

In support of SB 1583

I have a Masters Degree in elementary education and worked with young students for 10 years in public schools in Pittsburgh PA and New Haven CT. I know how important it is ensure that students can find out about all the types of people who live in our country and world, and that information is available to promote non-discrimination against others, especially those who are different from themselves.

Many Oregonians assume we live in a progressive and anti-discrimination state, and that books would never be censored here. But it is very important to put it on record that school students cannot be prohibited from reading books about or by specific categories of people. We should make sure that specific categories are protected from censorship, including people of every race, ethnicity, nationality, gender identity, religion/philosophy, disability, and immigrant/refugee status.

SB 1583 should definitely be passed!