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On Behalf Of: ALL OREGON STUDENTS
Committee: Senate Committee On Education
Measure: SB1583

As a parent, school board member, and long-term resident of Oregon, I am writing in opposition to SB 1583. The language of this bill is entirely misleading. There are already substantial safeguards in statute protecting students from harmful discrimination. SB 1583 seeks to covertly impede objective, age-appropriate, balanced DISCERNMENT by local educational leaders, elected officials, and ultimately, parents. Local school boards are accountable to the communities which elected them; SB 1583 is an inappropriate and unnecessary overreach by the state. Let school boards do their jobs by voting NO on SB 1583. Thank you.