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As someone born and raised in Oregon and currently an Oregon-based librarian, I very much support the bill to prohibit discrimination when selecting textbooks, library books and such in public schools. While parents can make choices for their own children, it is not upon them to determine for other children and families. Children need to see and discover things in their own way, see their own selves reflected in what they read, and expand their mind by reading about people different from them. Studies show that reading teaches people empathy, especially for those different from them. Oregon needs to support diverse, empathetic teaching for children and schools. (Also, how can you not want to prohibit discrimination, full stop?)