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Measure: SB1583

I oppose SB1583 because at the end of the day it removes local control from school boards and silences parents' and teachers' voices. The bill claims that it is protecting children against discrimination when in fact it is actually protecting material that is known to be developmentally inappropriate and harmful to children. This isn't about banning books, as the sponsors of the bill would have you to believe, it is about discernment of what is good for children. As an educator of over 27 years, I have personally taught children who have been traumatized by the exposure of inappropriate materials. I would hope that you legislators would do the right thing and vote NO on codifying pornographic materials in our K-12 school system. Oregon's public schools are in the bottom of the nation and are failing our students. Let's get back to focusing on learning, not the sexualizing of children.