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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Rules  
Measure: SB1583

Dear Members of the House Rules Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for A-Engrossed Senate Bill 1583 and to share my preference for this version over the B-Engrossed counterpart. As a concerned citizen invested in fostering an inclusive and equitable educational environment, I believe that A-Engrossed Senate Bill 1583 stands as a crucial step towards promoting diversity, preventing discrimination, and ensuring a well-rounded education for Oregon's students.

A-Engrossed Senate Bill 1583, in its current form, addresses the pressing issue of discrimination in the selection of textbooks, instructional materials, program materials, and library books within our public schools. This version emphasizes the importance of inclusivity and representation, promoting a curriculum that reflects the diverse backgrounds and experiences of all students.

Here are some key reasons why I advocate for A-Engrossed Senate Bill 1583 over the B-Engrossed version:

1. **Direct Action Against Discrimination:** A-Engrossed Senate Bill 1583 directly addresses discrimination in educational materials and amends existing statutes to reinforce the prohibition of discriminatory practices. This targeted approach ensures immediate and effective action against bias.
2. **Clear Legislative Intent:** A-Engrossed Senate Bill 1583 outlines a clear legislative intent to prevent discrimination in the selection process for textbooks and instructional materials. By focusing on this objective, the bill takes a straightforward and decisive stance on promoting inclusivity and diversity.
3. **No Sunset Provision:** Unlike the B-Engrossed version, A-Engrossed Senate Bill 1583 does not include a sunset provision. This absence ensures the continued effectiveness of the legislation, providing a stable framework to combat discrimination in educational materials without the risk of expiration.
4. **Readability and Accessibility:** A-Engrossed Senate Bill 1583 scores higher on readability, making it more accessible to a broader audience. This characteristic aligns with the bill's goal of fostering inclusivity and understanding.
5. We do not need to finance a 17 member committee/task-force to decide that

discrimination is bad.

In conclusion, I believe that A-Engrossed Senate Bill 1583 is a vital piece of legislation that addresses the urgent need to eliminate discrimination in our schools. It promotes an educational environment that celebrates diversity and ensures that all students have access to materials that reflect the richness of our society. I strongly urge you to support A-Engrossed Senate Bill 1583 as it moves through the legislative process.

Thank you for your time and dedication to creating a fair and inclusive educational system in Oregon.

Sincerely,

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