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I am writing in opposition to this bill. We have elected our school board members to make decisions on all aspects of educating our children. Currently ORS332.075 grants the school board, the power of adopting and approving any textbooks and instructional material. Saying that a book or piece of literature cannot be taken out of a school library or a textbook because it would somehow another discriminate against an author or their ideology completely misses the point about what literature in schools are about. It's about educating our children. All I am asking that our children to be able to go to school where it is safe and they do not receive extreme ideologies in the name of not discriminating against someone. We have elected our school boards, and we have confidence that they represent our community and we strongly advised that they keep complete their power over our textbooks and instructional materials and any content of anything that is in our libraries or classrooms. These are good people who love our children and are a part of our local community and we trust them, so please do not diminish their authority.