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I am writing in support of SB 1583, which would prevent discrimination when selecting textbooks, instructional materials, program materials or library books in public schools.

The US is experiencing an explosion of attempts to censor library and curriculum materials in our public schools, and Oregon is no exception. Many of these attempts are blatant in their opposition to LGBTQ+ materials. These censorship attempts intend to limit the materials available to Oregon students based solely on the constitutionally protected viewpoints of those materials.

As a parent and lifelong Oregonian who attended public schools, I believe it is critical to select books, magazines, educational videos and experiences that reflect our student populations in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner. I am deeply troubled by the efforts around the state to limit public students' access to information.

I strongly urge you to pass SB 1583.