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I am writing in support of SB 1583, a bill which will serve to ensure intellectual integrity in school curriculums. The world has become enormously complex, interconnected, and diverse. It is essential that students can encounter material that stretches their understanding and be able to acknowledge experiences that are not immediately their own so as to gain ease in the kind of independent and critical thinking so necessary for society.

I think the most important element of SB is:

SECTION 2. ORS 337.120 is amended to read:

337.120. (1)(a) A district school board, with the assistance of teachers and administrators

(B) To comply with the prohibition on discrimination required by ORS 659.850, may not prohibit the use of, or refuse to approve the use of, textbooks and instructional materials on the basis that the textbooks or instructional materials include a study of the roles and contributions of any individual or group against whom discrimination is prohibited under ORS 659.850.