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This topic of sex expression and choice is a theory or ideology and should not be included in school teachings or libraries. This is something best and more appropriately covered in the home AND at appropriate age levels. Keep the separation of church (theories) and state. This bill, 1583, presents as preserving rights but it is pushing an agenda that it shouldn't be pushing. This is not the appropriate way to address the issues mentioned in the bill. These are private matters, not state emergencies.

Furthermore, there are too many very young children, including a 4th grader recently in Oregon City, who are committing suicide and many deal with bullying that's not being addressed appropriately. Let them be children and learn about proper hygiene of their current body parts and don't add more stress on them with conversations about changing their sex and body parts based on their feelings. This age group should just be learning the basics. Leave the discussions on theory for older students who have the mental maturity to handle those types of discussions. I'm not advocating to discriminate against any groups. I'm merely asking to keep those topics in the right places. State run schools are not the place to do this.

In employment situations, there are classes about harassment and not judging someone by their protected class. This is about the extent of what's needed. Treat others with respect and respect their opinions. Don't push your agendas on others and don't expect them to adopt your agenda. This is what freedom of speech and expression is about. Stop forcing these agendas down our children's throats. Let them be children.

Also, for a state senator to say that "nonsense" is taking place in other parts of the country is inappropriate and inaccurate.