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I STRONGLY OPPOSE this bill. It is a major threat to school choice and education!

This bill does not allow a board or a person to choose or not choose materials that are used in a school when the choice is discrimination. This bill states that it prohibits discrimination when selecting textbooks, instructional materials, program materials, or library books that are used in the public schools of this state AND on top of all that, It declares an emergency so voters cannot override this law by initiative.

WHY WOULD ANY LEGISLATOR TRY TO OVERRIDE A PARENT OR VOTER IN OREGON?

Supporters of this bill are restricting local school boards from directing curriculum in their schools. It is a direct attack to protect their gender ideology. This bill will further separate parental control over their children and prevent their voices from being heard!

Oregon enrollment dropped 21,744 in 2020, 7,905 in 2021 and another 632 in 2022-23. They can no longer blame COVID for the continued decline. We have to stop making bad laws for the trend to reverse. The sad outcome is that low-income and minorities are impacted with no choice, stuck in a declining system that no longer prioritizes reading, writing and math.

It is quite frankly disgusting that any legislator would feel this is good for their children.

Any legislator voting to pass this lunacy needs to be voted out of office. These folks are obviously promoting immoral and illegal activities in our school systems, raising up lawlessness and evil, and yet they wonder why behavior in schools has deteriorated.