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TO: Chair Dembrow, Vice Chair Webber & Committee members on the Senate Committee for Education
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

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SUBJECT: Argument Against - SB 1583

ATTENTION: FOR ALL REVIEWING AUTHORITIES

1. Please accept my written testimony not in favor of **SB 1583**. I am of native American decent, a former education major, a Knowledge Ops teacher. and retired Air Force. Cohesion is what wins battles and brings people together. **SB 1583** destroys any cohesion between local school boards and the state. It creates an appointed entity that usurps an elected body.
2. **ORS 332.075** gives school boards the authority to adopt textbooks and instructional materials not on the list. Equity policies and prohibition of discrimination in education are already written in the present statutes (para E: sections a, d). Does the wheel need to be reinvented? Will this bill get school age children to read more books? Does this bill need an emergency clause?
3. **SB 1583** presents Oregonians with a society where books will be censored, critical thinking will not be facilitated, and has the appearance of the book Fahrenheit 451. Let the local elected school boards do their jobs.

Thank you,

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