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Requested by Senator ROBINSON

**PROPOSED MINORITY REPORT AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 1098**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after the first semicolon delete the
2 rest of the line and line 3 and insert “and declaring an emergency.”.

3 After line 3, insert:

4 “Whereas the Legislative Assembly finds that access to educational and
5 library materials in Oregon schools has a direct and long-lasting
6 generational impact that requires in-depth study and broad understanding;
7 and

8 “Whereas the Legislative Assembly finds that the fundamental right to
9 freedom of speech is a cornerstone of a healthy society and state; and

10 “Whereas Oregon appropriated \$10.2 billion for distribution through the
11 State School Fund for the 2023-2025 biennium, and the average operating
12 expenditure in the 2021-2022 school year was \$16,574 per student; and

13 “Whereas 75 percent of eighth graders in Oregon could not reach reading
14 proficiency targets in 2022; and

15 “Whereas the Legislative Assembly finds that no one has a more vested
16 interest in the quality of their youth’s education and curriculum than the
17 parents within each local community where they live; and

18 “Whereas the United States Supreme Court has recognized the importance
19 of balancing free speech and the rights of parents and students regarding the
20 curriculum within students’ classrooms; and

21 “Whereas the Director of the Department of Education has publicly stated

1 a desire to issue ‘sanctions’ against local school districts and a willingness
2 to ‘take over school districts’ if necessary; and

3 “Whereas the community of Canby, Oregon, exhibited the best of Oregon
4 by engaging local community stakeholders throughout the review process of
5 educational materials and empowering students, parents, teachers, librarians,
6 community leaders and others in balancing their students’ rights to both free
7 speech and their adolescence; and

8 “Whereas the Legislative Assembly finds that books do exist that are in-
9 appropriate and that should not be in our schools because they contain
10 graphic violence, are sexually explicit, contain vulgar language, lack literary
11 merit or educational value or are not age appropriate; and

12 “Whereas Senate Bill 1098 has enormous unknown impacts and impli-
13 cations that demand thoughtful and complete consideration from a wide va-
14 riety of diverse viewpoints and expert opinions before embarking on a course
15 potentially riddled with negative consequences; and

16 “Whereas the curricula and libraries of the public schools of this state
17 should be as diverse as the people who make up the State of Oregon and
18 should be filled with age-appropriate materials; and

19 “Whereas local school districts and school district boards are best suited
20 to evaluate materials for their appropriateness; now, therefore,”.

21 Delete lines 5 through 26 and delete pages 2 through 4 and insert:

22 **“SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part**
23 **of ORS 337.030 to 337.260.**

24 **“SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, ‘school library’ means any**
25 **collection of educational or literary materials that are:**

26 **“(a) Nonfiction or fiction;**

27 **“(b) Available in print or an electronic format; and**

28 **“(c) Made available to students at a public school of this state at a**
29 **central location of the school or at a common area for one or more**
30 **grades of the school.**

