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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: SB1583

Dear Senators and House Representatives,

I strongly oppose this bill. Please vote NO. We elect our local school board members in order for them to represent us locally. We expect them to listen to our concerns and represent us. They cannot do this if you remove their ability to consider the materials being used in our local district. The biggest reason this is so important now, is that the Oregon Dept of Education is dictating what types of materials are going into our schools. I'm sure you have seen the sexually explicit pictures that people have brought into the capital building to show exactly what types of books we are talking about. These pictures are hard to look at, as you may have seen yourself, or had staff members report about this. These books are very damaging to young children.

This issue is not about banning books. It is about discerning what is appropriate at what age. We still cover up the front page of the playboy magazines... is that banning? No, it's protecting children, and even adults from inappropriate materials. If our state cannot do that at the highest level, then we should be able to have our local school boards do so.

Please vote no on SB 1583.

Sincerely,
Karen Schmidlin