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

Hello Senators of the Committee on Education,

As an elected School Board Member in Rural Oregon I take issue with several aspects of the proposed legislation.

- 1) Declaring an Emergency- nothing in the text of this legislation justifies the use of this designation. I have interacted with many school board members from around the state and NONE of us are using discrimination when selecting curriculum. Most districts and boards rely on paid staff who already comply with all laws the board just approves the expenditure.
- 2) This is an attack on local level control. the State has already proved that 1 size fits all strategy for all areas of the state does not work. Local School Boards are the last line of defense that local cultural and moral virtues remain in our schools. This means ALL kids get educated without discrimination but each area has its own unique aspects that must be protected as well.

The point of my message is that this law is a redundancy of existing laws and feels more like political postering then doing what is best for kids.

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