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As a public school educator for 25 years, I strongly support SB 1583. It is clear to me after extensive research that those opposing this measure have an alter agenda. They do not want to protect children, but rather control the information that they have access to in order to control their thinking. Children are taught to be critical thinkers and problem solvers in the public education system. Any text about ACCURATE racial history, gender identity, inclusion, LGBTQ rights, etc. will not hurt a child in any way, but rather broaden their perspective and better prepare them for the real world where they must learn to work together with various different people in order to be successful. Please support this bill and let's move forward, not backwards. Love and understanding, not hate or discrimination is the only way forward. This bill provides the following:

Effectively prevents material biases and censorship based on defined protected classes

Provides school boards, administrators, and librarians with clear directive to prohibit discriminatory practices in selection and in reconsideration of curricular and library materials

Thwarts efforts by individuals, or groups of individuals, whose main goal is to eradicate diverse voices.

Grants a pathway for Oregon students to be able to have a non-limited education, with access to vast resources, which in turn will allow them to be best prepared for future collegiate and professional careers.

Allows Oregon students to find representation via the protected classes of which they may be members

Does not remove any individual parental or guardianship rights in education.

Safeguards institutions against targeted threats and campaigns.