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Good afternoon,

I oppose SB 1583 allowing lesbian, gay and bisexual learning in our schools. Schools nor school staff are adequately trained to provide education or counseling in these topics. This needs to be approached at home and in therapeutic sessions with trained professionals.

This education should be provided at home or in a community setting based of families personal, ethical, and moral beliefs and backgrounds.

School boards better understand the communities that they serve and are in the best position to determine curriculum for their school district needs. We do not need "one size fits all" legislation mandating the needs for all school districts.

Education, in this state, needs to get back to basics of reading, writing, and arithmetic. With some of the lowest test scores in the nation, this is what is needed to prepare our youth to be functional citizens.

Stop mandating education that goes against the beliefs of the majority in favor of the minority. You will force students out of the public school system and lose federal funding dollars in the process.