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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure: SB1583

RE: SB1583--

I OPPOSE this measure. The approach to this bill is uses the word "discrimination" to recognize certain identity groups (which is actually discrimination), judging individuals by certain characteristics that society places on them (race, gender, etc.), rather than individual merit or worth as a human being without attaching a stereotype. Furthermore, this bill will take away the voice of the people by undermining the authority and discretion of our elected school board members. Locally elected school board members are in a better position to respond to the needs of their education communities than an appointed board in Salem.