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Dear Senators,

I am supporting SB 1583 that will prevent discrimination when selecting textbooks, instructional materials, program materials or library books in public schools and hope that you will vote to support the bill when it comes up for a vote (in committee/on the floor).

SB1583 brings needed clarity to help schools and school boards comply with the prohibition on discrimination required by ORS 659.850.

As librarians, we know it is important for students to see themselves reflected in their community. We believe it is critical to carefully select books, magazines, educational videos and experiences that reflect our student populations in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner.

We want to make sure that important educational texts and materials are available to those students who need it.

Please pass SB 1583 with the proposed amendment from the Oregon Library Association.

Thank you,

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