

Submitter: Martha Eslinger
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: SB1583
RE: SB1583

I OPPOSE this measure.

This bill will take away the voice of the people by undermining the authority and discretion of our elected school board members. Is it "discrimination" or "discretion" when someone says, that's not fit for kids? Should adults not use discretion when it comes to the material taught to children? It has long been an American right to determine curriculum at the local level. Legislators want exclusive control of school to come from the State to determine what children are taught. And that is exactly why so many families are leaving public school. Ranking 45th in the nation for K-12 education shows a failure to educate. Please allow local school boards to use their discretion about text books. It is our American right to have a say in what children are taught. 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.

Thank you,
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