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To: Senate Committee On Education  
From: Monamarie McCreary, resident of District #39 in Clackamas, OR  
Re: I support SB1583

I believe in telling the truth including the truth about US History...the good, the bad, and the ugly are all elements we can learn from.

The history books I grew up with left me thinking American's were the "good guys" and I didn't learn about some of the very bad things we've inflicted on each other until later in life. It's so important we know about our real history so that we can prevent repeating some of the very heinous things that have occurred in our collective past. It's also important to know our true history so we can repeat the amazing things we've done along the way too.

Discrimination is something we've tried to overcome as a nation, but we all have our own bias and that's why it's important to have laws that prohibit discrimination of any kind, especially in education.

So often I hear that people don't want anyone to tell them how to raise their kids, but those same people want to tell other parents how to raise their own kids. If you don't want your kids to read a certain book, don't let them but don't interfere with the choices other parents make.

It's sad that laws like these need to be made but this is where we're and I'm grateful to see that Oregon Legislature is acting on this challenge we see in other states too and I'm glad this will take effect on its passage.