and helps to prevent censorship of materials in Oregon schools. Librarians are professionally trained book selectors who should be trusted to provide developmentally appropriate resources for Oregon students. Supporting this bill will ensure that boards who are untrained on library ethics are not unjustly removing materials, especially materials that cover LGBT+ topics, race, and religion. Please pass SB 1583 with the proposed amendment from the Oregon Library Association.