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I write in wholehearted support of SB 1583.  
Thank you to the sponsors for bringing this bill forward.

Protecting students' right to learn, to be curious, to challenge, to dream. Access to all kinds of ideas and perspectives is essential. It has been so discouraging to see states where certain ideas are now forbidden in school. Bans not only devalue and disrespect students by assuming they cannot handle complex and sometimes conflicting ideas. They also create cultures of fear and self-censoring for teachers and staff.

Oregon learners should be able to depend on their schools for comprehensive education. We need smart, well-informed graduates to keep building our beautiful state.