



Salem Capital Pride

Written Testimony for Senate Bill 1583



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Re: Salem Capital Pride Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 1583

Dear Chair Dembrow and Members of the Senate Committee on Education,

Salem Capital Pride appreciates the opportunity to submit the following testimony for Senate Bill 1583.

Salem Capital Pride seeks to elevate the voices of the LGBTQIA+ and other minority communities in the central Willamette Valley and provide opportunities for the promotion of and advocacy for those communities and our allies.

Salem Capital Pride is in support of this bill because:

- 1) It acknowledges the contributions of LGBTQIA+ individuals towards economic, political, and social change in Oregon and the United States and seeks to ensure that those stories are not excluded from the history classroom materials.
- 2) It seeks to ensure that students have a resource in the classroom that shows them the history and important roles the individuals listed in section 1(1) had in Oregon and US history.

We would make the following two suggested changes to the bill for diversity, equity, and inclusion purposes:

- 1) Amend lines 12-14 to state “Textbooks and other instructional materials shall adequately address the roles in and contributions to the economic, political and social development of Oregon and the United States by **individuals and groups who are:**” In its current form this bill excludes not only groups of people but also those individuals who did not identify as either male or female.
- 2) Amend line 20 to state “**Are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersexual, asexual, nonbinary or any other minority gender identity or sexual orientation.**” In its current form this line excludes a great many diverse groups of the LGBTQIA+ community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Salem Capital Pride