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SB 1583 is a bill that presumes localities are discriminatory and that the Oregon legislature needs to protect children from the parents within communities.

It assumes that books are equally appropriate for every level of K-12 education, which is entirely contrary to what is understood of childhood development. What an average high school student understands as a difference between fact and opinion is quite different than the understanding of the less cognitively developed 5 year old.

The intent clearly, is to force a singular set of values throughout public education as professed by its sponsors, which is not the mandate of the Oregon legislature or a priority given the many problems with the Oregon education system. Chronic absenteeism for example, is extremely high in Oregon schools and cannot be blamed on COVID19 as it was an ongoing problem prior to COVID19. Kids do not learn if they are not present for instruction and experience guided learning and subsequent testing to ensure they have acquired competency.