Submitter: Dean Pindell

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Education

Measure: SB1583

Dear Senate Committee on Education Members,

As a professional educator, it has been my observation that one of the greatest strengths of the Oregon education system has been the involvement of the local community and parents in the decision making process. This includes the selection of instructional materials at all levels of Oregon's public education system. SB1583 is a deliberate attempt to undermine the roles parents and local communities play in the decision making process regarding the selection of curriculum and instructional materials. Instead SB1583 gives the state education establishment the authority to make these decisions without regard for parental and local community concerns. In the long run, this will weaken Oregon's education system.

Please do not support SB1583.

Sincerely,

Dean Pindell